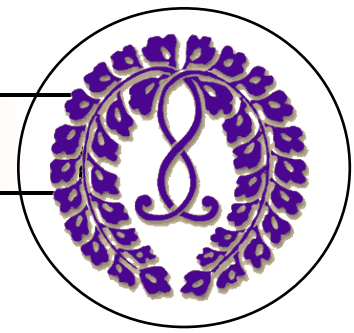


# REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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## December Calendar



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| 7  | Combined Bodhi Day, December Shotsuki, Dharma School Grandparents' Day, & Family Dharma Service | 10:00 AM |
| 8  | CCDC Meeting (Fowler)   | 7:00 PM  |
| 17 | 90th Anniversary Planning Meeting   | 6:00 PM  |
|    | Reedley BC Board Meeting  | 7:00 PM  |
| 27 | 90th Anniversary Photo Shoot in hall  | All- day |
| 31 | Joya-E (Year End) Service   | 2:00 PM  |

### January, 2026

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| 1  | Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service                                   | 10:00 AM |
| 11 | Combined Ho-onko Service, January Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service | 10:00 AM |

## Thank You!



Thank you to Steve Donaldson for making a cover for the new water station that was donated by Ty & Laura Tavlan. This will keep it clean while not in use and can be covered and uncovered when there's a church activity going on.

### DECEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: Nishida, M. Naito,  
Donaldson, N. Kimura, & Nakamichi

BWA: Group 3: Kubota & Donaldson



### Bodhi Day, December Shotsuki, Family Dharma Service, & Grandparents' Tea



**December 7, 2025  
10:00 AM**

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

### Joya-E Service (New Year's Eve)

**December 31, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Toshikoshi Soba will be served.**

## 71st Annual Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar THANKS YOU!

On behalf of the Reedley Buddhist Church Bazaar Committee, we would like to thank all the members and friends who helped with making the 71st Annual Food Bazaar such a success! Cooking, slicing, grilling, barbecuing, baking, making, setting up, and cleaning up were very much appreciated!

This fundraiser keeps our church running smoothly and also helps keep our membership dues low. There's so much upkeep inside and out.

The Dharma School would like to thank all those who donated towards their Country Store efforts. The funds help with the cost of sending our Dharma School students to Camp Dharma at Keola in the summer.

The Reedley BWA would also like to thank all the bakers for the delicious and mouth watering desserts and goodies! Every last bit of baked goods were sold out within the first hour and a half!

We can't do it without the support of the community and other temples in the Valley who purchased the delicious boxed dinners. We have to say, it's the BEST in the Valley! THANK YOU!

### *Contact Numbers for Church Business*

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Church President: Mrs. Joy Donaldson  
Phone: (559) 859-7861

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

Fresno Betsuin Office: Lee Osaki: (559) 442-4054



## Message from Rev. Majima

### “Good and Evil Within Us — Reflections for Bodhi Day”

In traditional kabuki theater, performances often featured symbolic characters representing “Good” and “Evil.”

Old woodblock prints often depicted these figures in dynamic, dance-like poses, each with a large character on the chest—one reading “Good,” the other “Evil.”

They face one another boldly, almost as if engaged in a spirited dance.

People enjoyed these images because they expressed something universal: the inner tug-of-war we all experience.

Human hearts are complex.

Someone who seems selfish may suddenly show deep kindness.

Someone admired for their goodness may act harmfully in a moment of weakness.

Good and troubled impulses rise and fall within us moment by moment.

No one is entirely one or the other.

This month, we observe **Bodhi Day**, the day Shakyamuni Buddha attained awakening.

According to tradition, as he sat beneath the Bodhi tree, “demons” appeared and tried to obstruct his enlightenment. But these demons were not external beings.

They were the shadows of fear, doubt, pride, and craving—arising from within his own heart.

By recognizing them clearly and refusing to run away, the Buddha opened the path to enlightenment.

As the year comes to an end, we may also notice the “soot” that has accumulated in our hearts: fatigue, irritation, regret, or quiet worries. We cannot sweep them away perfectly. But we can gently acknowledge them through reflection.

That honest recognition becomes our own **inner year-end cleaning**.

May we close this year with gratitude, and with hands together, whisper *Namo Amida Butsu* in our hearts—the words of thanks that remind us we are embraced just as we are.

*Namo Amida Butsu*



## The Gift of Listening (for the students)

Sometimes I hear, “My friends want me to talk more at school. But if I say what I really think, maybe they won’t like me.” Maybe you have felt this too.



