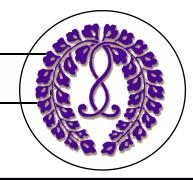
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August Calendar



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	Family	all day
2	Parlier Obon - dancing at 8:00 PM	5:00 pm

9 Conference Room Reserved - Tsuji Family all day

14 90th Anniversary Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

14 Reedley BC Board Meeting 7:00 pm

17 August Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service 10:00 am

19 - 21 Ministers' Fuken (meeting) in Lodi

22 - Sept. 4 - Rev. Majima on personal leave

On the horizon for September....

6	Bungo Family Memorial Service	TBA
7	Ohigan, September Shotsuki, & Dharma School New Term	10:00 am
13	BWA Bingo Day	12:00 pm
20	CC Nenbutsu Seminar at Fresno	9:30 am
27	Reserved Conf. Room - Naito Family Naito Family Memorial Service	9:00 am 11:30 am

For Your Information

Rev. Majima will be gone from August 19 - September 4. She will be attending the Minister's Fuken in Lodi, stop in Hawaii at her former temple, then will be in Japan for personal days. If you have any church related emergencies, please contact President, Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861. Rev. Nakata from the Fresno Buddhist Temple will be on call for any emergencies.

AUGUST TOBAN:

Church Toban: Kamada, Okamura, Takanishi, & K. Ikemiya



BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka

August Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service

Sunday, August 17, 2025 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.



Camp Dharma at Keola a huge success!

Thank you to all the campers who attended Camp Dharma at Keola in July! Aside from the great weather of 81 degrees, the fellowship and fun was priceless! The kids had a fabulous time and kept busy the entire weekend!

Thank you to the committee of the Okamuras, Donaldsons, Nishidas, Sakatas, & Kobayashis for planning the fun activities and bringing all the great snacks, art activities, activity prizes, and games. Thank you to Ben & Diane Kubota for subsidizing the t-shirt costs for campers to keep it lower for the families. We appreciate the delicious nectarines from the Tavlans, and crocheting supplies from Phylis Nishida and Amy Naito. Thank you to the Reedley Buddhist Church, Reedley BWA, & the Reedley Dharma School for their monetary support because without it, we would not be able to provide this wonderful activity!

We appreciate the the staff at Camp Keola for making the facilities available to us, the great meals, keeping us safe on the night hike and on the lake with the boating and swimming.

I think everyone can say it was a great experience with fond new memories! See pictures on page 4 & 5.

SAVE THE DATE IN 2026!

July 10 - 12, 2026

Message from Rev. Majima

Do You Know About Peace Day in Hawaii?



In Japan, while peace memorial events are held in Hiroshima every August, every year on September 21st, the State of Hawaii observes "Peace Day," a day dedicated to promoting nonviolence, compassion, and the importance of education. While this date coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Peace, Hawaii's Peace Day has a uniquely Buddhist origin.

Its beginnings trace back to the early 2000s, when young members of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii began taking action. Reflecting on peace and social justice, these youth were deeply influenced by Shin Buddhist teachings—such as interdependence, compassion, and non-harming. For them, peace was not just a political slogan, but something nurtured through daily actions and the attitude of one's heart.

In 2007, with support from ministers, teachers, and temple leaders, they submitted a resolution to the Hawaii State Legislature to formally establish Peace Day. That same year, the Legislature passed the resolution, and Hawaii became the first state in the United States to officially recognize Peace Day statewide.

This was not merely a symbolic gesture. It was a real-life application of the Dharma in the public sphere. In today's world—so often dominated by news of violence and division—Hawaii's Peace Day reminds us of a central Buddhist truth: true peace begins from within. To choose peace means not choosing the path of anger or retaliation. In even the smallest moments, we can choose kindness and calm. And when we say "Namo Amida Butsu," peace has already begun in that very moment.

The young people who helped make Peace Day a reality embodied this truth. They did not wait until they had more age, status, or power. Instead, they acted quietly but firmly, guided by the Dharma, the support of their sangha, and their own inner sense of responsibility.

Today, temples observe Peace Day through services and Dharma messages, and schools hold activities such as peace banners, essays, and projects. A new generation of Buddhists continues to lead the way, spreading the meaning of peace through cultural events and interfaith gatherings. Hawaii's Peace Day teaches us that when young people live out their belief in peace and compassion, they can help transform society. Buddhist practice is not confined to temple halls—it can reach the legislature, the classroom, and the neighborhood.

In gassho,



(Message for students) Do You Know a Girl Named Sadako?

It is August again. Every year, when this month comes, I quietly put my hands together and think

about peace—and about a little girl named **Sadako Sasaki**, who died too young.

There is a statue in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Japan. It shows a young girl holding a paper crane high above her head.



