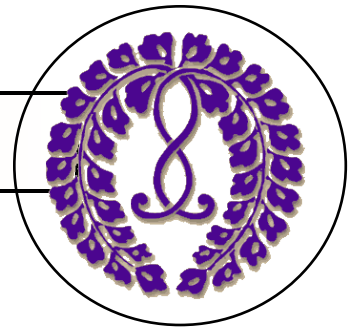


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January Calendar

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| 1 | Shusho-E Service (New Year's Day) | 10:30 AM |
| 3 | Funeral Service for Mrs. Nancy Sakata | 11:00 AM |
| 3 | Omigaki (Altar Cleaning) | 6:00 PM |
| 11 | BWA Mochi Manju Making for Hoonko | 8:00 AM |
| 12 | Combined Hoonko, January Shotsuki, & Family Dharma Service | 10:00 AM |
| 18 | Funeral Service for Mr. Sam Bungo | 2:00 PM |
| 25 | Reedley Buddhist Church Board & Cabinet Installation, Dinner, & General Membership Meeting | 5:00 PM |

Rev. Majima Out of Town

Rev. Majima will be out of town from January 27 - February 6th. If you need assistance, please contact president elect, Mrs. Joy Donaldson at (559) 859-7861.

2025 Installation Dinner & General Meeting

The 2025 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet, Church Board Members, & the BWA Officers will be installed on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM following the installation dinner which will be held for all church members who would like to attend. The general membership meeting will be held following the installation. **Please let Danny Nakamichi know if you will attend by January 18th.** Email: dannyn@yahoo.com or text/call: (559) 393-2200.

All members are urged to come, have dinner, attend the annual general membership meeting, and support the new 2025 president, Joy Donaldson and her cabinet.

JANUARY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Okamura, Justesen & Toyota

BWA: Group 1: Karen Sakata



JOYA-E SERVICE (End of Year)

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024
2:00 PM**

Toshikoshi Soba served following the service.

SHUSHO-E SERVICE (New Year's Day)

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025
10:30 AM (please note time)
Refreshments following service.**

OMIGAKI (Altar Cleaning)

**Friday, January 3, 2025
6:00 PM**

Light dinner served following.

COMBINED HOONKO SERVICE, JANUARY SHOTSUKI & FAMILY DHARMA SERVICE

**Sunday, January 12, 2025
10:00 AM**

Lunch will be served following the service.

REEDLEY BC INSTALLATION SERVICE, DINNER, & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, January 25, 2025
5:00 PM**



In Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mr. Sam Saburo Bungo**, brother of Mrs. Grace Nakagawa, who passed away on December 17, 2024 at the age of 96.



Message from Rev. Majima

New Year's Reflection:

As we welcome the New Year, the image of a single candle glowing in the darkness comes to mind. Its gentle flame seems small and fragile, yet it holds a profound truth: even the smallest light can guide us when we are surrounded by uncertainty.

There is a story of a wise elder who once lit a candle during a gathering on a cold winter's night. The room was filled with people, each holding an unlit candle in their hands. The elder passed their flame to the nearest person, who then lit the next candle, and so on. In a matter of moments, the entire room was aglow, the warmth and light shared among everyone present.

Afterward, the elder said, "This light is like the compassion of Amida. It is infinite and never diminishes, no matter how many others it touches. When we receive this light, we are not meant to keep it for ourselves. By sharing it, we not only brighten our own lives but also the lives of others."

This simple act of passing the flame resonates deeply with the teachings of Shinran. Amida's compassion is not bound by limits or conditions. It reaches each of us, regardless of our struggles or imperfections, offering a guiding light in the midst of life's uncertainties. At the same time, it calls us to reflect on how we, too, can carry this light forward.

As we reflect on the past year, many of us may recall moments of doubt or difficulty—times when the path ahead seemed unclear. Yet, even in those moments, there were sources of light: the kindness of a friend, the encouragement of a loved one, or the quiet strength found in the Dharma. These lights, though sometimes subtle, remind us that we are never truly alone.

The New Year offers an opportunity to not only express gratitude for the light we have received but also to consider how we can become a source of light for others. Compassion does not always require grand gestures. A listening ear, a word of encouragement, or a simple act of generosity can illuminate someone else's path in ways we may never fully realize.

In this way, the candlelight becomes more than a symbol. It becomes a practice—a reminder of our interconnectedness and the profound impact we have on one another. Just as the elder's single flame transformed a dark room into a place of warmth and connection, our shared acts of kindness can create ripples of light that extend far beyond what we can see.

