REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2026



1	Reedley BC Food Bazaar	3:00 - 6:00 PM
15	Combined Eitaikyo, November Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service	10:00 AM
18	Reedley BC Board Meeting	7:00 PM
26	Thanksgiving Day	
27	Conference Room Reserved - Nakamichi Family	All Day
28	Conference Room Reserved - George Tsuji Family	All Day

REEDLEY 72ND ANNUAL FOOD BAZAAR

The 72nd Annual Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026!

See the Bazaar work schedule in the October Newsletter.

RBC Toban Schedule



RBC Toban: Kamada, Nishida, Kajihara, Okamura, & Tavlan

BWA Toban: Group 3 - Joy Donaldson & Diane Kubota

Upcoming Services & Activities

72nd Annual Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar

Sunday, November 1, 2026
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Church Social Hall

Combined Eitaikyo, November Shotsuki Memorial Service & Family Dharma Service

Sunday, November 15, 2026
10:00 AM
Lunch wil be served following the service.



Contact Numbers for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146
Church President: Mrs. Vickie Nishida
Phone: (559) 903-0317
Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
Phone: (559) 250-9687
Fresno Betsuin Office: Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054

Message from Rev. Majima



Three Messengers from King Yama

As October draws to a close, children dress up as ghosts and skeletons and visit their neighbors with a cheerful “Trick or Treat!” In keeping with the season, let me share a Buddhist story from India—a little visit to the world of the dead.

At the entrance to that world stands a court where the realm of life’s next birth is determined. Presiding over this court is King Yama, the judge of the dead.

Shall we take a peek inside?

A man stood before King Yama, who was looking into a large mirror. This mirror revealed the man’s actions during his lifetime—something like a video recording.

Looking over the man’s life, King Yama said, “I see many harmful actions here. The karma of these actions leads to hell.”

The man hurried to explain.

“I’m sorry. I died so suddenly, and I was so busy every day. I just didn’t have time to cultivate virtue.”

“Suddenly, you say? How old are you?”

“Sixty-seven.”

“At sixty-seven, you must have seen the three messengers I sent you.”

“Um… Your Majesty, these three messengers… who were they?”

King Yama began to explain.

“The first was Old Age. Have you seen an elderly person whose hair had fallen out, whose legs had grown weak, and whose teeth were gone?”

“Oh, yes. I have.”

“That was my first messenger—a reminder that you, too, were growing older, and that it was time to begin preparing for your journey.”

Then King Yama asked another question.

“My second messenger was Illness. Have you seen someone suffering from sickness?”

“Yes, I have.”

“That was my second messenger—a reminder that you, too, could become ill, and an invitation to begin preparing for your departure.”

“I’m sorry. I didn’t realize.”

The man looked unsure what to say as King Yama continued.

“And my third messenger was Death. Have you seen someone who had died?”

“Yes, I have.”

“That was a reminder that your life in this world, too, would someday come to an end. When you saw someone who had passed away, did you ever think about your own departure from this world and what would follow?”

The man answered quietly.

“I’m sorry. I saw many people who had passed away, but I never really took it to heart that I, too, would one day leave this world.”

King Yama let out a long sigh.

“Ah… I sent all three messengers, but you did not recognize their message or begin your preparations. Now, the karma of your actions leads you onward within the cycle of birth and death.”

There are six realms within this cycle of birth and death, including our human world. All are subject to change, and none is free from suffering. We, too, live within this cycle. Through the karma of his actions, the man would next be born in hell.

As I watch this man depart, I am reminded of the teaching Shakyamuni Buddha shared with us: Amida’s Vow to guide all beings to the Land of Bliss.

And then I find myself returning to this man’s words:

“I’m sorry. I saw many people who had passed away, but I never really took it to heart that I, too, would one day leave this world.”

