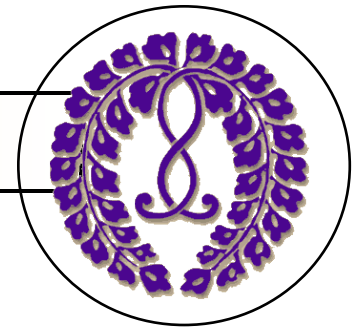


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## July Calendar



2	Obon Practice (Conference Room)	7:00 pm
4	Fourth of July - Independence Day	
5 - 7	CAMP DHARMA AT CAMP KEOLA	
6	Fresno Obon - food @ 4:00 pm, dancing @	7:30 pm
9	Omigaki (Altar Cleaning)	6:00 pm
13	REEDLEY OBON FESTIVAL	
	Food Sales	5:00 pm
	Dancing Begins	8:00 pm
14	Hatsubon/Obon Service	10:00 am
16	Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20	Fowler Obon - food @ 4:30 pm dancing @	7:00 pm
21	July Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service	10:00 am
27	Kingsburg Obon	TBA

### August

3	Parlier Obon - food @4:30 pm dancing @	8:00 pm
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## HATSUBON/OBON SERVICE

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**Lunch will be served following the service**

## **JULY SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE**

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**Refreshments will be served following the service.**

## Reedley Hatsubon/Obon Service

We will be conducting a Reedley Buddhist Church HATSUBON SERVICE on Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM. We will be observing Hatsubon for those who have passed away since our 2023 Hatsubon Service. Family members are invited to attend the service and light a lantern in memory of their loved one.

### 2024 Hatsubon

Robert Iwasaki  
Wesley Hara  
Lynn Abe  
Masako Kobayashi  
Kikuyo Ikemiya

Patricia Omachi  
Johnnie Togioka  
Mary Hashimoto  
Fujiye Okino

If you have a loved one who has passed away this past year and would like him/her to be included and added to our Shotsuki list, please contact President Larry Nishida at (559) 903-0316 or email [reedleybc@gmail.com](mailto:reedleybc@gmail.com)

## CORRECTION:

Please note that the funeral service for Mrs. Kikuyo Ikemiya is on June 29, 2024 at **11:00 AM**. The June newsletter stated it was 10:00 AM, but it was changed after the newsletter went to print. We are sorry for the confusion it may have caused.

 **Reedley Obon Festival**  
**Sat., July 13, 2024**  
**Food Sales - 5:00 pm**  
**Dancing begins - 8:00 pm**  
**See page 4 for details! Please come out and dance for our loved ones!**

### JULY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Nishida, Toyota,  
Takanishi, & K. Ikemiya  
BWA: Group 3: Diane Kubota & Joy Donaldson





## Message from Rev. Majima

### Embracing Compassion and Connection: Buddhist Reflections on "The Man Called Otto"



Hello everyone, how are you? Obon has started, and I hope you're enjoying the festivities. This article is for those who enjoy stories about people and their lives today.

"The Man Called Otto," a touching novel by Fredrik Backman, has recently been adapted into an American film titled "The Man Called Otto." The story revolves around Otto, an elderly man who appears grumpy on the surface but harbors a kind heart underneath. Otto's life takes a profound turn after the death of his beloved wife, Sonya. Overcome with grief and feeling aimless without her, he contemplates ending his own life to be with her again.

Otto's daily routine involves patrolling his neighborhood meticulously, ensuring everything is in order—whether it's checking on trash sorting or monitoring parking, he strictly adheres to rules. His reluctance to engage with others often annoys his neighbors. When a new family moved in nearby, it shattered his daily routines. At first, Otto resisted their presence, feeling deeply irritated by their intrusion into his life against his will. However, through interactions with their daughters, Otto gradually softened. Finding unexpected joy in helping the family, he came to realize that life still held meaning even after Sonya's death. The movie explores important themes like loneliness, the power of community, and how unexpected friendships can transform us. It balances funny moments with deep reflections on human nature and the connections that make life meaningful. Tom Hanks, a well-known actor, portrays Otto in the film, capturing both his strict adherence to rules and his gradual opening up to others.

