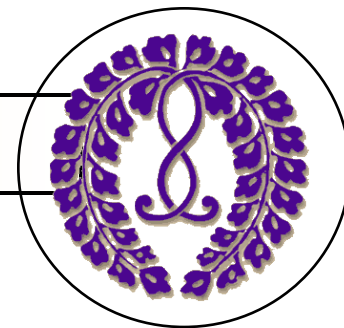


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May Calendar



3	Reedley Dharma School Beach Outing at Avila Beach	10:30 am
6	Reedley MAC/Funeral Committee, & 90th Anniversary Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
9	Kansha Project Japanese American Farmer Presentation (see page 6)	10:30 am
9	Obon Odori Practice - Conference Room	7:00 pm
14	CCBWL Meeting on Zoom	7:00 pm
16	Obon Yagura Set Up	8:00 am
	BWA Food Prep	1:00 pm
16	Obon Odori Practice - Conference Room (if needed)	7:00 pm
17	BWA Food Prep	8:00 am
17	REEDLEY OBON FESTIVAL Food Sales - 5:00 PM Dancing - 7:00 PM	
18	HATSUBON / OBON Service, Gotan-E Service, & Family Dharma Service	10:00 am
22	RBC Board Meeting	7:00 pm
25	Memorial Day Service & May Shotsuki Memorial Service	10:00 am
31	Fresno Obon Festival (Food at 4:00 PM)	7:30 pm

Hatsubon Service

Sunday, May 18, 2025
10:00 AM



The families of the following will be observing Hatsubon:

Ron Arakawa
Noboru Takasaki
Nancy Omori
Nancy Abe

Nancy Sakata
Sam Saburo Bungo
Sumiko Ichijui
Setsuko Hironaka

If you have a loved one that passed in 2024-25 and you would like him/her to be included in the 2025 service, please contact President Joy Donaldson.

Dharma School Beach Outing to Avila Beach

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 10:30 AM

REEDLEY OBON FESTIVAL



Saturday, May 17, 2025

Food Sales - 5:00 PM

Dancing - 7:00 PM

OBON / HATSUBON SERVICE Gotan-E & Family Dharma Service



Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.

May Shotsuki Memorial Service and Memorial Day Service

Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Refreshments will be served following the service.

2025 Camp Dharma at Keola



Huntington Lake, CA
July 11 - 13, 2025

All church members and their family & friends are invited to attend. See pages 11 - 12 for details! Kindly register by May 20, 2025.

MAY TOBAN:

Church Toban: M. Naito, Hatakeda,
Toyota, Justesen



BWA: Group 2: Kathy Nishinaka



Reedley Buddhist Church

OBON FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Food Sales - 5:00 PM

Dancing - 7:00 PM

**Featuring Fresno
Gumyo Taiko**

Food Vendors: Casa Oinari, Sergio's Tacos & Churros, RBC Shaved Ice, BWA Somen, Jr. YBA & Dharma School drinks & mochi ice cream, and more!

Obon is a time of joyous celebration and gratitude to celebrate the generations who went before us and gave us the gift of life. We celebrate with colorful dancing which the community is invited to participate.

Reedley Buddhist Church - 2035 15th St. - Reedley

For info: www.reedleybc.org



Reedley HatsuBon & Obon Festival

May 17, 2025 - 7:00 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 May 15th.

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



Message from Rev. Majima



Quantum Logic and the Radical Clarity of Shinran

May is the month we celebrate the birth of Shinran Shonin—an occasion to reflect on his life and the clarity of his vision.

Today, I'd like to explore something unusual—something that connects quantum physics, ancient Buddhist cosmology, and the life of Shinran Shonin.

We humans tend to trust what we can see. If something is useful—something we can hold, use, or measure—it feels real to us. Though we speak of reason and rationality, we often judge the world by how it feels—by intuition, emotion, and experience.

In the world of computers, there is only yes or no. Binary logic: 1 or 0. On or off. It's a simplified model of choice. And to some degree, we live the same way. We choose one thing and let go of another. We can't attend two meetings at once, or live two lives at the same time. That's reality—right?

But in ancient India, more than 2000 years ago, there were other ways of seeing. —and perhaps even more expansive ways of thinking.