As we begin this New Year, may we carry the light of Amida's compassion in our hearts, embracing the moments of connection and gratitude that make life truly meaningful. May this year bring peace, clarity, and the quiet joy of knowing we are part of something greater than ourselves.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes,

Mieko Majima



A Tiny Grain of Rice (For Students)

Once upon a time, there was a tiny grain of rice. It was so small that it thought, "I'm just a tiny grain. I don't matter to anyone."



But one day, the farmer picked up the grain and said, "Every grain of rice is precious. You are part of something big!"



The grain felt curious. "Something big? How?"

The farmers smiled. "The sun warmed you. The rain watered you. The earth held you. And I worked hard to grow you. Together, we made you strong."



The tiny grain thought, "Wow! So many helped me become who I am."



Later, the rice was cooked and placed in a beautiful New Year's meal called *osechi*. Families gathered around the table to enjoy the special food and celebrate the New Year. Before they began, they folded their hands and said, "Thank you for the rice. Thank you, farmer. Thank you, sun, rain, and earth!"



The grain of rice felt warm inside. "I may be small, but I am part of something big. I bring happiness to everyone."

From that day on, the grain of rice knew that everything is connected, and every little thing matters.



The New Year is a very special time. Just like the tiny grain of rice, each one of you is very important. You are cared for and supported by so many people and things, even when you don't realize it.

Let's begin this new year by saying "Thank you" to everyone and everything around us. Remember, even small actions, like being kind or helping someone, can bring happiness to others—just like the tiny grain of rice.

I wish you a wonderful and joyful New Year!



Message from Rev. Majima

みなさま、^{しんねんあ}新年明けましておめでとうございます。
^{2025ねん}2025年という^{あた}新しい年を、皆さまと^{とも}共に迎えられることを^{こころ}心より^{うれ}嬉しく^{おも}思います。

^{あみだによらい}阿弥陀如来の本願の^{ほんがん}光に^{ひかり}照らされる^{わたし}私たちの^{じんせい}人生は、つねに^{あら}新たな^き気づきと^{あゆ}歩みを与えられています。^{ことし}今年もそのお^{はたら}働きを^{ふか}深く^{かん}感じながら、共に歩んでまいりましょう。

^{じょうどしんしゅう}浄土真宗では、^{わたし}私たちが^{あみだによらい}阿弥陀如来の^{おほ}大いなる^じ慈悲によって^{みちび}導かれ、すべての^{しゅんかん}瞬間がそのお^{ちから}力の中にあることを^{まな}学びます。^{あた}新しい年を迎える中で、^{ひび}日々の^{せいかつ}生活の中に^{あみだによらい}阿弥陀如来のお^{こころ}心をいただき、^{たしや}他者とつながり、^{さき}支え合うことの^{たいせつ}大切さを^{おも}思い起こしていきたいと^{おも}思います。

^{てら}お寺は^{ことし}今年も、皆さまの^{こころ}心の^よ拠り所として、共に^{とも}学び、^{まな}念仏を^{ねんぶつ}喜び、^{よろこ}分かち合う^わ場であり続けるよう努力してまいります。どうぞお気軽にお立ち寄りいただき、^{あみだによらい}阿弥陀如来のお^{こころ}心を共に^{とも}味わいましょう。

^{むす}結びに、この^{ひとねん}一年が皆さまにとって、^{あみだによらい}阿弥陀如来のお^じ慈悲を^{ふか}深く^{あじ}味わう^{ひととせ}一年となりますよう^{こころ}心よりお^{ねん}念じ^{もう}申し上げます。

^{ほんねん}本年もどうぞよろしくお^{ねが}願い^{もう}申し上げます。

^{がっしょう}合掌
^{まし}眞島 ^{みえこ}美枝子



Grandparents' Day at Dharma School

On December 8th, the Dharma School students were happy to share the day with their grandparents and show their appreciation for all they do.

The Grandparents were able to do a project with the students and make a candle to take home, have an Italian lunch, and enjoy the delicious desserts provided by the BWA and Dharma School parents.