As Otto faces his own mortality and struggles with grief, he begins to hear Sonya's voice each time he attempts suicide, saying "That's enough now, darling." She is calling out to Otto, urging him to continue living. This, along with interactions with Sonya's former students and other neighbors, profoundly impacts Otto. Through these relationships, he learns valuable lessons about resilience, hope, and the enduring power of love.

"The Man Called Otto" teaches us that our actions and

Rev. Majima's Message continued:

connections with others give life its true meaning, even during tough times. It reminds us that friendships and community support can help us find joy and purpose. This message resonates deeply with the teachings of Shinran, a Buddhist teacher, who emphasized compassion, understanding, and the interconnectedness of all beings.

Let's celebrate Obon with gratitude, appreciating the connections that enrich our lives and believing in the transformative power of human relationships.

Namo Amida Butsu

### The Story of the Banyan Deer (for students)

Once upon a time, in a big forest, there was a wise and kind deer king named Banyan. Banyan was the leader of a large herd of deer. All the deer loved and respected him because he was very smart and always took care of them.

In the same forest, there was another herd of deer led by a proud and selfish king named Branch. Branch's herd did not listen to their elders and thought they knew everything.

One year, there was no rain, and the forest became very dry. There was no water or food, and all the animals were very thirsty and hungry. Banyan remembered a story his ancestors told him about a hidden waterhole that saved them during a drought long ago. He decided to find this waterhole to save his herd. Banyan gathered all his deer and told them about the secret waterhole. He said, "Our ancestors told us about this place. It will be a hard journey, but we must try." The deer trusted Banyan and followed him through the forest.

After a long and difficult journey, they found the hidden waterhole. It was full of fresh water! The deer drank the water and were very happy. They survived because they listened to their ancestors' wisdom. Branch and his herd, however, did not know about the secret waterhole because they didn't listen to their elders. They wandered around the forest, looking for water, and many of them did not survive. Finally, Branch realized his mistake and asked Banyan for help.

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## Church Acknowledges Dana

The Matsumoto Family  
33rd Year Memorial for Mr. Fred  
Minoru Masumoto \$ 200.00

Mrs. Alice Nakamura  
Senior Meals Donation 200.00

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto  
Senior Meals Donation 100.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
Senior Meals Donation 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji  
Senior Meals Donation 100.00

Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui  
Senior Meals Donation 50.00

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### June Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. Harvey Nakamura  
In Memory of Asako Nakamura 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura  
In Memory of George Okamura & Sode  
Sakuragi 100.00

Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry  
In Memory of Kimiye Tanizaki 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata  
In Memory of Michiko Ikeda, Kiyomi  
Takahashi, Ayako Sakamoto, Yukio  
Sakamoto, Helen Kimura, & Arakichi  
Kimura 60.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki  
In Memory of Ben T. Nakagawa 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota  
In Memory of Yoshiye Kubota 50.00

Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji  
In Memory of John Morita 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida  
In Memory of Midori Nishida, Michi  
Ikeda, & Kiyomi Takahashi 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji  
In Memory of Shizuko Kimoto 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi  
In Memory of Tom Nakamichi 40.00

Mrs. Alice Nakamura  
In Memory of George Nishi & Takematsu  
Nishi 40.00

Mr. & Mrs. Kliff Justesen  
In Memory of Emiko Matsuno 30.00

Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki  
In Memory of Kiyoshi Aoki & Kikuko  
Kawakami 25.00

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## June Shotsuki Memorial Service continued:

The Masumoto Family  
In Memory of Fred Minoru Masumoto \$ 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi  
In Memory of Michiko Ikeda & Kiyomi  
Takahashi 25.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
In Memory of Michi Ikeda 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Nishijima  
In Memory of Yasuki Kitaoka 25.00

