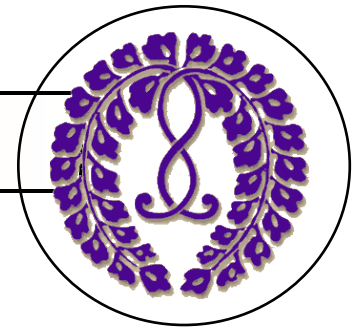


REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

P.O. BOX 24 ~ 2035 15TH ST., REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA 93654
PHONE & FAX (559) 638-2146
<http://reedleybc.org>



March Calendar



- | | | |
|---------|---|----------|
| 7 | CCDC Meeting - Reedley Conf. Room | 7:00 pm |
| 10 | Ohigan, March Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service | 10:00 am |
| 16 | CCBWL Conference Prep | all day |
| 17 | CCBWL Conference at Reedley Buddhist Church | 8:30 am |
| 20 | RBC Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 26 - 27 | Pilgrimage to Poston with Rev. Nakata & Rev. Majima | |

OHIGAN, MARCH SHOTSUKI (Monthly Memorial Service), & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, March 10, 2024
10:00 AM**
Lunch will be served following the service

CCBWL Conference - Reedley BC
**Sunday, March 17, 2024
8:30 AM**
Registration needed to attend.

Welcome Rev. Majima Best Wishes Rev. Nakagawa

welcome

Welcome our new members to the Reedley Buddhist Church! We are so thrilled to welcome them to our church family! Some of the new members are out of towners and/or new Dharma School members, but we sure love to see our membership growing!

Mindy (Kubota) Kleinsinger
Scott Nishida & Koushalya Subramanian
Chris Kimura
Justin Kimura



2024 Camp Dharma at Keola
information available on page
6! We can't wait to
hear from all of you!



MARCH TOBAN:

Church Toban: Hamada, Kajihara, & Kobayashi

BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka



In Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. **Mary Hashimoto**, sister of Nori Hashimoto, who passed away on February 1, 2024 at the age of 94.



Church Acknowledges Dana

Takayama & Inami Families <i>George Takayama, Tom Takayama, & Joe Inami Family Memorial Service</i>	\$1,000.00
Hirahara & Mizuno Families <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>Nirvana Day Service Donation</i>	100.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Special Donation</i>	60.00
Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Masako Kobayashi <i>Special Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Special Donation</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>Nirvana Day Service Donation</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>Ohigan Service Donation</i>	30.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Mary Hashimoto</i>	10.00

2023 Special Dana Donation

Mrs. Alice Nakamura
Scott Nishida & Koushalya Subramanian

February (Shotsuki) Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura <i>In Memory of Hanayo Sakuragi</i>	100.00
Mr. Byron Taira <i>In Memory of Irene Taira</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of George Kimura, Yoshiye Kimura, Harry Inn, Yoshiko Inn, Machi Hobo, & Arlene Imoto</i>	70.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Harry Inn & Yoshiko Inn</i>	50.00
Mrs. Leah Kawahara & Family <i>In Memory of Michiko Teranishi</i>	50.00

Continued in next column



February (Shotsuki) Memorial Service Continued:

Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>In Memory of Yoshiharu Yamagiwa</i>	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Itsuno Tsuneta</i>	50.00
Ms. Michi Hotta <i>In Memory of Toshiko Hotta</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi <i>In Memory of Jean Akahori</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kliff Justesen <i>In Memory of John Matsuno</i>	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Yas Hashimoto</i>	30.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Shiro Kawamoto & Kojiro Kawamoto</i>	30.00
Mrs. Nancy Sakata <i>In Memory of Harry Inn, Yoshiko Inn, & Machi Hobo</i>	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of George Kimura & Kotome Nomi</i>	25.00
Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Fusaye Matsuda</i>	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of George Kimura</i>	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Kotome Nomi</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Kotome Nomi & George Kimura</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>In Memory of Itsu Nobuhiro</i>	25.00
The Takasaki Family <i>In Memory of Lily Takasaki</i>	25.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji <i>February Memorial Service</i>	20.00