Church Acknowledges Dana

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	\$ 300.00
Dinuba Buddhist Church <i>Newsletter Donation</i>	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ishii <i>Special Donation</i>	250.00
Reedley Judo Club <i>Use of Facilities</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. Ron Bungo <i>In Memory of Mr. Sam Bungo</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Nobuhiro <i>For Ben's 100th Birthday</i>	100.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>Bodhi Day Service Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>Bodhi Day Service Donation</i>	30.00

December Shotsuki Memorial Service

The Hamada Family <i>In Memory of Kenichi Sunamoto, Alma Sunamoto, Fujiye Shirakawa, & Preston Hamada</i>	100.00
Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Hozo Iwasaki & Fumiye Fukamoto</i>	100.00
Mrs. Shiz Kunishige <i>In Memory of Sakuji Hashimoto, Makoto Hashimoto, Satoru Hashimoto, Hideo Hashimoto, & Misako Hashimoto</i>	100.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa & Mumeyo Bungo</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>In Memory of Sabuo Dan Nishinaka</i>	100.00

December Shotsuki Memorial Service cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura <i>In Memory of Shinji Okamura & Kyoichi Sakuragi</i>	\$ 100.00
Ms. Lois Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Frank Yamakoshi</i>	100.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi <i>In Memory of Fred Taguchi, Sumitaro Taguchi & Bob Taguchi</i>	75.00
Ms. Carole Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Frank Yamakoshi</i>	75.00
Kenneth Sunamoto Family <i>In Memory of Orinosuke Shiine, Alma Sunamoto & Kenichi Sunamoto</i>	60.00
Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki <i>In Memory of Hitoshi Aoki</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Suye Kawamoto, Moto Tanaka & Teiichi Yamasaki</i>	50.00
Mr. Steve Kubota & Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Yoshiko Kubota</i>	50.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Ichisaky Tsuneta</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>In Memory of Torazo Tsuji</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of John Nishida, Mary Inouye, & Blake Egoian</i>	30.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>In Memory of Amie Kawasaki</i>	30.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Ben Tsudama</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Blake Egoian</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>In Memory of Jintaro Otani</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Blake Egoian & Frank Kimura</i>	25.00
The Masumoto Family <i>In Memory of Kazuko Matoi</i>	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Tsuya Hashimoto</i>	20.00

Eitaikyo Service Donation

Mrs. Ellen Yamada	30.00
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January Memorial Service

Kenneth Sunamoto Family <i>In Memory of Mary Sunamoto</i>	40.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Ayako Wood</i>	25.00

November Memorial Service

Mrs. Ellen Yamada <i>In Memory of Bunkichi Yamada</i>	30.00
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January Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The January Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM**. Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for January are as follows:

DECEASED:

Kiroku Harada
Masaru Abe
Wai Yamamoto, Yachiyo
Aoki & Atsuko Aoki Judge
Chojuro Asami
Iyoko "Yonki" Hamada
Chiyomi Utsunomiya
Kimi Matsuoka
Tokichi Haraguchi, Kamagesa
Nagai, & Sakichi Haraguchi
Helen Hara
Fumio Wesse Hashimoto
Junichi Hatakeda
Wallace Arakawa
Sam Shigemi Hirakawa
Otane Shimizu, Toyo Ibara,
Usaburo Takahashi
Sute Takahashi, & Terashi
Ibara
Masataro Ichihana
Joe Ikemiya & Fumiko Ikemiya

Ayako Wood

Kosuke Sasaki, Kameyo Sasaki
& Frank Sasaki

Masayoshi Kajihara, Masamori
Kajihara & Mine Kajihara
Kogoro Kawamoto
Toshio Yamashita, Shizuko Pearl
Yamashita, Takeyo Sakai &
George S. Ikuta

Gintaro Ito
Kazuue Nagai & Akiko Shiroyama
Yoshio Kubota
Genji George Kubota
Eiki Maruyama
Yuki Miyamoto
Ikutaro Murase
Esther Sasaki, Ayako Bungo,
Jimmy Jiro Bungo & Hazel
Bungo

SESHU: (OBSERVANT)

Mark Abe
Mitchell Abe

Betty Aoki
Lillian Garrigus
Clifford Hamada
Harvey Hanemoto
Joanne Hansen

Hatsuko Hanashiro
Nannette Mori
Nori Hashimoto
Jim Hatakeda
Keiko Hatakeda
Carole Hirakawa

Eloise Ibara
Yoko Ichihana
Lily Ikemiya
& Toshi Kawagoe
Kiyoko Inn &
Gary Sakata

Larry Nishida &
Debbie Diaz

Richard Kajihara
Sue Kawamoto

Keiko Nishimoto
& Dennis Ikuta
Craig Ito
Nancy Kimura
Ben Kubota
Alan Kubota
Michael Maruyama
Michio Miyamoto
Emily Murase