Mrs. Kagumi Persall  
In Memory of Harukichi Konishi 25.00

Ms. Lily Ikemiya  
In Memory of Hisao Tamaki 20.00

Mr. Ken Nakamura  
In Memory of Takematsu Nishi 20.00

### May Shotsuki Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda  
In Memory of Shizuye Arakawa &  
Tsurutaro Arakawa 40.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota  
In Memory of Clarence Yamada &  
Gunzo Kubota 40.00

Mrs. Ayako Yamada  
In Memory of Naoemon Morikawa, Yasu  
Kurokawa, Izo Kurokawa, Imachi  
Yamada, & Tomiko Yamada 40.00

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Quiroz  
In Memory of Keiko Sugai 30.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
In Memory of Brad Hiyama 25.00

## OMIGAKI (Altar Cleaning)

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:00 PM

A light dinner will be served following.

Please come out and help!







# Reedley Obon Festival



**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**Food sales - 5:00 PM • Dancing - 8:00 PM**

**Reedley Buddhist Church - 2035 15th Street - Reedley, CA**

**Food Vendors: Bento2Go (bento dinners), RBC Shave Ice, BWA Somen Noodles, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Jr. YBA Drinks & Mochi Ice Cream, & Sergio's Tacos & Churros**

**Entertainment: Fresno Gummy Taiko**

**Come and dance! No experience needed!**



**Hatsubon/Obon Service - Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 10 AM**

**Questions? - Email: [reedleybc@gmail.com](mailto:reedleybc@gmail.com)**





# Reedley Hatsubon & Obon Festival

**July 13, 2024 - 8:00 PM**

## LANTERN OF REMEMBRANCE

**You will be able to remember your loved ones and express your gratitude for them.**

**Names will be written on each lantern tag and hung on the night of our Obon Festival. You will be able to take it home with you at the conclusion of the evening.**

(cut and return)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Loving Memory of:** (use back for more)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to donate a lantern in memory of my loved one.**

\_\_\_\_\_ small (8 inch) \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ medium (10 inch) \$35

\_\_\_\_\_ large (12 inch) \$50

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash or check made payable to: Reedley Buddhist Church**

**Send to: P.O. Box 24, Reedley, CA 93654 by July 10th.**

**\*A limited number of lanterns will be available the night of the festival.**

*Designed by Priglee*



## July Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The July Monthly Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for July are as follows:

### DECEASED:

Kyujiro Kikumoto  
Yukino Hikiji  
Shizuye Hada  
Yoshino Hara

Hattaro Haraguchi  
Seizo Suyemoto  
Satoru Goto & Harold Keio  
Arakawa

Izumi Hirata &  
Jean Ayako Kubo  
Masu Hosaka, Sato Takata  
& Sohichi Hosaka  
Mine Ichihana  
Kuichi Nakata  
Itsuki Tsudama  
Kinuyo Morioka, Kazue  
Ishida, & Sumiye Sue Iwai  
Suzuno Tsunekawa &  
Seishiro Yamada  
Haruki Harry Kawagoe

Yaeko Kawamoto  
Masujiro Nagai  
Ichizo Kanefuku & Tomi  
Shitanishi  
Masayuki Kubo  
Mitsuno Naito  
Takematsu Nishi &  
George Nishi  
Yaeno Kofu & Mitsuye  
Fujisawa  
Taki Okamura  
Tom Tadashi Mori  
Edward Masao Otani &  
Mitsuyo Otani  
Saye Sakata  
Kikutaro Shimizu  
Tsuru Shimosono &  
Kunikichi Shimosono  
Chyono Ninomiya &  
Shizuye Susie Murakami  
Nobuo Takasaki

### SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mitchell Abe  
Kay Antoku  
Gerry Hada  
Cheryl Miyakawa  
& Nannette Mori  
Hatsuko Hanashiro  
Naomi Hashimoto