Some people say their ideas right away.

Some people think first and talk later.

Both are good.

If everyone only said, “I’m right! Listen to me!” we would have a lot of problems.

You don’t always have to talk a lot.

There is something just as important: **listening well**.



A long time ago, the Buddha had a disciple named **Ananda**. Ananda was the best listener. He stayed near the Buddha, listened carefully, and asked questions. Because Ananda listened well, many Buddhist teachings were saved.

Listening brings you many good things.

When we listen kindly, we understand people better, we help our families and friends feel happy and cared for, and we make our homes and schools happier places.



You don’t have to say everything you think. You don’t have to speak before you’re ready. A gentle heart and open ears are just as precious.

As the New Year comes, think about this:



Did I listen well?  
To my mom and dad?  
My grandparents?  
My teachers?  
My friends?

If the answer is “not always,” that’s okay.

The Buddha is smiling at you and saying,  
“You can try again today.”



Have a wonderful holiday season!

*Namo Amida Butsu*



## Message from Rev. Majima

すすはらい

きょうと にしほんがんに まいとしじゅうにがつはつか はら おこな いちねん てら た すす はら  
京都の西本願寺では、毎年十二月二十日に「すす払い」が行われます。一年のあいだにお寺に溜まった煤を払う  
おおそうじ ごぜんしちじ ちか おお ふ あいず ほんがんに そうりよ  
大掃除です。午前七時、ご門主が四メートル近くある大きなほうきを振られるのを合図に、本願寺の僧侶、そして  
おお もんと よこいちれつ なら たけ ぼう いっせい たたみ かかり ひと ま あ ほこり  
多くのご門徒が横一列に並び、竹の棒で一斉に 畳 を叩き始めます。係の人は、舞い上がった 埃 を二メートルほ  
そと おく だ  
どのうちわであおぎ、外へと送り出していきます。

でんとう れんにょしょうにん じだい ごひやくねんいじょうつづ たいせつ ぎょうじ いちねん ふ かえ あみださま  
この伝統は蓮如上人の時代から、五百年以上続いてきた大切な行事です。一年を振り返りながら、「阿弥陀様、  
しんらんしょうにん ことし せ わ れい もう あ とうと ごおんほうしゃ いとな  
親鸞聖人、今年もお世話になりました」とお礼を申し上げる、尊い御恩報謝の 営みでもあります。

しんらんしょうにん むみょうぼんのう ちりかず ごと へんまん の じぶん つごう み ほか  
親鸞聖人は、「無明煩惱しげくして塵数の如く遍満す」と述べられました。自分の都合だけが見え、他のいのち  
みうしな わたし すがた むみょうぼんのう しめ ぼんのう ちり かず  
とのつながりを見失っていく 私たち。その姿を「無明煩惱」と示され、その煩惱は塵の数ほどもあって、この  
せかい み い たた たた ま あ まえ み ほこり  
世界に満ちている、と言われました。まさに、叩けば叩くほど舞い上がり、前が見えなくなる 埃 のようなもので  
す。

はら お てら あさひ こ ひかり くうちゅう ま ちり あ いっぽん ひかり すじ  
すす払いの終わりごろ、お寺に朝日が差し込んできます。その 光 が空気中を舞う塵に当たり、一本の 光 の筋と  
あらわ ひかり ちり すがた う あ  
なって現れます。光があるからこそ、塵の姿が浮かび上がるのです。

ひかり すじ み とき どうじ ちり み あみださま わたし かんけい に あみださま ひかり あき  
光の筋が見える時、同時に塵も見える。これは、阿弥陀様と私たちの関係に似ています。阿弥陀様の 光 が明ら  
どうじ わたし やみ ぼんのう すがた あき ちり おお ぼんのう かな じじつ  
かになるとき、同時に私の闇、煩惱の姿も明らかになるのです。塵ほどに多い煩惱は悲しむべき事実でありなが  
ばしよ ひとすじ あみだ ひかり こ ば  
ら、その場所こそが、一筋の阿弥陀さまの 光 が差し込む場でもあります。

たた たた ほこり ま まえ み わたし じんせい ばしよ あみださま  
叩けば叩くほどホコリが舞い、前が見えなくなる 私たちの人生。しかし、まさにその場所こそが、阿弥陀様と  
で あ ひと ばしよ  
出会うことのできる、ただ一つの場所なのです。