January (Shotsuki) Memorial Service

Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki <i>In Memory of Wai Yamamoto, Yachiyo Aoki, & Atsuko Aoki Judge</i>	50.00
---	-------

March (Shotsuki) Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Ito <i>In Memory of James Ito & Shigeyo Ito</i>	100.00
Ms. Carole Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Helen Yamakoshi</i>	75.00
Ms. Carole Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Shirley Baskin</i>	75.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Okamura <i>In Memory of Eizo Tashiro</i>	50.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Tsuchiyo Tsudama</i>	25.00

Hoonko Service Donations

Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki	25.00
Mr. Michio Miyamoto	20.00



Message from Rev. Majima



Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As the new minister in our community, I am filled with gratitude and excitement to be part of this vibrant neighborhood. My journey has brought me here with a heart open to learn, share, and grow alongside each of you. Buddhism teaches us the value of connection, compassion, and mindfulness. These principles guide me not only in my spiritual path but also in the way I hope to engage with all of you. My door is always open to those who seek peace, understanding, or simply a conversation over a cup of tea. In the coming weeks, I look forward to meeting many of you, whether it be during community events, through visits to our local churches, or during casual encounters around the neighborhood. I am here to serve, to listen, and to contribute to the wellbeing of our community. Let us embrace the opportunities to learn from one another, to build bridges of understanding, and to cultivate a community of kindness and mutual respect. Together, we can create an environment where every individual feel valued and connected. Thank you for welcoming me into your lives. I am eager to embark on this journey with you, filled with hope for the many moments of joy, reflection, and togetherness we will share.

In gassho,
Mieke Majima
Associate Minister Central California

The Virtue of Gratitude: Reflections on Buddha's Teachings

As I begin my journey with you in this beautiful neighborhood, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude. Gratitude not only for the warm welcome I have received but also for the opportunity to share and grow together in Dharma. Today, I wish to reflect on the virtue of gratitude, a fundamental aspect of our practice, as taught by the Buddha.

The Buddha once said, "Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful." This profound teaching reminds us of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives. It teaches us to find something to be thankful for, even in our most

challenging moments. Gratitude opens our hearts to the abundance of life. It shifts our focus from what we lack to the countless blessings we receive each day – the air we breathe, the community we are part of, the teachings we explore, and the very presence of each moment. By cultivating a grateful heart, we also cultivate a heart of contentment, joy, and peace.

In our practice, gratitude serves as a foundation for developing other qualities such as generosity, compassion, and loving-kindness. When we are grateful, we are more likely to share what we have, to empathize with others, and to act with kindness. Gratitude strengthens our connections with others, fostering a sense of interdependence and mutual support.

Moreover, gratitude is a powerful antidote to negative emotions. It helps us to let go of envy, anger, and greed, replacing them with appreciation, joy, and generosity. In this way, gratitude not only enriches our own lives but also the lives of those around us.

As your new monk, I am committed to practicing gratitude every day, to appreciate the gift of life, the teachings of the Buddha, and the beauty of our community. I invite you to join me in this practice. Let us take a moment each day to reflect on our blessings, to express our gratitude to others, and to cherish the precious opportunity to practice the Dharma together.

Our founder Shinran wrote in his hymn,

The light of the Buddha of Unhindered Light
Harbors the lights of purity, joy, and wisdom;
Its virtuous working surpasses conceptual
understanding,
As it benefits the beings throughout the
ten quarters.

May our hearts be filled with gratitude, and may this gratitude guide us on the path towards the land of Bliss. Together, let us cultivate a community where gratitude flourishes, enriching our lives and the world around us embraced within Amida's compassion.

Thank you for your presence, your understanding, and your support. I am truly grateful to walk this Nembutsu path with you.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Rev. Mieke Majima



Message from Rev. Nakata

What is a Betsuin?

Hello to all Central California Nishi Hongwanji Sangha friends! How did you spend the rainy month of February? I hope that no one has experienced flood or mudslides during the series of rainstorms.

