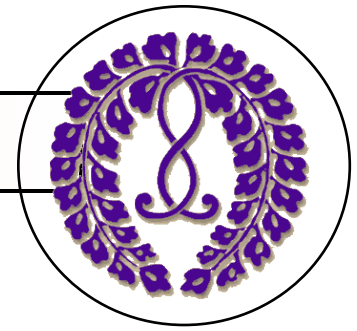


REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

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September Calendar



1	Labor Day Holiday	
5	Slicing Beef for Bazaar Beefsticks	8:00 am
6	Conference Room Reserved - Bungo Family	9:00 am
6	Bungo Family Memorial Service	11:30 am
7	Ohigan, September Shotsuki, & Dharma School New Term	10:00 am
7	Skewering Bazaar Beefsticks	12:00 pm
13	BWA Bingo Day	12:00 pm
18	Reedley BC 90th Anniversary Mtg.	6:00 pm
18	Reedley Board Meeting	7:00 pm
20	CC Nenbutsu Seminar at Fresno	9:30 am
20	Funeral Service - Michiko Nobuhiro	2:00 pm
27	Reserved Conf. Room - Naito Family	9:00 am
	Naito Family Memorial Service	11:30 am

Reedley Dharma School New Term Begins!

Sun., September 7, 2025
10:00 AM



We hope to see everyone start off the new school year! New students please come a few minutes early to register!

Please email any questions to co-superintendents Melanie Mukai & Stacy Ramos at:

reedleydharmaschool@gmail.com

We would love for you to join us!

SEPTEMBER TOBAN:

Church Toban: N. Kimura, Justesen, Nishida, Sakata & Otani



BWA: Group 3: Diane Kubota & Joy Donaldson

Combined Ohigan Service, September Shotsuki Memorial Service, Dharma School New Term, & Family Dharma Service

Sunday, September 7, 2025
10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.



BINGO DAY!

Sponsored by **BWA**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

12:00 noon - Conference Room

Lunch will be served!

Everyone (adults, teens, & kids too!) is invited to attend, play, & win prizes!

Attendance is free!

71st Annual Reedley Buddhist Church Food Bazaar

Sunday, November 2, 2025

See information on page 4 & 11!

In Memory



Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mrs. Patsy (Inn) Bungo**, sister of the late Harry Inn & Nancy Sakata, who passed away on June 27, 2025, at the age of 88 years.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Michiko Nobuhiro**, wife of Mr. Ben Nobuhiro and mother to Phyllis Asanuma and Randy Nobuhiro, who passed away on August 19, 2025, at the age of 97 years.



Message from Rev. Majima

Guided by Amida's Vow

In September, we observe the autumn Ohigan. During this week, centered around the Autumn Equinox, the sun rises due east and sets due west. As the season shifts and the days grow shorter, many of us find ourselves putting our hands together in gassho, quietly remembering loved ones who have passed.

In Buddhism, life in this world is described as *this shore (shigan)*—a place filled with delusion and desires. The awakened realm of peace is called *the Other Shore (higan)*.

The path that connects these two worlds is explained in the Pure Land tradition as the **“White Path.”** This White Path is narrow, but steady—bright and firm underfoot, even as danger rages on both sides.

This White Path is illustrated in the *Contemplation Sutra*. It runs straight through a frightening and unstable landscape—flames of anger on one side, waves of greed on the other. But through the working of Amida, this single path stretches from the world of delusion to the realm of awakening. It is not a path we carve out through our own effort. It is already there, given to us by the Vow of Amida.

Still, we often try to forge our own way—trusting only our limited strength or cleverness.

When our plans slip beyond our control, we lose our temper, fall into confusion, or swing to emotional extremes. That's just how human beings are.

But there is a Buddha who calls out gently to us: **“It's all right. Just entrust yourself.”**

That Buddha is Amida.

And when we look back, Shakyamuni Buddha too is there—smiling, reassuring us from behind, gently nudging us forward on this path.