In Buddhist art, particularly in Indian and Tibetan traditions, we find murals that depict what is called *ekaspace-anekakala*—"a single space containing multiple moments in time" or in other words, a single space containing multiple moments in time. In a single painting or sculpture, multiple moments in time are depicted within a single, shared space. For example, we might see the Buddha being born, attaining enlightenment, and passing into Nirvana—all happening within the same frame. This is not a mistake or lack of realism. It is a visual language that suggests time is not strictly linear. It invites the viewer to step out of ordinary perception—to sense how time and space were once imagined not as fixed points, but as fluid dimensions shaped by awareness and insight.

Now think of Shinran Shonin.

Far from the cultural and religious center of Kyoto, exiled to the cold coast of Echigo, Shinran did something radical: He let go of the idea that we must earn enlightenment. He let go of spiritual climbing. He stopped trying to "choose the right path" and simply entrusted himself to the working of *Namo Amida Butsu*.

In a world of binary choices—good or bad, pure or impure, worthy or unworthy—Shinran chose neither.

He chose truth. —beyond logic, beyond form, and beyond the narrowing limits of human reasoning.

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A truth that transcends measurement. A path that is available to everyone, regardless of status, intelligence, purity, or power. In this way, Shinran is not a figure of the past. He belongs to now.

If he were living today, he wouldn't be out of place in a world of quantum computing and multidimensional theory. He would still be teaching the Nembutsu—not as superstition, not as poetry, but as a radical, liberating insight into the nature of life itself.

Gassho.

Children's Day and the Treasure of Life (for students)

May 5th is "Children's Day" in Japan. On this day, colorful carp streamers (*koinobori*) swim through the sky, and families and schools often celebrate with special meals and fun activities. But Children's Day is not just a day of fun and treats. It is a day filled with heartfelt wishes—wishes that children will grow up healthy, strong, and kind.



Have you ever heard the story behind the carp streamers? Carp are fish that swim upstream, against the current. No matter how strong the water flows, they keep going, using all their strength. Their brave spirit makes them a symbol of perseverance and courage.

But Children's Day doesn't mean we have to do everything alone. Just like the *koinobori* fly high in the sky thanks to the wind, the pole, the string, and the people who set them up—we, too, can move forward because of the support and love from those around us.

The hopes of our families, and the wishes of the Buddha, are the same: "**May you be well. May you grow up straight and true.**" The Buddha is always watching over you with kindness. Your life, right here and now, is a precious treasure nurtured by many unseen connections.

True strength doesn't mean being the strongest in a fight or having the biggest muscles. True strength means being able to say "thank you" and "I'm sorry" with sincerity. A gentle and thoughtful heart is the strongest kind of heart.

Children's Day is like a birthday—it's a time to celebrate your life. The people around you, and the Buddha, are all saying, "You're doing your best, and we see you."

So let's keep cherishing this precious life, and always carry the heart of gratitude as we move forward.

On Children's Day in Japan, many families enjoy a traditional treat called *chimaki*. *Chimaki* is a rice dumpling

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ごうたんえ

降誕会 によせて

しんらんしょうにん しょうがい わたし ひとり にんげん ふか くろう しれん み
親鸞聖人のご生涯をふりかえるとき、私たちは一人の人間として、深い苦悩と試練に満ちた
みち ところ う
道のりに心を打たれます。

おきな りょうしん な ともな きゅうさい しゅっけ
幼くしてご両親を亡くし、おじに伴われて九歳で出家。

ご ぶつどうしゆぎょう はげ ひび おく みずか ちから いた
その後も、仏道修行に励む日々を送られましたが、自らの力ではとうてい「さとりに」至る
ことおお かべ
ことはできない、という大きな壁にぶつかります。

しんらんしょうにん ほんとう あゆ はじ ひえいざん お
しかし、そこからが親鸞聖人の本当の歩みの始まりだったのかもしれませんが。比叡山を下り、
ほうねんしょうにん ねんぶつ おし で あい これこそが すく みち かくしん
法然上人のもとでお念仏の教えに出会い、これこそが救いの道だと確信されたにもかかわらず、
おし つみ と えちご るざい
その教えのゆえに罪を問われ、越後へと流罪となりました。

