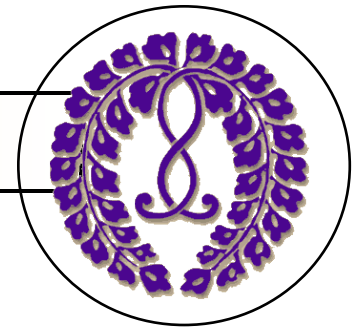


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August Calendar

3	Parlier Obon Festival	8:00 PM
10	Reserved Conference Room - Tsuji Family	All day
17	Funeral Service for Ruth Sasaki	10:00 AM
18	August Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service	10:00 AM
22	Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 PM

Rev. Majima Out of Town

Rev. Majima will be out of town from August 19 - 29, 2024. If you need to schedule an emergency service (Makuragyo), please contact Rev. Nakata at (424) 666-7101. If you encounter any problems, please contact funeral chairperson, Gary Sakata at (559) 250-9687, or church president Larry Nishida at (559) 903-0316.

Camp Dharma at Keola

Camp Dharma at Keola was a huge success once again! Thanks to the Reedley Buddhist Church, Reedley Dharma School, & Reedley BWA for your support! See photos on page 6!

In Memory



Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mr. Akira "Ron" Arakawa**, brother of Mrs. Keiko Hatakeda, who passed away on June 9, 2024 at the age of 84.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Ruth Kazuko Sasaki**, mother of Ms. Debbie Diaz, who passed away on June 23, 2024 at the age of 97.

AUGUST SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, August 18, 2024
10:00 AM**

Lunch will be served following the service.



Thank you to all the members and friends who helped with the Obon preparations! The day and evening were hot, but we're thankful to the people who came out to eat and dance! Thank you to Karen Sakata & Lynn Kurumaji for organizing the dancers, Rev. Majima for leading the service for the dancers, and Ron Nishinaka & Mike Naito for keeping the music going, and announcing for the evening.

Thank you to our food vendors; Papa Murphy's Pizza, Bento2Go, Sergio's Tacos & Churros, Reedley BWA, Reedley Jr. YBA, and the RBC Shaved Ice crew for providing all the delicious foods. Thank you to Moe Donaldson for the use of his lift to put up the lights and lanterns, and to Bobby Ikemiya for the use of his trailer for the yagura. Special thank you to Ty & Laura Tavlan for providing the huge evaporative coolers and fruit for the festival. The fans definitely helped with the heat!

Thank you to Rev. Majima for her donation of the lanterns used for the Lanterns of Remembrance project. It was beautiful to see them hanging from the yagura. We also want to thank Rev. Majima's former church in Kauai, Hawaii, Kaapa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple for their donation of the larger lanterns. This idea was a shared project with them.

It is definitely a group effort to make it all happen! Thank you!

AUGUST TOBAN:

**Church Toban: Kehoe, Kurumaji,
Sakata & Kobayashi**
BWA: Group 1: Karen Sakata





Message from Rev. Majima

War Memorial Day and Buddhist Teachings in Japan



In Japan, August 15th is War Memorial Day, a day to remember those who lost their lives in war and to reflect on the profound teachings of Buddhism that guide us toward a more peaceful world. This day allows us to honor the memory of the victims, consider the devastating impacts of war, and renew our commitment to peace and compassion.

In Buddhism, compassion (karuna), loving-kindness (metta), and the interconnectedness of all beings are central teachings that help us understand the nature of suffering and how to alleviate it. War, with its immense suffering and destruction, starkly contrasts with these teachings, highlighting the urgent need for a collective commitment to peace.

The Buddha taught, "Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule." This profound wisdom encourages us to cultivate compassion and understanding, even in the face of conflict and adversity. By transforming our hearts and minds, we can break the cycle of hatred and violence, paving the way for reconciliation and harmony.

One example that embodies these teachings is the life and work of Rennyo Shonin, a respected monk in the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha tradition. Rennyo's letters, known as Gobunsho, are filled with guidance and teachings that remain relevant today, especially in times of conflict and strife.

Rennyo emphasized the importance of deeply entrusting our hearts to Amida's compassion and releasing ourselves within Amida's embrace. In his letters, he often addressed the difficulties and sufferings of his time, offering words of solace and encouragement to his followers. Rennyo taught that in the face of suffering, we should turn to the boundless Amida's compassion, finding tranquility and strength in the Nembutsu.