Amida does not abandon us in our weakness. Amida continues, without rest, to guide us so we do not stray or fall away from the Path.

The White Path is not something we build through effort or discipline.



It is the path we walk when we are guided by Amida's Vow.

And once we realize that truth, we can walk with a deep sense of assurance and peace.

During this Ohigan season, as we move through ordinary days, may we take a quiet moment to put our hands together and reflect:

“Ah... I am being illuminated and protected by the Buddha's compassion.”

Perhaps that is where the true meaning of *higan* is found.

This autumn, may we entrust our hearts to Amida Buddha's unwavering Vow—knowing that we are never alone on this path.

Namo Amida Butsu

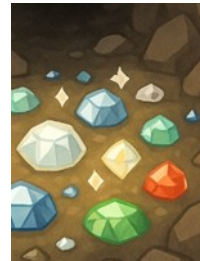
The Shiny Jewels in the Cave (for the students)

One day, the Buddha and his disciple Ananda were traveling. They spent a night resting in a quiet cave.



The next morning, as they were leaving the cave, Ananda said, “World-Honored One, I saw something deep inside the cave. It looked like beautiful jewels shining in the dark. Could those be treasures hidden by thieves?”

The Buddha replied gently, “No, Ananda. Those are not jewels. They are poisonous snakes.” A man nearby happened to overhear this conversation. After the Buddha and Ananda walked away, he snuck into the cave. He looked around and—what did he see? Shiny, sparkling jewels everywhere!



“What? Snakes? What nonsense!” the man laughed.

“The Buddha can't even tell the difference between a snake and a gemstone!”

The man took the jewels, sold them in the city, and started living a rich and fancy life. But soon, his neighbors became suspicious. “He must be a thief!” one neighbor said, and reported him to the king.

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Church Acknowledges Dana

Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	\$ 500.00
The Nishida Family <i>Use of Facilities/Special Donation</i>	500.00
The Nishida Family <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	300.00
The Tsuji Family <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	200.00
The Abe Family <i>1st Year Memorial for Mrs. Nancy Abe</i>	100.00
The Family of Ben & Mary Uyeda <i>In Memory of Ben Uyeda</i>	100.00
The Family of Ben & Mary Uyeda <i>49th Day Memorial for Mrs. Mary Uyeda</i>	100.00
Mrs. Alice Nakamura <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Anonymous <i>Anonymous Donation</i>	20.00

August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donation

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kaplan <i>In Memory of Mae Hosaka</i>	300.00
Ms. Kathleen Omachi <i>In Memory of Shizuye "Sue" Omachi, Patricia Omachi, Keith Omachi, & Keijo Omachi</i>	150.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Kiyoko Nakagawa & Robert Iwasaki</i>	100.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Masao Tanizaki</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>In Memory of George Ikemiya</i>	100.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Alice Nakai & Harry Bungo</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>In Memory of Mary Yamagiwa</i>	50.00

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August Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Toru Ikeda, Ayame Kodama, Jutaro Naito, & Yosuke Inn</i>	\$ 50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>In Memory of Chokichi Ikemiya</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Tavlan & Family <i>In Memory of Carolyn Ikemiya</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Joe Kubota</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Kubota <i>In Memory of Doris Yamada</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi, Toru Ikeda, & George Inouye</i>	40.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Tsunejiro Tanaka & Agnes Tsutsumi</i>	30.00
Mrs. Joanne Hansen <i>In Memory of Shig Matsuoka</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nori Hashimoto <i>In Memory of Lily Araki & George Hashimoto</i>	25.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>In Memory of Yosuke Inn</i>	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kobayashi <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi & Toru Ikeda</i>	25.00
Ms. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Toru Ikeda</i>	25.00
Mrs. Amy Naito <i>In Memory of Yasuji Nomi</i>	25.00
Ms. Lily Ikemiya <i>In Memory of Totaro Tamaki</i>	20.00



Bazaar Prep! Beefstick Skewering!