We are so fortunate to welcome Rev. Mieko Majima, assigned to Central California on February 1st. As she begins her first year in this unique CC Hub system, Rinban Nakagawa and I discussed how we can make her transition from Hawaii to Central Cal as smooth as possible without creating heavy burdens on her shoulder. She has eased into her first year by taking the lead of the Reedley and Parlier temples because she lives in Reedley's parsonage, while I take the lead for Hanford, Fresno, and Visalia. Our BCA Bishop, Rev. Marvin Harada graciously announced that as of January 31st, the Fowler Buddhist Church will be under his supervision, assisted by Rev. Brian Nagata.

I was appointed to Rinban of the Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple, effective March 1st. Many changes are happening here in Central California. But no Shinpai (don't worry)! Rev. Majima and I will continue our Jodo Shinshu ministry and will provide the teaching of harmony and equanimity. So please continue to support us.

In the February issue of the newsletter, I introduced what a Rinban is, and I hope you now have a better understanding. I also promised that I will write about what is Betsuin in this issue with Kanamochi, my buddy.

'Hi Kanamochi, where are you?'

'I am here, Rev. Kaz. Can you tell me what a Betsuin is?'

'Ok, Kanamochi. After our founder Shinran Shonin died, the Jodo Shinshu community grew so their headquarters was established at Shinran Shonin's graveyard and named it [(Otani) Hongwanji], to create a place for gathering.'

'Wow, I did not know that the original mother temple was a graveyard.'

'Yes, but after they settled the graveyard as (Otani) Hongwanji, they built or relocated their headquarters several times. For example, the 5th Hongwanji head minister [Monshu] built the Zuisen-ji Temple in northeast of Japan/Hokuriku region, and later that temple became a Betsuin.'

'Wait, Rev. Kaz. Why did he build the temple although there was Hongwanji?'

'Good question, Kanamochi. "Betsuin" originally means a temple controlled by the Hongwanji, or by Monshu. This means that the Monshu directly serves these temples for a number of reasons. The 5th Monshu built the temple because he may have had the need for the headquarters to be near his propagation area, and it was far from the (Otani) Hongwanji in Kyoto.'

'So, the Hongwanji was originally located in Kyoto.'

'Correct, Kanamochi, although the location is different from the current location. The headquarters was forced to relocate to another location in the mid-15th Century, due to arson of Tendai Sangha.



The 8th Monshu, Rennyō Shōnin moved the Hongwanji to Yoshizaki.'

'Rev. Kaz! I know him! His picture is enshrined in the altar, right? I learned it at my Dharma School!'

'Yes, he is one of famous Monshu in Hongwanji history. In the 18th century, he moved from Yoshizaki, and the Yoshizaki temple became a Betsuin. It is one of the ways a temple will be called Betsuin.'

'I see, there are several ways a temple will be called Betsuin.'

'Yes, Kanamochi. Rennyō Shōnin relocated from Yoshizaki to Yamashina and established (Yamashina) Hongwanji. Later, it became Yamashina Betsuin in the 18th Century.'

'Wow, Rennyō Shōnin build two Hongwanji(s)?'

'Well, he built another Hongwanji two years before his passing. It is called (Osaka) Hongwanji but it no longer exists nor was it converted to a Betsuin. The land was taken over by a Japanese Samurai clan, Toyotomi family. The temple was converted to a castle. Nowadays the castle is known as the Osaka Castle.'

'I know the Osaka Castle. It is a very beautiful building. I did not know that there was a headquarter of the Hongwanji.'

'Last November, I had a chance to visit the castle, and took a picture of the stone monument which indicated the original location of the Osaka (Ishiyama) Hongwanji. Later, Hongwanji established many Betsuin(s) in various prefectures of Japan, making them a regional hub temple.'



'I see. How about Betsuin(s) in the United States?'