とうじ かんかく えちご みやこ とお はな さむ きび へんきやう げんだい
当時の感覚では、越後は都から遠く離れた、寒く厳しい辺境の地でした。それは現代でた
とえるならば、まるでごっかん しべりあ おく きび ついはうけい みやこ ぶんか ひと
ととの関わりを断たれ、ぶつきやうしゃ かつどう ば うば きやうぐう
ととの関わりを断たれ、仏教者としての活動の場さえも奪われ、そのような境遇にあっても—
しんらんしょうにん あゆ と きぞくてき ぶつきやう かた じだい ねんぶつ
—親鸞聖人は歩みを止めませんでした。貴族的に仏教を語る時代にあって、「お念仏はすべ
ひと すく いっほん ひと む しょうがい とお と つづ
ての人びとの救いである」と、一般の人びとに向けて、生涯を通して説き続けました。

ことば い かんたん
これは、言葉で言うほど簡単なことではありません。

ぶつきやう えら ひと みち さいこうちく いみ
仏教を“選ばれた人”のものではなく、“だれにでもひらかれた道”として再構築したという意味
しんらんしょうにん しゅうきやう れきし かくめいか
において、親鸞聖人は、宗教の歴史における革命家でもあったといえるでしょう。

ゆ おも きやうぐう か かわらぬねが ぶつどう い かた みちび
その揺るがぬ思い。どれほど境遇が変わろうとも、変わらぬ願い。仏道に生き、語り、導い
すがた しず どうきつりよく も しどうりよく
たその姿には、静かな洞察力と、燃えるような指導力がありました。

ほんがんじ う つ そしき かたち かくしんにこう いしづえ
本願寺を受け継ぎ、組織として形づくったのは覚信尼公といわれますが、その礎には、

しんらんしょうにん じしん ゆ ね おも わたし しんらんしょうにん たんじやう
親鸞聖人ご自身の「揺るがぬ根」があったのだと思います。私たちは、親鸞聖人のご誕生を
いわ こんほん おも いちどもみ かたむ おも
祝いながら、その根本にある思いに、いま一度耳を傾けたいと思います。

合掌

眞島 美枝子



Reedley Obon Dance Practice Schedule



Obon instructors Lynn Kurumaji & Karen Sakata have 2 more scheduled practices. The following dates have been scheduled before our Obon:

Friday, May 9, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Friday, May 16, 2025—7:00 PM (IF NEEDED)

Please bring your towel, folding fan, round fan, and kachi kachis to practice.

Please invite your friends and family to join us and make this Obon Festival a nice and “cool” event!

Rev, Majima’s Message to Students cont.

wrapped in large bamboo or reed leaves. It is soft and sticky, and can be sweet or savory depending on the region.



A long time ago, people believed that *chimaki* could help protect against illness or bad luck, especially during the changing seasons. Eating *chimaki* was a way to wish for good health and safety.

You may not find *chimaki* easily in America, but Reedley temple makes something very similar—*manju*! The ingredients and recipe are almost the same, just without the leaves. And *manju* usually has sweet red bean paste inside!

How lucky we are to have *manju* always! Everyone at the temple is always wishing for your health and happiness.

Gassho

THE INCREDIBLE HISTORY OF NIKKEI FARMERS IN THE VALLEY MAY 9, 10:30 AM

Please join us for a free KanshaHistory.org talk about the incredible history of Nikkei farmers in the Central Valley and the work of community-historians to uncover and preserve that history.

REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH

2035 15TH STREET, REEDLEY, CA 93654

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/Zp4nsefa8YLLmzu77>

Sponsored by the Reedley Buddhist Church. This event is made possible with funding from individual donors, California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, the Takahashi Foundation and the time and labor of 150+ volunteers.

Please register if you are interested in attending.

Reedley Dharma School

BEACH OUTING



Join us for our beach outing to Avila Beach

Lunch will be provided by Dharma School. Families sign up to bring sides/desserts.

RSVP to:

keymekoh@gmail.com
mtsakata@gmail.com
ramos.stacya@gmail.com

RSVP BY

4/18

SAT

May 3rd 2025
Meet at the beach at 10:30 am

Please RSVP with number of Adults/Children (with ages) attending.

Don't forget to mention any dietary restrictions.