Please come out to help! We're getting a jump on bazaar!

Sunday, September 7, 2025
12 noon
(after service & lunch)

We need your help!




Reedley Buddhist Church

71st Annual Food Bazaar

Boneless Chicken Teriyaki, Chow Mein, Teriyaki Beefstick, Namasu, Rice, & Almond Cookie



Sunday, November 2, 2025

Dine-In or Pick Up - 3:00 - 6:00 PM

\$20 each boxed dinner - Pre-sale ONLY

* A limited number of dinners available

Deadline: Monday, October 20, 2025

Send to: Reedley Buddhist Church - P.O. Box 24 - Reedley, CA 93654

Also for Sale:
Inari &
Spam Sushi

Country Store
Home-made items

Desserts - So many
delicious goodies!

Cut and return the bottom portion

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email or cell phone text (for receipt confirmation): _____

Boxed Dinners: _____ x \$20.00 Total Enclosed _____

Deadline: Monday, October 20, 2025

Make checks payable to: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

Questions: Call Vickie Nishida at (559)903-0317 or email: vnishida1@gmail.com
or Karen Sakata at (559)284-9885 or email: kgsakata@verizon.net

For more information or to download a form go to: www.reedleybc.org





Message from Rev. Majima

阿弥陀さまの願いに導かれて

9月には秋のお彼岸を迎えます。秋分の日を中日とする一週間、太陽が真東から昇り真西に沈むこの時期に、私たちはふと手を合わせ、大切な方を思い出します。

仏教では、「此岸」迷いと煩惱に満ちたこの世から、「彼岸」さとの世界へと至る道が説かれてきました。浄土の教えでは、そのふたつの世界を結ぶ道は「白道」と呼ばれています。この白道は観無量寿經をもとにあらわされました。火と水に囲まれた不安な現実の中を、阿弥陀さまのはたらきによってまっすぐに貫かれた、迷いの世界からさとの世界へ続く、たった一つの道をあらわしています。

それは、私たちが修行によって切り開くものではなく、仏さまの願いによってすでに私たちに届いている道なのです。けれども私たちは、自分の力で道を作り歩もうとします。そして、つい怒ったり迷ったり、極端に走ったりしてしまうのが現実ではないでしょうか。

そんな私たちに「大丈夫。」と呼びかけてくださる仏さまがいます。それが、阿弥陀さまです。後ろを振り返れば、お釈迦さまも「大丈夫。」とやさしく私たちをそっと後から背中を押してくださる。阿弥陀さまは、迷い多く、弱く、とらわれてばかりの私たちが脱線しないように休みなく私たちを導いてくださいます。

白道とは、私たちが努力して切り開く道ではなく、阿弥陀さまの願いに導かれて歩む道であることがわかったらもう安心です。このお彼岸の時期、何気ない日常の中であと手を合わせ、「ああ、私は仏さまに照らされて護られているのだな。」とありがたく頂く。そこにこそ、本当の意味でのお彼岸の意味があるのではないのでしょうか。

この秋、阿弥陀さまの願いに静かに心を預けてまいりましょう。

合掌

南無阿弥陀仏



You are cordially invited to the
Reedley Buddhist Church
 90th 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 one of the following dates:

Sunday, October 5, 2025

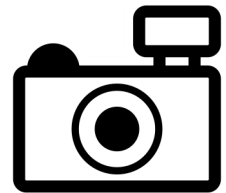
Saturday, November 29, 2025

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 by September 15, 2025 or you may email her at 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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

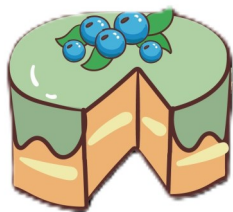


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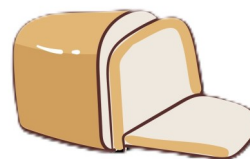


The Reedley BWA is requesting all you bakers out there to consider donating baked goods for the Reedley Food Bazaar pastries sales on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. You can make your choice of homemade cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, mochi manju, breads, candies, etc.