'That is a good question. In our country, we have 5 Betsuin(s). They started as a regular temple, and later Hongwanji granted Betsuin status to these temples. Fresno Betsuin was established in 1901 and they received their Betsuin status in 1930s. Hongwanji wished Fresno sangha members will support their Rinban to make their Betsuin function as the regional hub temple.'

Continued on page 5



March Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

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

DECEASED:	SESHU: (OBSERVANT)
Jimmy Harada	Nancy Abe
Ito Abe, JoAnn Abe, & Goro Mukai	Mitchell Abe
Tsuma Adachi, Kanichi Aoki & Yoshiko Ishibashi	Betty Aoki
Yoneichi Asami	Lillian Garrigus
Fumiyo Faye Masumoto	Evelyn Asato
Yoshio "Joe" Fujii & Clara Kazue Fujii	Joy Donaldson
Hisako Okino	Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori
Hiroshi Asakawa	Lisa Lo
Tatsuko Hatanaka	Joyce Hatanaka
Shigeo Hirahara, & Phoebe Hideko Hirahara	Stanley Hirahara
Hisano Hirakawa	Carole Hirakawa
Phillip Hirata	Art Hirata
Jisaburo Kawasaki	Karen Sakata
Tsuchiyo Tsudama	Kiyoko Inn
James Ito & Shigeyo Ito	Craig Ito & Janet Kamada
Fukutaro Ito	Chizuko Iwasaki
Kiyoko Nishida	Sue Kawamoto
Miyeko Kamikawa, Miyo Yamasaki, & Haruye Nakata	Kagumi Persall
Sandra Konishi & Nagiko Konishi	Ben Kubota
Tsuru Tasaka, Jack Gunji Kubota, & Isamu Teraoka	Alan Kubota
Fumiko Kubo	Jill Kunishige
Miyoko Kunishige	Michio Miyamoto
Kinuko Miyamoto	
Gunzo Miyamoto, Chiyono Miyamoto, Shigeku Sally Nakata, James Akira Miyamoto, Chohei Morita, Jiro Morita, & Rui Takeuchi	Lynn Kurumaji
Toshiye Judy Nakamichi	Danny Nakamichi
Yasuye Nishida	Larry Nishida & Julia Ueda
Kono Kishi	Larry Nishida

continued in next column

March Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:	SESHU:(OBSERVANT)
Yoshimi Takasugi	Charlene Okamura
Baby Okamura	Dale Okamura
Eizo Tashiro	Dennis Okamura
Masaru Omachi & Denichi Omachi	Kathleen Omachi
Ura Otani	Hideki Otani & Priscilla Kehoe
Fujiko Sasaki	Paul Sasaki & Brian Sasaki
Jimmy Yoshiyuki Sasaki	Ruth Sasaki
Toyo Shiine	Michiko Nobuhiro
Itaro Nakata & Tsurue Nakata	Hiroko Shimozone
Ken Sugai	Linda Doi & Janet Quiroz
Nobuko Taguchi, Michiko Taguchi, Akiko Taguchi, & Masami John Taguchi	Shizuko Taguchi
Hideo Shinkawa	Don Takanishi
Haruko Oda & Shimo Matta	Helen Hamaoka
Tom Satoshi Takayama	Yukiye Takayama & Helen Hamaoka
Kumakichi Sakamoto, Tokichi Sakamoto, & Michiyo Tatami	Arthur Tatami
Marian Togioka & Hiroshi Togioka	Priscilla Kehoe
Mitsuko Togioka	Nancy Sakata
Tokumi Morikawa, Ted Yamada & Koyu Yamada	Ayako Yamada
Helen Yamakoshi	Carole Yamakoshi & Lois Yamakoshi

Rev. Nakata's Message continued from page 3:

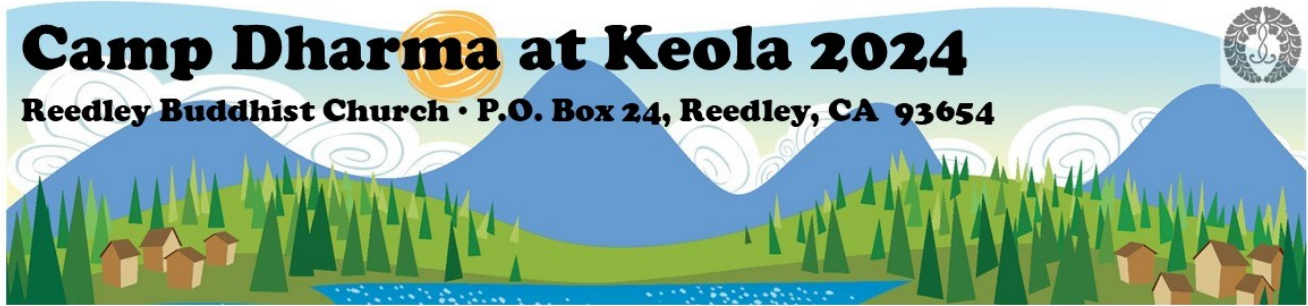
"On March 1st, I was officially appointed as a Rinban of Fresno Bet-suin Buddhist Temple. I will continue working as a Jodo Shinshu minister of the CC hub system which means I will continue providing my ministerial support to all CC temples and churches while Rinban."

'Oh, you wear two hats in your ministerial duty.'

"Yes, that is why I need everyone's help and support. As long as I can, I will try my best and work hard for everyone, for all CC temples and Sanghas. I am happy to work for YOU."

Gassho





February 26, 2024

TO: Members and Friends of the Reedley Buddhist Church

FROM: Judy Kobayashi & Reedley Buddhist Church

RE: **Camp Dharma at Keola 2024**
July 5 - 7, 2024
Huntington Lake

On behalf of the Reedley Buddhist Church, we are pleased to invite you to Camp Dharma at Keola 2024. Last year was our first year since 2012, and everyone said, the memories were priceless! Our program will focus on “family” with activities for participants of all ages. Camp highlights include nature crafts, hiking, fishing, games, team sports, swimming, boating, and the famous campfire with songs.

REGISTRATION: Please register by **May 1, 2024**. The registration rate will be \$156 per adult and \$152 for children ages 3 - 11. Children ages 2 and younger are free. **If your child is a Reedley Dharma School student, he/she will be funded for 1/2 of his/her registration by the Reedley Dharma School.**

We know it is early, but we need to know if we'll have the minimum amount of campers. **Please let us know if you're planning to attend by texting or emailing Judy at the number or email address below.**

In order to assign cabins and purchase supplies, we are requesting that **all** registration be submitted no later than **Wednesday, May 1st**. Checks may be made payable to the **Reedley Buddhist Church**. Please mail forms and payment to:

Judy Kobayashi
 6362 N. Selland Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93711

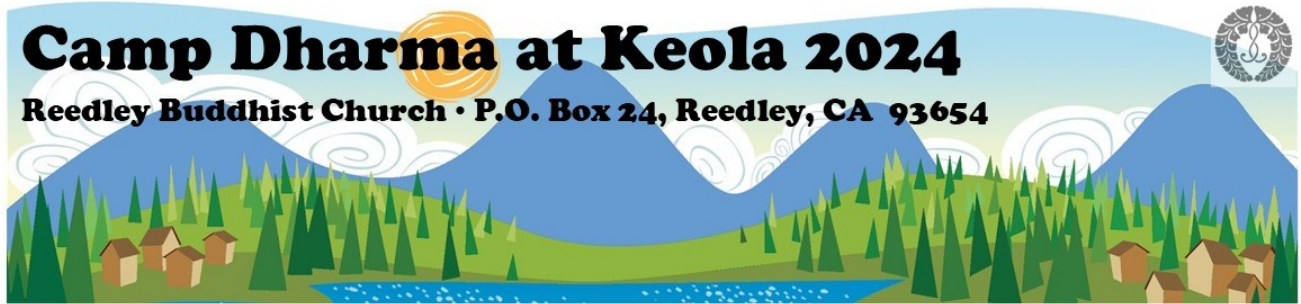
We will do most of our correspondence via email and all cabin assignments will be made with priority given to older adults or those with medical needs. Cabin preferences will be requested at a later date.