Happy
Mother's
Day

May 11th



Church Acknowledges Dana

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<i>Special Donation</i>	\$1,000.00
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April Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	
<i>In Memory of Tom Sakata, Setsuko Kimura,</i>	
<i>Roger Hiyama, Mitsuharu Naito, &</i>	
<i>Mume Kawasaki</i>	150.00

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April Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations Cont.

Mrs. Joy Donaldson		\$ 100.00
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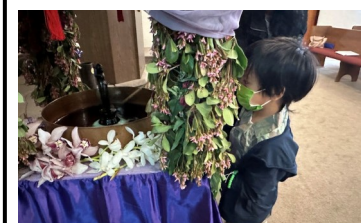
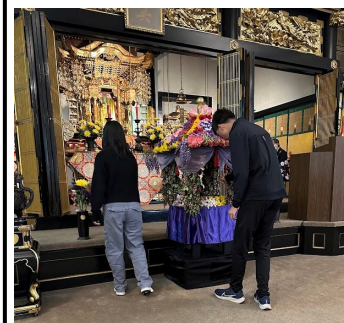
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May Shotsuki Memorial Service Donations

The Family of Hideo & Kimiko Shiine <i>In Memory of Sandra Sunamoto</i>	100.00
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2025 Hanamatsuri





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Ms. Lois Yamakoshi	40.00



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...

WHILE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OBON DOES NOT CHANGE, WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THE DATE!

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

We have moved Obon to May 31st, with hopes to improve the experience of Obon and to avoid the extreme heat of summer. We are hoping to have more activities outdoors, and most importantly, have our Bon Dancing during a time of the year where we can be more comfortable for our celebration. This is a whole new approach to Obon, and we hope to offer more food, more variety, and new offerings for you as attendees.

 **A LA CARTE FOOD – BOOTHS OPEN AT 4:00PM ... LIMITED AVAILABILITY, ARRIVE EARLY!** 
 SUSHI – SPAM MUSUBI – CHICKEN SALAD – CHICKEN KATSU – CHICKEN TERIYAKI – SOMEN NOODLES
 TAKOYAKI – NIPPON DOGS – SHAVE ICE – DESSERTS – BEER BOOTH – BEVERAGES & MORE...

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

 **PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL LANTERNS** 

 **GAME BOOTHS FOR THE KIDS!** 

 **OBON DANCE 7:30PM** 

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May Monthly Memorial Shotsuki Service

The May Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM.** Families and friends are asked to attend and gassho. The deceased and seshu (observant) for May are as follows:

DECEASED:	SESHU:(OBSERVANT)
Katsuji Abe	Mitchell Abe
Dorothy Antoku	Kay Antoku
Yukio Hamada	Clifford Hamada
Haruichi Hanemoto	Harvey Hanemoto
Helen Matsuoka	Joanne Hansen
Junzo Hashimoto	Nori Hashimoto
Tsurutaro Arakawa, Shizuye Arakawa	Keiko Hatakeda
Fumiye Asakawa	Lisa Hatakeda Lo
George Masato Hatanaka	Joyce Hatanaka
Mariko Hiyama & Bradley Hiyama	Denise Hiyama & Teri Kido
Chiyo Hosaka	Todd Hosaka
Shinichi Ikeda	Kristen DelCont
Kikuyo Ikemiya	Laura Tavlan
Henry Hiroshi Iwanaga, Tsumoru Kai	Eva Iwanaga
Harry Hayao Iwasaki	Chizuko Iwasaki
Fumi Kawagoe	Roy Kawagoe
Umeyo Saunders, Waka Kawamoto, Setsuko Kawamoto, Ken Kawamoto	Sue Kawamoto
Gunzo Kubota	Ben Kubota
Clarence Yamada	Diane Kubota
Toshi Hashimoto	Shiz Kunishige
Tsuyako Sue Miyakawa	James Miyakawa
Ryo Miyamoto	Michio Miyamoto
Chiho Nishi	Gary Nishi
Kenneth Nishida	Larry Nishida
Matsue Nancy Hirasuna	Kathy Nishinaka
Masao Okamura	Dennis Okamura
Jintaro Kubo,	
Kaizo Geo Kubo	Kathy Omachi
Bobby Sakata	Gary Sakata
Tadayoshi Yamamoto	Debbie Diaz
Kaichiro Sasaki	Dennis Sasaki
Kinuye Kay Takanishi,	
Ayano Takanishi,	Don Takanishi
Takumi Joe Shinkawa	Linda Doi & Janet Quiroz
Keiko Sugai	Kenneth Sunamoto & Tracy Sunamoto
Sandra Sunamoto	

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May Monthly Memorial Cont.