かてい ねんまつ おおそうじ ひとねん かんしゃ こころ ふ かえ ま ちり なか み ひとすじ ひかり  
どうぞ、ご家庭で年末の大掃除をされるとき、この一年を感謝の心で振り返り、舞う塵の中に見える一筋の 光 を  
おも お て あ  
思い起こして、そっと手を合わせてみてください。

みな よ しょうがつ むか なもあみだぶつ  
皆さま、どうぞ良いお正月をお迎えください。 南無阿弥陀仏





# 2025 Food Bazaar







## Church Acknowledges Dana

Irwin & Sherlyn Haraguchi  
*Special Donation* \$100.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
*Senior Meals Donation* 100.00

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto  
*Senior Meals Donation* 50.00

### Eitaikyo Service Donations

Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota 50.00

Ms. Amy Naito 50.00

Mr. Michael Naito 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida 40.00

Mr. & Mrs. Kliff Justesen 35.00

Mrs. Joy Donaldson 30.00

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto 30.00

Mrs. Ellen Yamada 30.00

Ms. Phyllis Asanuma 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. James Hatakeda 25.00

Mr. Stanley Hirahara 25.00

Mrs. Nancy Kimura 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi 25.00

Mrs. Amy Naito 25.00

Mr. Ben Nobuhiro 25.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata 25.00

Ms. Shizuko Taguchi 25.00

Ms. Lily Ikemiya 20.00

Ms. Tracy Sunamoto 20.00

Ms. Kasey Sunamoto Thornburg 20.00

Anonymous 20.00

### November Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mr. Tracy Ito  
*In Memory of Yuki Ito* 500.00

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Ito  
*In Memory of Yukiko Ito & George Tsunekawa* 100.00

Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki  
*In Memory of Torao Yamamoto* 100.00

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Ueda  
*In Memory of Fred Nishida & George Nishida* 100.00

Ms. Shizuko Taguchi  
*In Memory of Tome Taguchi & Charles Taguchi* 60.00

Mrs. Nancy Kimura  
*In Memory of Fumio Shiroyama & Edna Fujiwara* 50.00

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## November Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi  
*In Memory of Takashi Naito & Ronald Nomi* \$ 50.00

Mrs. Amy Naito  
*In Memory of Takashi Naito & Ronald Nomi* 50.00

Mr. Michael Naito  
*In Memory of Takashi Naito* 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida  
*In Memory of Takashi Naito, Fred Nishida, George Nishida, & Ronald Nomi* 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata  
*In Memory of Nancy Sakata, Shigetaro Kodama, & Takashi Naito* 50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi  
*In Memory of Bob Akahori* 40.00

Kenneth Sunamoto Family  
*In Memory of Kakuichi Sunamoto & Masano Sunamoto* 40.00

Dr. & Mrs. Glenn Hamaoka  
*In Memory of Tsune Takayama* 30.00

Mrs. Ellen Yamada  
*In Memory of Bunkichi Yamada* 30.00

Ms. Amy Naito  
*In Memory of Tak Naito* 25.00

The Masumoto Family  
*In Memory of Sawaichi Matoi* 20.00

Mrs. Sue Kawamoto  
*In Memory of Kazuye Inouye* 20.00

Mr. & Mrs. Shuzo Toyota  
*In Memory of Yoshito Toyota* 20.00

### October Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata  
*In Memory of Alan Bungo, Shigeji Naito, Fumiko Mizote, Matao Sakata, & Mino Enoshima* 50.00



## Reedley BWA Acknowledges Dana

Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui  
*Senior Meals Donation* \$ 30.00



Thank you to Alex and Taylor (Donaldson) Rotan for their generous donation of a Blackstone Grill that will be used for future bazaar and crab feed activities! They saw the need for it and donated it with making grilling easier for the chow mein committee! We appreciate their kind, thoughtful, and generous gift to the Reedley Buddhist Church.



## Jr. YBA Buddhist Recognition Award



Congratulations to Rylee Thornburg who was presented with the Central California Jr. YBA Buddhist Recognition award at the recent Jr. YBA Conference held on November 8, 2025, at the Fresno Dharma Center. We are proud of her hard work and dedication to the Jr. YBA!



Dharma School  
Halloween Activities!  
October 19, 2025





You are cordially invited to the  
 Reedley Buddhist Church  
 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 AM

Celebration Service, Chigo Parade,  
 & Luncheon

catered by Pardini's Restaurant

More information to follow. Please save the date!



"Celebrating the past, present, & future."