T-SHIRTS: The camp t-shirts are being donated by a generous donation made to the Reedley Buddhist Church Membership Committee. Please indicate your t-shirt size(s) on the registration form.

We are so excited to have this opportunity to sponsor this event again. Participants from previous camps have so many wonderful memories of fellowship, food, and activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Judy at: **jk108@sbcglobal.net**
text, call or leave a message: (559) 281-3954

We look forward to having you and your family sign up for this unique summer adventure! We hope to see you at Huntington Lake! Please feel free to share this with the rest of your family and close friends!



Camp Dharma at Keola 2024

Name of Campers	Age (if minor)	T-shirt size	DS Student
		(Child - XS/S/M/L Adult S/M/L/XL/XXL)	Check if Reedley Dharma School Student
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email: _____

Contact Numbers (cell) 1. _____ 2. _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____

NOTE: Children 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

WAIVER: I hereby waive and release the Reedley Buddhist Church from any and all liability of injuries or illness incurred during the camp/camp activities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the **Reedley Buddhist Church**

Send registration and payment to: Judy Kobayashi - 6362 N. Selland Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

All registration forms and payment must be received no later than **Wednesday May 1, 2024.**



Central California Nikkei Foundation

Shredding Community Service and Fundraiser



Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am to 12 noon

Securely dispose of personal documents, tax papers,

Books-hardback & paperback.

Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car

Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box

Cash or Check only

Please make check payable to CCNF

Event will be Drive-Thru

Boxes will be emptied from your trunk/tailgate and returned

Held at Vintage Gardens

540 S. Peach Ave., Fresno

Questions contact: Susan Hayashi – 325-1457 or text 906-8540

Seniors who cannot drive to the event, call Susan by **April 6** and arrange for pick-up.



Don't forget!
Daylight Savings
Time
March 10, 2024

Contact Number for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146

Church President: Mr. Larry Nishida
Phone: (559) 903 - 0316

Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
Phone: (559) 250-9687

Fresno Betsuin Office: Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054 (call to request a minister or schedule a family service in Reedley after contacting Reedley president for church availability)

Rev. Nakata: (urgent for Makuragyo) (424) 666-7101

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

FOWLER ORIENTAL FOOD BAZAAR



Saturday, March 16, 2024

Pre-order and Drive-thru only

\$22.00 each

Teriyaki Chicken, Chow Mein, Barazushi, Namasu, Tangerine, Almonds, Raisins

Drive-thru pick-up between 12noon – 2:30pm

Contact Barton Ashida to pre-order:

b.ashida@comcast.net or (559) 284-2955

Credit cards accepted.

Procedures for Requesting a Minister

Funerals:

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

Makuragyo Service:

During the week contact the Fresno Betsuin Office at (559) 442-4054 or **Rev. Nakata on weekdays or weekends directly (424) 666-7101.**

Family Memorial Service:

For services at the Reedley Buddhist Church: Contact the RBC President to check the availability of the Reedley Church. Then contact **Lee Osaki** at the **Fresno Betsuin (442-4054)** to schedule the service. Fresno Betsuin office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Return call to Church President to confirm date and time.

For services at family home: Family will contact Lee Osaki at the Fresno Betsuin office to arrange for a minister.

Reedley Buddhist Church
2035 15th Street - P.O. Box 24
Reedley, CA 93654

Phone/FAX: (559) 638-2146
Website: <http://www.reedleybc.org>
Email Pres. Larry Nishida: lvnishida@gmail.com
Email Newsletter/Webmaster: reedleybc@gmail.com





SPRING OHIGAN SEMINAR

at the Fresno Buddhist Temple Dharma Center

With guest speaker, Rev. Dean Koyama

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Reverend Dean Koyama is the resident minister at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Before his appointment to Palo Alto in June 2013, he served as the resident minister of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple (2003-2013), resident minister at the Tacoma Buddhist Temple (1996-2002), and associate minister at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church (1989-1996).