That girl was Sadako. She was only 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. At first, she seemed healthy. But ten years later, she became sick with leukemia, a kind of cancer.

While she was in the hospital, Sadako started folding paper cranes.

There is a Japanese saying:

"If you fold 1,000 cranes, your wish will come true."

Sadako folded many, many cranes with a wish in her heart. She wanted to get better and go home to be with her family again. And more than anything, **she hoped for a peaceful world**.

Sadako passed away when she was just 12 years old. But her story touched many hearts.

People around the world began folding cranes, too. That is why the statue was built—to remember her wish for peace. Near the statue, there is also a **Peace Bell**.

Anyone can ring it. When the bell rings, its sound spreads gently across the park, like a prayer for peace. The bell has pictures of the Earth, paper cranes, and the Atomic Bomb Dome carved into it.

We ring a bell in Buddhism when we make a wish or promise something important. The sound clears our mind and helps us feel peaceful.

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Message from Rev. Majima (For Students continued from page 2)



During Obon, many families go to the temple. They clean their home altars, visit graves, offer flowers or incense, and say *Namo Amida Butsu*. When we say *Namo Amida Butsu*,

we are remembering that we are loved, supported, and never alone. It is also a way of saying

"thank you" from deep inside our hearts.

Obon is not a spooky holiday. It is a peaceful and warm time. It reminds us to appreciate the life we have and to be



kind to others. Even something simple—like saying "thank you," offering a flower, or saying *Namo Amida Butsu*—can help us feel connected to the people who came before us and to everyone around us today.

So next time you say "Itadakimasu" or *Namo Amida Butsu*. remember:

You are never alone. You are part of a big family of life.



Contral Cal Obon Fostival

The Central California Temples Obon Festivals will be held throughout the summer. The dates for August and October are as follows:

Parlier - Saturday, August 2, 2025 Dancing at 8:00 PM

Kingsburg - Saturday, October 11, 2025 - TBA



Planning Underway for Reedley's 90th Anniversary & Booklet Photos

The 90th Anniversary of the Reedley Buddhist Church is set for Saturday, April 25, 2026. All members, family, former members, & friends are invited to attend! This notice will give you plenty of time to SAVE THE DATE! Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, will be our guest speaker.

A booklet of photos of members and their families will be made for the anniversary, so we are asking that each member schedule a time for a photo session. These photos will be taken by Glenn Nakamichi Photography. PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

We have scheduled 3 photo sessions and 2 have been scheduled around the holidays so your family members will have the opportunity to be in your photo. Photos can also be of just yourself and sessions will be scheduled in 10-15 minute intervals.

Photo sessions are complimentary and you will have the opportunity to order photos from Glenn Nakamichi if you choose.

If you have any pictures at home or in your photo albums of church events from the past, please bring them to church and we might be able to use them in the booklet. Just write your name on the back so they can be returned to you after they have been scanned. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Kobayashi at reedleybc@gmail.com or call/text (559) 281-3954. Thank you!



Camp Dharma at Keola



















Camp Dharma at Keola





























Message from Rev. Majima

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「また 元気 になってもう 一度、家族 とくらせますように」 「戦争 のない、平和 な 世界 になりますように」

この像の近くには、「平和の鐘」もあります。誰でもつくことができる鐘で、平和への思いをこめて一打すると、静かな響きが世界に広がるようです。鐘の表面には、地球を包みこむように「原爆ドーム」と「鶴」が刻まれています。

仏教においても、鐘は大切な意味を持ちます。朝夕のおつとめの前に鐘を鳴らすのは、仏なさまに感謝の心を伝えるため。そして、すべての命に「今こそ自覚めましょう」と呼びかけるためです。

まだこ 禎子 さんの 祈り、鐘 の 響 き、そして 私 たちのお 念仏 — それはどれも、いのちを 大切にし、争 いのない 世界 を 願う 心 から 生まれています。

どうかこの機会に、戦争で亡くなった方々を偲び、平和を願って、静かに手を合わせていただければと思います。そして、阿弥陀さまの慈悲に包まれて生きることを感謝し、 なもあるだちつとお称えいたしましょう。



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Mrs. Ellen Yamada	
In Memory of George Kobayashi	30.00
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<u>August Shotsuki Memorial Service</u>

In Memory of Mitsuno Naito

In Memory of Itsuki Tsudama

In Memory of Masujiro Nagai

In Memory of Taki Okamura

In Memory of Yaeko Kawamoto

Mrs. Nancy Kimura

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi In Memory of Mitsuno Naito

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The Family of Hideo & Kimiko Shiine
In Memory of Umanosuke Shiine 100.00

Rev. Majima's message for students from pg 2 continued:

I was born after the war, so I didn't experience it. But when I was in middle school, we folded paper cranes every year and sent them to a school in Hiroshima. Each crane carried our small but heartfelt wish for peace.