The BWA is requesting that items be labeled. If you need individual containers, they will be available on Saturday, November 1st during prep hours. Items should be brought to the conference room on Sunday morning.



We need your help!



Reedley Dharma School is once again 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
etc

Please visit on:

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Reedley Buddhist Church Hall



QUESTIONS

Call/text Melanie Mukai at (559) 859-0541 or email mtsakata@gmail.com



Rev. Majima's Message to Students cont. from page 2.

The guards came and arrested him. "I'm not a thief!" the man cried. "I found the treasure in a cave!" But no one had seen the jewels in the cave. He couldn't prove anything. And so, he was sentenced to death.



On the day he was to be punished, the man whispered, "Oh Buddha... now I understand. You were right. Those jewels were snakes. If only I had trusted your words... I wouldn't be here."

The king heard his words and was surprised. "What do you mean?" he asked. The man told him about the Buddha and Ananda, and their conversation at the cave.

The king said, "So... now you understand why the Buddha called them snakes. Treasures may look beautiful, but if we keep craving more and more, they can become poison and bring us trouble. You want to learn from the Buddha now. Then I will let you go. Go, and listen to his teaching."

And the man was pardoned.

Sometimes, we doubt the words of wise people—like our teachers, our parents, or the Buddha. We may think "If I don't get more, how can I live a comfortable life?" But sometimes, our own thoughts can lead us into trouble.



So... what do you think?

Fresno Gumyo Taiko teaches taiko drums to the Dharma School students



The Dharma School students had a treat on Sunday, August 17th when the Fresno Gumyo Taiko group came out to teach our students a little bit about taiko drumming! Thank you for the hachimaki headbands and letting us play your big drums!





September Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

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

DECEASED: SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Tsune Kikumoto &
Alice Abe
Bernice Sumie Ochikubo
Hanna Asami
Kay Hada & Greg Hada
Wesley Hara
Satoko Harada

Midori Hashimoto
Shigetsugu Hashimoto
Tona Arakawa
Tadashi Nagai
Hideo Hotta
Magozo Ibara
James Masaru Ikemiya

Tsuru Inn & Tatsuo Sakata
Jack Haruo Tsudama
Iyo Iwasaki & George
Iwasaki
Isami Ann Iwasaki
Sadayo Hifumi
Sadatsuchi Yoneta
Matsuyo Kunishige
Ayako Maruyama
Isamu Miyamoto
Bill Suteo Mori

Tsuru Naito

Fusa Nishi
Noburo Togioka
Noriaki Hirasuna
Kumazo Mizokami &
Shigeo Mizokami
Kakuro Nobuhiro & Hisao
Nobuhiro
Hajime Jim Sakuragi

Mitchell Abe
Kay Antoku
Lillian Garrigus
Gerry Hada
Mary Hara
Cheryl Miyakawa &
Nannette Mori

Gayle Larson
Nori Hashimoto
Keiko Hatakeda
Joyce Hatanaka
Michi Hotta
Eloise Ibara
Kenneth Ikemiya &
Toshi Kawagoe

Gary Sakata
Kiyoko Inn
Chizuko Iwasaki
Larry Iwasaki
Sandra Shinkawa
Ben Kubota
Jill Kunishige
Michael Maruyama
Michio Miyamoto
Cheryl Miyakawa &
Nannette Mori

Amy Naito & Karen
Sakata
Alice Nakamura
Priscilla Kehoe
Kathy Nishinaka

Ronald Nishinaka
Ben Nobuhiro
Dale Okamura

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September Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Sadako Sally Okino
Kimiko Shitanishi
Yutaka Takanishi
Masao Takasaki
Toshio William Nakagawa
Masaru Tanizaki

Michiye Ikuta
Junichi Noji
Katsumi Tomisaka
Yoshio Yamada
Shizu Yamada

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Lynnette Sasaki
Tom Shitanishi
Don Takanishi
Yukiye Takayama
Karen Takasaki
Cathy Tanizaki
Zachry

Arthur Tatami
Kazuko Tatami
Gary Tomisaka
Ayako Yamada
Ellen Yamada

A fallen leaf is nothing
more than a summer's
wave good-bye.