Keiko Hatakeda

Art Hirata

Todd Hosaka  
Yoko Ichihana  
Kenneth Ikemiya  
Kiyoko Inn

Dale Ishida

Craig Ito  
Kent Kawagoe & Roy  
Kawagoe  
Sue Kawamoto  
Nancy Kimura

Ben Kubota  
Alan Kubota  
Amy Naito

Alice Nakamura

Ronald Nishinaka  
Dale Okamura  
Fujiye Okino

Hideki Otani  
Nancy Sakata  
Teruko Shibata

Hiroko Shimosono

Kathy Hamada  
Yukiye Takayama

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## July Monthly Memorial Cont.

### DECEASED:

George Hiroshi Takayama  
& Wilma Takayama  
Satoyo Tanizaki  
Yoshihiko Tatami  
Koei Toyota  
Tamayo Uyeda  
George Iwao Kobayashi

### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Helen Hamaoka  
Cathy Tanizaki Zachry  
Kazuko Tatami  
Shuzo Toyota  
Mary Uyeda  
Ellen 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.

## Contact Number for Church Business

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**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

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**Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**OBON IS...** Honoring the past & appreciating the moment... Watching the lanterns sway in the breeze... The sight of young and old alike, in colorful yukatas & happi coats... Spending an evening with family & friends... A sense of being...

🌸 **A LA CARTE FOOD – AVAILABLE 4:00PM ... LIMITED AVAILABILITY, ARRIVE EARLY!** 🌸  
 – SUSHI – CHICKEN SALAD – CHICKEN KATSU – TERI CHICKEN – NIPPON DOGS – TERI-BEEF SLIDERS –  
 SOMEN NOODLES – FURIKAKI/KIMCHEE FRIES – BEER/LIQUOR – SNO CONES – DESSERTS –

🌸 ORDER PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL LANTERNS 🌸

🌸 RAFFLE DRAWING – WIN \$2000, \$1000, \$500 🌸

🌸 GAME BOOTHS FOR THE KIDS! 🌸

🌸 OBON DANCE 7:30PM 🌸

🌸 VISIT THE TEMPLE! 🌸



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## The Lantern Song

By  
 Bonbu Stories

Your weathered shirt I love, keeps me warmer  
 when I need you in my arms.  
 This house I see, without you feels so big, so empty.  
 I try to carry on, but I get in my own way.  
 You told me to be strong.  
 Now you're gone. Never thought it would hurt  
 so bad without you.  
 You'd say, don't fret, don't worry, you're strong, you're tough.  
 Live your life, this beauty, it comes from us.  
 Be yourself, I promise it's enough.  
 So we dance, we sing, we'll enjoy tonight  
 and the loving company. So we dance, we sing,  
 We'll enjoy tonight and cherish the memory.  
 Let's dance, let's dance, Come take my hand,  
 Let's dance, let's dance, Come take my hand.  
 Place your hand on your heart, hear it beating that's the  
 sound of our love.  
 Look up here I am, flying high above, painting the sky for  
 you. Can't you see my name, it's written in the stars,  
 Your guiding light beams wherever you are.

\* The BCA Music Committee commissioned "Lantern Song" by Bonbu Stories in celebration of the BCA's 125th Anniversary. We are including it our Obon dance this year.

See the official video on YouTube.

## Rev. Majima Message continued from page 2:

Banyan, being kind and wise, welcomed Branch and his herd. He shared the waterhole with them and reminded them, "It is important to listen to the wisdom of our ancestors. They have many lessons to teach us." Do you know what this story tries to tell us? It tells us that we should always respect and listen to our elders and ancestors. Why? Because their wisdom can help us when things are tough and guide us to make good choices. Isn't that amazing?

So, next time you hear a story from your grandparents or elders, listen carefully. You never know what important things you might learn! Now, let's celebrate this wonderful wisdom with a dance of gratitude to our ancestors and the Buddha during Obon. Let's make it a joyful time!

Namo Amida Butsu