DECEASED:

Satomi Takasaki,
Ginpei Takayama,
George Takasaki
Yukimi Noji
Douglas Togioka
Tsuneko Ideuye, Masutaro
Toyota, Katsutaro Toyota
Ralph Tatsumi Kimoto &
Rose Komoto
Naoemon Morikawa, Yasu
Kurokawa, Izo Kurokawa,
Imachi Yamada, Tomiko
Yamada
Bill Fumio Yamada, Robert
Minoru Yamada
Shirley Yamakoshi Baskin

SESHU:(OBSERVANT)

Yukiye Takayama
Kazuko Tatami
Sharon Morikawa
Shuzo Toyota
Amy Tsuji
Ayako Yamada
Ellen 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 the **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

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March 1, 2025

TO: Members and Friends of the Reedley Buddhist Church

FROM: Judy Kobayashi & Reedley Buddhist Church

RE: **Camp Dharma at Keola 2025**
July 11 - 13, 2025
Huntington Lake

On behalf of the Reedley Buddhist Church, we are pleased to invite you to **Camp Dharma at Keola 2025**. This will be our 3rd year since starting up Camp Dharma again after an 11 year pause. Many campers have said the memories have been priceless! Our program will focus on “family” with activities for participants of all ages. Camp highlights include nature crafts, hiking, fishing, games, team sports, swimming, boating, and the campfire with songs and S’mores!

REGISTRATION: Please register by **May 21, 2025**. The registration rate will be \$162 per adult and students 12 and over, and \$158 for children ages 3 - 11. Children ages 2 and younger are free. **If your child is a registered Reedley Dharma School student, he/she will be funded for \$100 of his/her registration by the Reedley Dharma School.**

We know it is early, but we need to know if we’ll have the minimum number of campers. **Please let us know if you’re planning to attend by texting or emailing Judy at the number or email address below** then send in your registration and payment by the deadline.

In order to assign cabins and purchase supplies, we are requesting that **all** registration be submitted no later than **Wednesday, May 21st**. Please make checks payable to the: **Reedley Buddhist Church**. Please mail forms and payment to:

Judy Kobayashi / Camp Dharma at Keola
 6362 N. Selland Ave.
 Fresno, CA 93711

We will do most of our correspondence via email and all cabin assignments will be made with priority given to older adults or those with medical needs. Cabin preferences will be requested at a later date.

T-SHIRTS: The camp t-shirts will be **\$5.00 each**. Please indicate your t-shirt size(s) on the registration form and include this fee with your payment. The remainder of the cost will be generously covered by Ben & Diane Kubota.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to sponsor this event again. Participants from previous camps have so many wonderful memories of fellowship, food, and activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Judy at: **jk108@sbcglobal.net**

text, call or leave a message: (559) 281-3954

We look forward to having you and your family sign up for this unique summer adventure! We hope to see you at Huntington Lake! Please feel free to share this with the rest of your family, former members, and close friends!



Camp Dharma at Keola 2025

Name of Campers	Age (if minor)	T-shirt size	DS Student
		<small>(Child - XS/S/M/L Adult S/M/L/XL/XXL) include \$5.00 per t-shirt</small>	<small>Check if a Reedley Dharma School Student (subtract \$100 of fees)</small>
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Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email: _____

Contact Numbers (cell) 1. _____ 2. _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____
(responsible party not attending Camp Dharma)

NOTE: Children 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

WAIVER: I hereby waive and release the Reedley Buddhist Church from any and all liability of injuries or illness incurred during the camp/camp activities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Camper Fees: \$ _____

T-shirts: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the **Reedley Buddhist Church**

Send registration and payment to: Judy Kobayashi / Camp Dharma at Keola - 6362 N. Selland Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

All registration forms and payment must be received no later than **Wednesday May 21, 2025.**