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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

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

Contact Numbers for Church Business

Reedley Church Phone: (559) 638-2146

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

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Central California Nembutsu Family Gathering (Fowler, Fresno, Hanford, Parlier, Reedley, Visalia)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Fresno Buddhist Temple

Please complete your registration by Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
Register online by clicking or scanning the QR code



Payment options for registration fees:

-by check payable to CCDC and mail to:

CCDC c/o 2690 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno 93720 or

-by cash or check the day of the Nembutsu Family Gathering

Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Family Dharma Service in the Hondo
	Children's Dharma Talk--Guest speaker, Rev. Kodo Umezu
10:15 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	Children's Workshop and Bounce House
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Adults move to the Family Dharma Center (FDC)/Refreshments
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Adult Seminar: "How the Nembutsu Can Enrich Your Life" with Rev. Kodo Umezu
12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.	All attendees in the FDC: Closing remarks and Gassho
12:05 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch: Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings Reedley's Papa Murphy's Pizza Shave Ice by the CCYBA (donation)
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Sangha Social for Everyone Bingo with cash prizes and fun prizes 50/50 Raffle

Registration

Registration Fee includes: Lunch, Bingo, and Bounce House
\$5/person (11 yrs. and older) \$3/child (3 yrs. - 10 yrs.)

Name(s) _____ # _____ Adults @ \$5.00 = _____

Temple (if applicable) _____ # _____ Child/ren @ \$3.00 = _____

Phone # _____ Donation, optional _____

Email _____ Total _____

Lunch: Vegetarian _____ Please list dietary restrictions: _____

For more information, please contact: fresnobuddhisttemple@gmail.com



THE FRESNO BUDDHIST TEMPLE

2690 e. alluvial ave. • fresno ca 93720

GINZA FOOD BAZAAR

Sunday October 26, 2025

11:00am til 2:00pm

Box lunch must be picked up by 1:00pm

ALA CARTE MENU

Sushi & Spam Musubi
Shrimp/Vegetable Tempura
Curry Rice Bowl
BBQ Ribs
Chicken Salad
Karaage Chicken
Croquettes
Beef Sliders
Desserts
Beverages

BOX LUNCH

Boneless Chicken Teriyaki
Chow Mein
Gyoza
Namasu
Edamame
Rice
Fruit

Tix must be purchased in
advance

\$22

Raffle Drawing

first \$1000 | second \$500 | third \$250



For information: 559.442.4054
info@fresnobuddhisttemple.org
www.fresnobuddhisttemple.org



FALL OHIGAN SEMINAR

"BUDDHISM TO JODO SHINSHU"

LEARN FROM BISHOP TATSUYA AOKI

JODO SHINSHU BUDDHIST TEMPLES OF CANADA
JODO SHINSHU MINISTER & ACTOR
(RECENTLY ON HULU/FX'S HIT SHOW "SHOGUN")



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
9:30AM – NOON

FRESNO FAMILY DHARMA CENTER
2690 E. ALLUVIAL AVE., FRESNO 93720

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THE NEXT SCHEDULED JOINT SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON
OCTOBER 11, 2025 AT THE BUDDHIST CHURCH OF PARLIER

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Save the date to help out at
the Reedley Food Bazaar!

Food Prep Dates:

Friday, October 31, 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Bazaar Date:

Sunday, November 2, 2025

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Please encourage everyone to
come out and help with our fund-
raiser!

The work schedule will be sent
out next month!