Rennyo's teachings remind us that true peace begins within each individual's heart. By cultivating inner peace through the Nembutsu and reflecting on the impermanence of life, we can extend compassion and understanding to others. His letters often highlighted

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the interconnectedness of all beings, urging his followers to live in harmony and support one another.

As we commemorate War Memorial Day, let us draw inspiration from the teachings of Rennyo. Let us honor the memories of those who suffered and sacrificed by committing ourselves to the path of peace and compassion. May we strive to embody the Buddha's teachings in our daily lives, transforming our hearts and minds and, in doing so, contributing to a more harmonious and just world.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Sadako (for students)

A long time ago, in a city called Hiroshima in Japan, there was a little girl named Sadako. She was only two years old when a big bomb was dropped on her city. Miraculously, Sadako survived the explosion.

As Sadako grew up, she became a happy and active child who loved to run and play. She had many friends and enjoyed sports. But when she was twelve years old, Sadako became very sick. The doctors said she had leukemia, an illness caused by the radiation from the bomb.

While Sadako was in the hospital, her best friend told her about a special legend. The legend said that if a person folds one thousand paper cranes, their wish will come true. Sadako loved this idea and decided to start folding cranes. She wished to get better and hoped for the happiness for everyone.

Sadako used any paper she could find to fold her cranes. She even used the wrappers from medicine bottles and old pieces of paper. She worked very hard and folded crane after crane, hoping her wish would come true.

Even though Sadako was very brave and determined, her illness made her weaker every day. She managed to fold 644 cranes before she became too sick to continue. On October 25, 1955, Sadako passed away. Still, her friends and classmates were so inspired by her that they folded the remaining cranes in her honor.

Sadako's story spread around the world, and people were touched by her courage and hope. In Hiroshima, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was built.

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In Memory of Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya \$1,500.00

Mr. Warren Yoshimoto
Obon Festival Donation 250.00

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In Memory of Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya 100.00

Cheryl Ikemiya & Malcom Bagnall
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Senior Meals Donation 100.00

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Mrs. Ellen Kato 40.00

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In Memory of Robert Iwasaki 500.00

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In Memory of Kikuyo Ikemiya 200.00

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July Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

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In Memory of Shizuye Hada 200.00

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Mrs. Ellen Yamada	
<i>In Memory of George Kobayashi</i>	\$ 30.00
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<i>July Memorial Service</i>	20.00
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<i>In Memory of George Nishi</i>	20.00

August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan	
<i>In Memory of Mae Hosaka</i>	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani	
<i>In Memory of Mary Yamagiwa</i>	50.00

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shitanishi	
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Lantern Donations for Obon Festival

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<i>In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. B. Omachi, Mr. & Mrs. Kubo, Sue Omachi, Fred Omachi, Pat Omachi, Joyce Omachi, Vic Omachi, Tom Omachi, Steven Omachi, & Rick Henry</i>	200.00
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<i>In Memory of Johnnie Togioka</i>	20.00



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Every year, thousands of people visit her statue and fold paper cranes, carrying on her wish for peace.

The Buddha taught us being kind and helping others. Sadako showed kindness by folding cranes and wished for peace. We also learn that everything is connected, just like Sadako's cranes connect people's heart all around the world. Shinran also said, 'May the world be at peace.' What can we do to achieve peace in the world?

Folding cranes can be a special message or meditation, helping us to focus our minds and hearts on our wishes and hopes. By folding cranes and thinking about peace, we can help spread kindness and make the world a better place.

So, whenever you see a paper crane, remember Sadako and her wish for a peaceful world. Maybe you can fold some cranes too and make a wish for peace and happiness. Together, we can all help make Sadako's dream come true.

Namo Amida Butsu



August Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The August Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for August are as follows:

DECEASED:

Shigeru Matsuoka
Lily Yuriko Araki &
George Hashimoto
Mae Hosaka

Gohei Shimizu
Jutaro Naito, Ayame
Kodama & Toru Ikeda

Totaro Tamaki
Carolyn Ikemiya
Chokichi Ikemiya
George Ikemiya
Yosuke Inn
George Inouye
Hajime Jim Ishida
Robert Iwasaki
Masumi Kawagoe &
Junjiro Kawagoe
Masato Kunishige
Chuzo Adachi
Tsunejiro Tanaka & Agnes
Tsutsumi
Joe Yoshiaki Kubota
Doris Yamada
Kan Clifford Maruyama
Norman Noboru Miyakawa
Takako Miyamoto
Tokiko Mori
Charles Murase
Yasuji Nomi
Harry Minoru Bungo &
Alice Nakai
Kiyoko Nakagawa
Tetsuo Nakamura
Yonesuke Nishinaka
Baby Keith Omachi, Baby
Keijo Omachi, Shizuye
Sue Omachi, & Patricia
Omachi
Mary Yamagiwa