We see people growing old. We worry about friends who are ill. We attend funerals for people dear to us. Yet when we return to our everyday routines, we easily lose sight of what these encounters mean for our own lives. Most of us have met King Yama’s three messengers without recognizing that their message is also for us.

Their message brings us to a question: Where is this life heading?

Shakyamuni Buddha taught that Amida’s Vow embraces all beings—including this man, and you and me.

Shinran Shonin expresses this in a hymn:

The light of purity is without compare.
When a person encounters the light,
All bonds of karma fall away;
So take refuge in Amida, the ultimate shelter.

Can we hear Amida’s call?

Namo Amida Butsu.

Message from Rev. Majima



閻魔(えんま)さまのお使(つか)い

今月(こんげつ)はインド(いんど)に伝(つた)わる、閻魔(えんま)さまのお話(はなし)をご紹介(しょうかい)しましょう。
ある男(おとこ)が、この世(よ)の命(いのち)を終(お)え、閻魔(えんま)さまの前(まえ)に立(た)ちました。生前(せいぜん)の行(おこな)いを映(うつ)す鏡(かがみ)を見(み)ながら、閻魔さまは言いました。
「お前(まえ)の行(おこな)いによる業(ごう)は、地獄(じごく)へとつながっているな」
「すみません。急(きゅう)に死(し)んだものですから。それに毎日忙(まいにちいそが)しくて、徳(とく)を積(つ)む暇(ひま)がありませんでした」
「何歳(なんさい)だ」
「六十七歳(ろくじゅうななさい)です」
「それなら、私(わたし)が送(おく)った三人(みひと)の使(つか)いを見(み)ただろう」
「ええっと……どなたのことでしょうか」
閻魔(えんま)さまは尋(たず)ねました。
「年老(としお)いた人(ひと)を見(み)たことはあるか。病気(びょうき)で苦(くる)しむ人(ひと)は。亡(な)くなった人(ひと)は」
「はい、みな見(み)ました」
「それが『(「)老(お)い』『(」「)病(やまい)』『(」「)死(し)』(」)という三人(さんにん)の使(つか)いだ。お前自身(まえじしん)も、この世(よ)から旅立(たびだ)つ身(み)であると知(し)らせていたのだ」
男(おとこ)は、うつむいて答(こた)えました。
「見(み)てはいましたが、自分(じぶん)のこととしては受(う)けとめていませんでした」
閻魔(えんま)さまは、深(ふか)いため息(いき)をつきました。男(おとこ)は、結局(けっきょく)、自(みずか)らの業(ぎょう)によって地獄(じごく)に生(う)まれることになりました。
さて、この男(おとこ)を、私(わたし)たちは笑えるでしょうか。

私(わたし)たちも老(お)いを見(み)て、病(やまい)を心配(しんぱい)し、お葬式(そうしき)にも参(まい)ります。それでも日々(ひび)の忙(いそが)しさに戻(もど)れば、自分(じぶん)の旅立(たびだ)ちはもう少(すこ)し先(さき)のことだと思(おも)ってしまいます。男(おとこ)が閻魔(えんま)さまに返(かえ)した言葉(ことば)に、私自身(わたしじしん)の姿(すがた)が重(かさ)なります。
そのような私(わたし)たちに、お釈迦(しゃか)さまは、すべてのいのちを浄土(じょうど)へと導(みちび)く阿弥陀(あみだ)さまの本願(ほんがん)を説(と)かれました。親鸞聖人(しんらんしょうにん)は、和讃(わさん)にお示(しめ)しくださいます。

清浄光明(せいじょうこうみょう)ならびなし　　遇斯光(ぐしこう)のゆゑなれば
一切(いっさい)の業繫(ごっけ)ものぞこりぬ　　畢竟依(ひっきょうえ)を帰命(きみょう)せよ

私(わたし)たちにも、阿弥陀(あみだ)さまの呼(よ)び声(ごえ)が聞(き)こえているでしょうか。
そして、地獄(じごく)へ向(む)かったこの男(おとこ)も、阿弥陀(あみだ)さまの光(ひかり)に遇(あ)いますように。

南無阿弥陀仏(なむあみだぶつ)

Message from Rev. Majima

(for students)

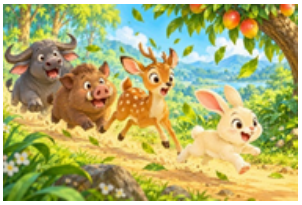
The Rabbit Who Heard a THUMP!