Sadako's cranes, the sound of the bell, and our Nembutsu— they all come from the same heart: a heart that cares for others and wishes for a peaceful world.



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This August, let us remember those who died in war, and say "Namo Amida Butsu" with a heart full of gratitude and peace.

In Gassho,

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Commemorative Booklet Pictures for 90th Anniversary

Dear Members and Friends of Reedley Buddist Church,

The 90th Anniversary of the Reedley Buddhist Church will be celebrated on April 25, 2026.

As part of the celebration, a commemorative booklet will be created. In an effort to memorialize this day, photos of members and families will be taken. You are asked to schedule an appointment on one of the following dates:

> Sunday, October 5, 2025 Saturday, November 29, 2025 Saturday, December 27, 2025

Please indicate if a morning or afternoon appointment is preferred. Sessions are 10 - 15 minuntes. You will be contacted with your scheduled appointment time. These complimentary sessions will be taken at the church hall by Glenn Nakamichi and additional prints will be available for purchase. (but no purchase is necessary) Please complete the form below and return to Vickie Nishida by September 15, 2025 or you may email her at vlnishida1@gmail.com.

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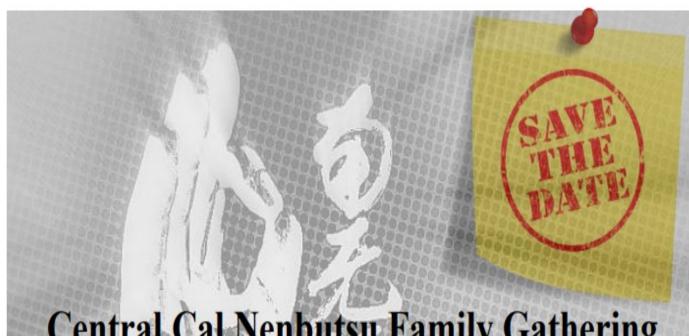
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Central Cal Nenbutsu Family Gathering

(Fresno, Fowler, Hanford, Kingsburg, Parlier, Reedley, Visalia)

Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:30AM ~ 2:00PM Fresno Buddhist Temple

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kodo Umezu

Activities for Children **Bounce House** Taco Truck, Pizza, Shave Ice Bingo for Everyone

August Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The August Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:00 **AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for August are as follows:

DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Mark Abe Nancy Abe Shigeru Matsuoka Joanne Hansen Lily Yuriko Araki &

George Hashimoto Nori Hashimoto Mae Hosaka Gayle Kaplan & Art Hirata

Gohei Shimizu Eloise Ibara Jutaro Naito, Ayame Karen Sakata & Amy

Kodama & Toru Ikeda

Naito Totaro Tamaki Lily Ikemiya Carolyn Ikemiya Kenneth Ikemiya Chokichi Ikemiya Toshiko Kawagoe George Ikemiya Laura Tavlan Yosuke Inn Gary Sakata George Inouve Larry Nishida Hajime Jim İshida Dale Ishida Robert Iwasaki Larry Iwasaki Masumi Kawagoe &

Junjiro Kawagoe Roy Kawagoe Masato Kunishige Jill Kunishige

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Harry Minoru Bungo & Alice Nakai Grace Nakagawa Kiyoko Nakagawa Midori Iwasaki Tetsuo Nakamura Teruko Nakamura Yonesuke Nishinaka Ronald Nishinaka

Baby Keith Omachi, Baby Keijo Omachi, Shizuye Sue Omachi, & Patricia Omachi

Kathleen Omachi Nancy Omori Omori Family Mary Yamagiwa Diane Otani

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August Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Umanosuke Shiine Michiko Nobuhiro

Katsutaro Takasaki, Toshiyuki Takasaki, & Tsunejiro

> Tanaka Yukiye Takayama

Kohina Inami, Tsutomu Takayama, Fuyutaro

Takayama Helen Hamaoka Masao Tanizaki Cathy Tanizaki Zachry

Tamaichi Mimura & Misano

Arthur Tatami Mimura Ben Yasutami Uyeda Rachel Uveda & Joanne Hansen Steven Oda Karen Ward

Umeichi Morikawa, Itaro Kurokawa, Masako

Kurokawa, Itoku Kurokawa,

& Satomi Yamada Ayako Yamada



Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

The family will contact the Funeral Chairperson Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687.

Makuragyo Service:

To request a service please contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120.

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact RBC President, Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120 or at: rev.mmajima@gmail.com

For Service at Family Home: The family will contact Rev. Majima to arrange for a service.

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