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Joanne Hansen
Nori Hashimoto
Gayle Kaplan & Art
Hirata
Eloise Ibara

Karen Sakata & Amy
Naito

Lily Ikemiya
Kenneth Ikemiya
Toshiko Kawagoe
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Sue Kawamoto
Ben Kubota
Diane Kubota
Michael Maruyama
Jim Miyakawa
Michio Miyamoto
Alan Mori
Emily Murase
Amy Naito

Grace Nakagawa
Midori Iwasaki
Teruko Nakamura
Ronald Nishinaka

Kathleen Omachi
Diane Otani

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August Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Kazuo Morihiro & Hideo
Sasaki
Umanosuke Shiine
Katsutaro Takasaki, Toshiyuki
Takasaki, & Tsunejiro
Tanaka

Kohina Inami, Tsutomu
Takayama, Fuyutaro
Takayama
Masao Tanizaki
Tamaichi Mimura & Misano
Mimura

Ben Yasutami Uyeda
Steven Oda

Umeichi Morikawa, Itaro
Kurokawa, Masako
Kurokawa, Itoku Kurokawa,
& Satomi Yamada

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Dennis Sasaki
Michiko Nobuhiro

Yukiye Takayama

Helen Hamaoka
Cathy Tanizaki Zachry

Arthur Tatami
Mary Uyeda
Karen Ward

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 the RBC President, Larry Nishida at (559) 903-0316 to check the availability of the Reedley Buddhist Church. Then contact Rev. Majima at (949) 278-0120.

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

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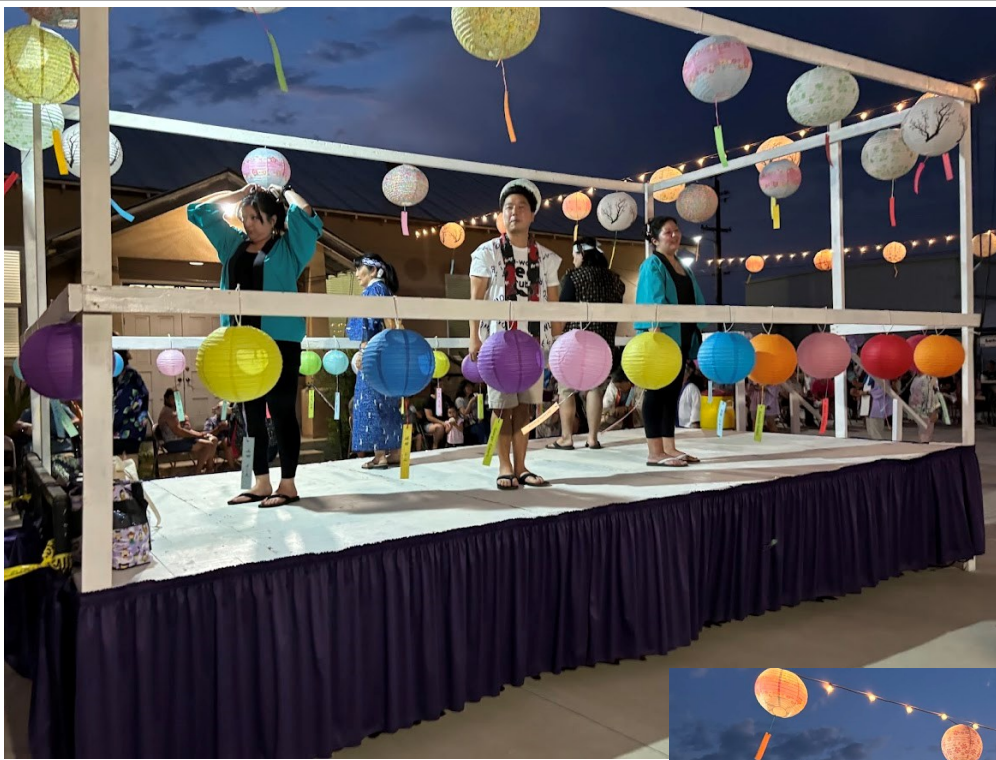
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Hatsubon



*Perhaps they are not stars in the sky.
but rather openings where our loved ones
shine down to let us know they are happy.*

- Eskimo Saying