A Jataka Story

One day, a rabbit was resting beneath a tree. “What if the earth broke apart?” he wondered. Just then, a fruit fell onto a dry leaf. THUMP! “The earth is breaking apart!” cried Rabbit. “RUN!”



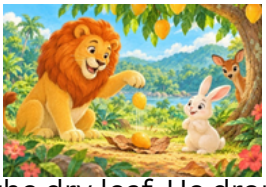
He raced down the path and met Deer. “Why are you running?” Deer asked. “The earth is breaking apart!” Rabbit shouted. Deer ran, too. Soon Boar, Buffalo, and many other animals j oined them. A whole crowd was thundering through the forest!



“Which way do we go?” puffed Buffalo. “I’m following Boar!” “Well, I’m following Deer!” said Boar. Deer called ahead, “Rabbit! Where are we going?” Rabbit’s ears bounced as he ran. “I don’t know! Somewhere else!” And everyone ran a little faster.



A lion stepped into their path. “Wait! What happened?” The animals shouted, “The earth is breaking apart!” Lion asked, “Who saw it happen?” They looked at one another. “Buffalo told me.” “Boar told me.” “Deer told me.” Finally, everyone looked at Rabbit. “I heard it!” he squeaked.



“Let’s go and look,” said Lion gently. Together, they returned to the tree. Lion found the fallen fruit and the dry leaf. He dropped the fruit onto the leaf. THUMP! Rabbit’s ears shot up. “That’s the sound!” The earth was still there. The forest was still standing. Rabbit took a deep breath. “One little fruit—and all that running!”

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Sometimes we hear something and feel sure it must be true. In this story, the wise lion—the Buddha in a former life—helps everyone pause and look carefully. Before we pass a story along, we can ask: “Do I know that’s true? How can we find out?”

Namo Amida Butsu.



We’d love to see you!

Come out and help at the RBC Food Bazaar! It’s a perfect time to get together!

Church Acknowledges Dana

The Inn Family	
Inn Family Memorial Service & Use of Conference Room	$500.00
The Family of Harry & Kiyoko Inn	
Inn Family Hoji	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	
3rd Year Memorial for Mrs. Nancy Sakata & 25th Year Memorial for Mr. Tom Sakata	100.00
Nishida/Ramos Families	
Use of Facilities	200.00
The Saeko Oyama Family	
In Memory of Mr. Gilbert Hara	200.00
Ms. Arleen Takayama	
In Honor of Mr. Gilbert Hara	100.00
Ms. Reiko Saiki	
In Memory of Mr. Gilbert Hara	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cary Fukuda	
90th Anniversary Donation	100.00
Anonymous	
Senior Meals Donation	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	
Senior Meals Donation	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	
Senior Meals Donation	100.00
Mrs, Shiz Tsutsui	
Senior Meals Donation	50.00

October Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mrs. Peggy Bungo	
In Memory of Alan Bungo	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka	
In Memory of Tokumatsu Nishinaka	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura	
In Memory of Mabel Okamura	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	
In Memory of Shigeji Naito, Alan Bungo, Fumiko Mizote, Mateo Sakata, & Mino Enoshima	100.00
Mrs. Leah Kawahara & Family	
In Memory of Jeffrey Teranishi	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani	
In Memory of Hideo Otani & Sayoko Otani	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family	
In Memory of James Ikemiya	50.00

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October Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont.