Grace Nakagawa
& Dennis Sasaki

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January Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Mika Nishinaka & Toshiye
Nishinaka
Ray Nobuhiro
John Takasugi
Toyo Murase & Hichigoro
Okamura
Tomeye Okamura & Hichigoro
Okamura
Sumiye Okita
Hisakichi Omachi
Jozaburo "Joe" Shimozone
Mary Sunamoto

Hana Takayama
Haruko Okada
Kango Togioka, Zentaro Togioka,
Eisuke Togioka, Chiyo Togioka,
Setsugo Togioka, Goro Nikami &
Kame Nikami
George Tomisaka
Kenichi Kimoto & Shinayo
Kimoto
Mary Matsue Yamamoto

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Ronald Nishinaka
Ben Nobuhiro
Charlene Okamura

Dale Okamura

Dennis Okamura
Amy Naito
Kathleen Omachi
Hiroko Shimozone
Kenneth Sunamoto
& Kathy Hamada
Helen Hamaoka
Arthur Tatami

Priscilla Kehoe
Gary Tomisaka

Amy Tsuji
Greg Wada

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 or at rev.mmajima@gmail.com

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

Contact Numbers for Church Business

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

Funeral Committee Chair: Mr. Gary Sakata at:
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JUST A REMINDER!

The Reedley Buddhist Church **Crab Feed and Silent Auction**



are back!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 PM

Tickets will go on sale January 10th
\$100 per person
(see flyer on page 8)

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- **Donate an item or more for the SILENT AUCTION.** gift cards, vacation deals, flights, dinner gift cards, electronics (iPad, Earbuds, computers, TVs, home security cameras, cameras, phones, etc.) yard items, home goods & decor, gift baskets, power tools, sporting equipment, new toys, services (dental, eye, hair, photos, etc.), food baskets (tsukemono, jams, jellies), handmade items, art, sports memorabilia.... Anything new will gladly be accepted!
- **Save and donate your baskets.** 
- **Volunteer to help with the crab feed.**
- **Encourage friends to attend!**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We will be having a Dessert Auction once again and we'd love for you to bake one (or more) of your favorite desserts to be sold at the auction! (Please display it on a nice plate or tray which will go with the dessert!)

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SILENT AUCTION OR DESSERT AUCTION??? TELL US IF YOU CAN DONATE AN ITEM OR DESSERT! Please contact Joy Donaldson at: (559) 859-7861 or Judy Kobayashi (559) 281-3954 or email us at: reedleybc@gmail.com



Reedley Buddhist Church
17th Annual

Crab Feed

and Silent Auction



Saturday, March 15, 2025

\$100.00 per person

Includes:

**Sushi, Udon, Chinese Chicken Salad, Bread,
Dessert, and ALL YOU CAN EAT STEAMED CRAB**

Doors open at 5:00 PM

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For tickets contact: (Tickets go on sale January 10, 2025)

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2025 Camp Dharma at Camp Keola

July 11 - 13, 2025

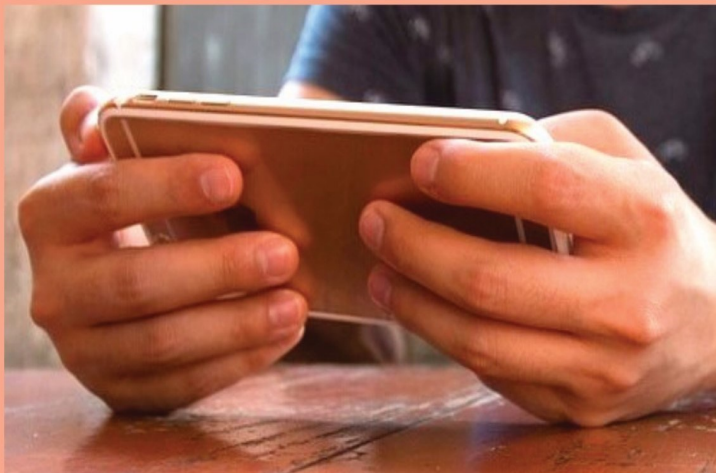
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Learn More About:

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- Using your phone's camera, albums and sharing
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Dates: January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 16
Time: 2:00-3:30 PM

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Everyone Has a Story to Tell

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Rev. Candice Shibata

Sunday, March 9, 2025
Buddhist Church of Parlier

9:30 am ~ 3:00 pm

For more information contact:

Lynne Yoshimoto - lynnemyo@gmail.com