A native Californian, Reverend Koyama was born and raised in Sacramento. He studied Biology at Sacramento City College and later received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis. After working as a

pharmacy technician at Mercy General Hospital, Reverend Koyama, began attending the Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS) in Berkeley, California. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Buddhist Studies from the IBS in 1985 and subsequently earned another Masters Degree from Ryukoku University in Kyoto, Japan. The years of studying culminated in his entry into the ministry in 1989.

In the past, Reverend Koyama enjoyed jogging, playing volleyball, and cycling in his free time. He mentions that due to "old age" and bad knees, he now limits his physical activities to walking his Jack Russell Terrier mix, Niko. In addition, Reverend Koyama continues to practice Aikido, which he has done for almost 50 years and holds a 5th degree black belt. When he turned 60 and started his second childhood (Kanreki) he decided to learn some things before it was too late. So he started to learn how to play the shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute) and has taken up golf. Rev. Dean is married to his wife, Linda and they have three sons who live close by in California.

Seminar sponsored by the Iwatsubo Family



You are cordially invited to a
Double Celebration!

RETIREMENT OF REV. KAKEI & REV. MIDORI NAKAGAWA
AND
ACCESSION TO RINBAN OF REV. KAZUAKI NAKATA

Please join us on
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024
10:00 A.M.

Fresno Betsuin Buddhist Temple Hondo
2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720

Farewell Address by Rev. Kakei & Rev. Midori Nakagawa
Dharma Message by newly appointed Rinban, Rev. Kazuaki Nakata

Immediately following the Dharma Service, please
"Join Us for a Potluck" in the Family Dharma Center
(Please bring any dish you wish to share!)



You can
save lives!

SPONSORED BY

THE FRESNO BUDDHIST
CHURCH

WHEN?

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
8:30AM – NOON

WHERE?

Family Dharma Center
2690 E Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720

APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED!

To sign up, contact:
Lee Osaki (559) 442-4054
losaki@fresnobuddhisttemple.org
or
Hunter Arakawa (559) 269-2925
hharla40@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW? IF YOU DONATE JUST ONE PINT OF
BLOOD, YOU CAN SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!
SIGN UP NOW AND PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS!

FUNDRAISER FOR

The Fresno Buddhist Church

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISERS



When

Friday, March 22, 2024

Place your order for pickup
or delivery on Friday,
March 22!

Where

Available at Panda
Express locations
nationwide

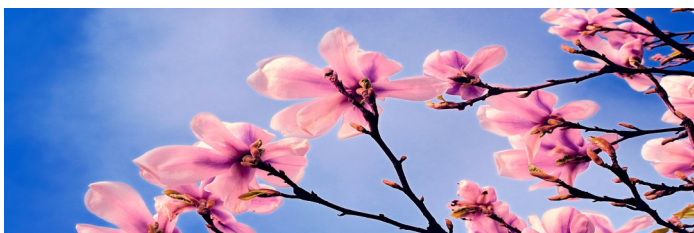
www.pandaexpress.com

How

Online orders only

Apply code 921649 in the
Fundraiser Code box
during online checkout at
www.pandaexpress.com
or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: The Fresno Buddhist Church





Fresno Betsuin
"Camping in the Sierras"
Steak Dinner

Saturday – May 11, 2024
\$25.00 Eat-In or Take-Out
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Fresno Betsuin Family Dharma Center

Tickets can be purchased from:
Campers

Betsuin Office – 559-442-4054

Jenny Kubo – jkubo@comcast.net

Or Send in Order Form Below

Steak Dinner Order Form – Return with Check by 4/27/2024

Make Checks Payable to: Fresno Buddhist Temple

In memo line please note: Camping in the Sierras

Mail to: Jenny Kubo 10544 N Old Course Dr, Fresno, CA 93730

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Dinner Tickets _____ x \$25 = _____

Donation = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Eat In _____ Take Out _____



Thank you for your support of the campers!