The Masumoto Family	
In Memory of Natsuyo Matoi & Akio Matoi	$ 40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida	
In Memory of Shig Naito, Haruye Nishida, & Sharon Barragan	40.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi	
In Memory of Betty Taguchi	40.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto	
In Memory of Helen Fujita	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	
In Memory of Shigeji Naito & Sharon Barragan	25.00
Mrs. Lynn Kurumaji	
In Memory of Miki Morita & Fusakichi Takeuchi	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito	
In Memory of Shig Naito	25.00
Mr. Ben Nobuhiro	
In Memory of Tosaku Nobuhiro	25.00

Reedley BWA Acknowledges Dana Eshinni/Kakushinni, Lady Kujo, & Reedley BWA Members Memorial Service

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	$100.00
Mr. Ben Nobuhiro	25.00
Ms. Phyllis Asanuma	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family	50.00
Service Offertory	51.00

"Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is."



~ Ernest Hemingway

Reedley Dharma School is seeking donations!

COUNTRY STORE

at the Food Bazaar

We are looking for donations of:

Handmade items
Home goods
Tsukemono/Takuan
Jams/Jellies
Asian inspired items
Arare/Trail/Chex mix
and more!

Please visit on:
Sunday, November 1st, 2026
3:00 - 6:00 PM
Reedley Buddhist Church Hall



QUESTIONS

Call/text Melanie Mukai at (559) 859-0541 or email mtsakata@gmail.com
or Stacy Ramos at (559) 903-0625 or email ramos.stacya@gmail.com



November Shotsuki Memorial Service

The November Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on Sunday, November 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM.
Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for November are as follows:

DECEASED:	SESHU: (OBSERVANT)
Masaichi Charles Abe	Mark Abe
Sawaichi Matoi	Evelyn Asato
Hikobei Hara & Douglas Hara	Nannette Mori & Cheryl Miyakawa
Chikashi Haraguchi	Hatsuko Hanashiro
Steven Hirahara	Stanley Hirahara
Shozo Kubo	Arthur Hirata
Russell Shimizu & Mitsuko Ibara	Eloise Ibara
Shigetaro Kodama	Amy Naito & Karen Sakata
John Nakata	Kenneth Ikemiya
Shun Ikemiya	Toshi Kawagoe
Tatsuzo Ishida & Buntaro Nishimura	Dale Ishida
Yukiko Ito & George Tsunekawa	Craig Ito & Janet Kamada
Torao Yamamoto	Chizuko Iwasaki
Yoshiko Kajihara	Richard Kajihara
Fumio Shiroyama & Edna Tonami Fujiwara	Nancy Kimura
Masao Kubo	Alan Kubota
Herbert Fukuo Maruyama, Kozuchi Nagao & Misayo Nagao	Michael Maruyama
Sasaichi Miyamoto, Mitsugi Miyamoto & Shozo Miyamoto	Michio Miyamoto
Yoshio Murase	Emily Murase
Takashi Naito & Ronald Nomi	Amy Naito
Doris Miyuki Kawaguchi	Grace Nakagawa
Bob Akahori	Nacnette Nakamichi
Kimiko Nishi & Sadao Nomizu	Alice Nakamura
Fred Nishida	Julia Ueda
George Nishida	Larry Nishida
Sakuichi Mizokami, Roy Mizokami, & Itsuo Mizukami	Ronald Nishinaka
Janet Yuriko Ohashi	Henry Ohashi
Toye Tashiro	Dennis Okamura
Yasuno Mori	Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori

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November Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:	SESHU: (OBSERVANT)
Fumikazu Randy Omachi & Haruno Omachi	Kathleen Omachi
Nancy Sakata	Gary Sakata
Kikue Sasaki	Satoshi Sasaki & Shirow Sasaki
Kiyome Sasaki, Chikara Sasaki & Kazuto Sasaki	Dennis Sasaki
Kakuichi Sunamoto & Masano Sunamoto	Kathy Hamada
Tome Taguchi, Mise Nakamura, & Charles Taguchi	Shizuko Taguchi
Mitsuye Mori	Yukiye Takayama
Tsune Takayama	Helen Hamaoka
Sada Tatami & Hatsuyo Sakamoto	Arthur Tatami
Tamayo Teranishi	Harvey Nakamura
Johnnie Togioka, Joe Togioka, & Tisato Kobayashi	Togioka Family
Yoshito Toyota	Shuzo Toyota
Kuichi Uyeda	Rachel Uyeda
Takashi Kimoto	Janette Wong-Sing & Amy Tsuji
Bill Hisao Tsuji & Mitzi Osumi	George Tsuji
Ise Kurokawa, Saburoku Ishikawa & Kyuichi Yamada	Ayako Yamada
Bunkichi Yamada	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 RBC President, Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 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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Fowler Buddhist Women's Association
Building Fund Raiser

Saturday, November 14,2026
1:00pm to 3:00pm
Box lunches must be picked up by 3pm

Buddhist Church of Fowler
210 South 9th Street
Fowler, CA 93625

Box Lunch Includes:
Teriyaki Chicken, Barasushi, Kabocha,
Nishime, Namasu and Fortune Cookie

Preorder Deadline: November 7, 2026

Name_____

Address_____City, Zip Code_____

Phone_____Email Address_____

Take Out Box Lunch _____@$20.00 = $_____

Additional Donation Thank you =$_____

Total Payment Enclosed =$_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "FOWLER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION".
C/O TAYOKO HONDA, P.O. BOX 425, FOWLER, CA 93625
PLEASE NO CASH.

ANNUAL MOCHITSUKI PROJECT FOR YOUTH

The Buddhist Church of Fowler and the **Youth Department** and **Troop 199** will have the **2026 Mochitsuki on Saturday December 19th**. All orders will be **accepted on a first come, first basis**. We would appreciate anyone who would like to come and help. We will start making mochi about 7:00, Saturday morning.

ORDERING DEADLINE: Friday, December 4th, All orders after this date are subject to supply.

PRICES: $10.00 per pound-White & Yomogi Mochi
$15.00 per pound- An- White & Yomogi Mochi (An-provided by Council of Youth)
$10.00 per Small O kagami set-for Home Obustudan
$20.00 per large O kagami set-for Church Onaijin

PICK-UP TIME: Saturday. December 19th, from **1:00PM to 3:00PM**. **Yomogi orders will not be ready before 1:00PM**. All orders not picked up by 3:00PM are subject to be sold.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Council of Youth, Fowler Buddhist Church
TO ORDER: Mail this order form with check.
To Fowler Buddhist Church PO Box 335 - Fowler, CA 93625
Attn: Tayoko Honda 559-246-1858
Satomi Hiyama 559-217-4436
Craig Honda 559-246-5919

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2026 Buddhist Church of Fowler Mochitsuki
Order Form

Name_____ Phone _____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

O kagami set, Hm-Sm size	_____sets	X	$10.00 =	_____
Naijin-Large size	_____sets	X	$20.00 =	_____
Ko Mochi	_____lbs.	X	$10.00 =	_____
Yomogi Mochi	_____lbs.	X	$10.00 =	_____
An Mochi (7pcs)	_____lbs.	X	$15.00 =	_____
AnYomogi Mochi (7pcs)	_____lbs.	X	$15.00 =	_____

***All An mochi is sold at 7pcs Per Pound**
DO NOT SEND CASH. WE WILL NOT BE RESPONIBLE FOR CASH SENT THROUGH THE MAIL!
TO GUARANTEE YOUR ORDER IS FILLED WITH CHECK, PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 4th.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Council of Youth, Fowler Buddhist Church
MAIL TO:
Fowler Buddhist Church PO Box 335 - Fowler, CA 93625
Attn: Tayoko Honda & Satomi Hiyama