## Commemorative Booklet Pictures for 90th Anniversary

Dear Members and Friends of Reedley Buddhist Church,

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

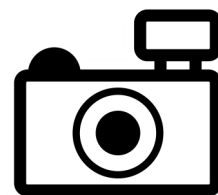
As part of the celebration, a commemorative booklet will be created. In an effort to memorialize this day, photos of members and families will be taken. You are asked to schedule an appointment on the following date:

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Please indicate if a morning or afternoon appointment is preferred. Sessions are 10 - 15 minutes. 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 **as soon as possible** or you may email her at [vlnishida1@gmail.com](mailto:vlnishida1@gmail.com).

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## RBC 90th Anniversary Photo Session



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO VICKIE NISHIDA - 6870 S. ALTA AVE. REEDLEY, CA 93654

PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR SESSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2025.



## December Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The December Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for December are as follows:

### DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Lynn Katsura Abe	Mitchell Abe
Sei Asami & Taro Asami	Lillian Garrigus
Kazuko Matoi	Evelyn Asato
James Blake Conell Egoian	Jim & Carol Egoian
Preston Hamada	Clifford Hamada
Masutaro Hanemoto, Hisano Hanemoto & Tadaharu Hanemoto	Harvey Hanemoto
Tsuya Hashimoto	Nori Hashimoto
Tojiro Hatakeda, Misa Hatakeda	Lisa Hatakeda Lo
Reiko Hatanaka	Joyce Hatanaka
Mary Hirata, Yoichi Hirata	
Shizuye Kubo & Harry Teiichi Kubo	Art Hirata
Mits Ibara & Koichi Takahashi	Eloise Ibara
Motono Nakata	Kenneth Ikemiya
Ben Tsutomu Tsudama	Kiyoko Inn
Hozo Iwasaki & Fumiye Fukamoto	Chizuko Iwasaki
Shizuko Hirano, Tsuneno Fujii, Kunimitsu Iwo, & Edith Iwo	Lorraine Iwo
Suye Kawamoto, Moto Tanaka & Teiichi Yamasaki	Sue Kawamoto
Amie Kawasaki	Ellen Yamada
Frank Kimura & Mitsuko Ito	Sandra Shinkawa
Yoshiko Kubota	Alan Kubota
Masajiro Kubota, Kiku Kubota, Kimiko Nishimura, & Masami Yoneta	Ben Kubota
Sakuji Hashimoto, Makoto Hashimoto, Satoru Hashimoto, Hideo Hashimoto & Misako Hashimoto	Shiz Kunishige
Alice Mori, Mosaku Mori & Shigeo Mori	Cheryl Miyakawa & Nannette Mori
Koma Moto Murase	Emily Murase
Sammy Nakagawa	Grace Nakagawa
	& Midori Iwasaki
Mumeyo Bungo	Grace Nakagawa

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### December Monthly Memorial Cont.

#### DECEASED:

John Yoshiharu Nishida  
Mary Inouye  
Sabuo Dan Nishinaka  
Shintaro Murakami & Yasu Murakami  
Takeo Ohashi  
Kyoichi Sakuragi & Shinji Okamura  
Jintaro Otani

Jim Sasaki  
Tomeye Shimizu, Mitsue Shimizu, & Waka Shimizu  
Orinosuke Shiine  
Kenichi Sunamoto

Fujiye Shirakawa & Alma Sunamoto  
Fred Shigeshi Taguchi, Sumitaro Taguchi & Namijiro Taguchi  
Hideo Taira  
Lillian Takayama  
Gunjiro Takasaki  
Issaku Tsuneta

Rito Sakamoto  
Ken Togioka & Chizuyo Dobashi  
Torazo Tsuji  
Satoru Morikawa  
Frank Yamakoshi

#### SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Larry Nishida & Julia Ueda  
Larry Nishida  
Ronald Nishinaka

Ben Nobuhiro  
Henry Ohashi

Dale Okamura  
Priscilla Kehoe & Hideki Otani  
Dennis Sasaki

Teruko Shibata  
Michiko Nobuhiro  
Kathy Hamada, & Kenneth Sunamoto

Kathy Hamada

Shizuko Taguchi  
Byron Taira  
Helen Hamaoka  
Yukiye Takayama  
Cathy Tanizaki  
Zachry

Arthur Tatami  
Priscilla Kehoe  
George Tsuji  
Ayako Yamada  
Lois Yamakoshi  
& Carole Yamakoshi

### 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

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