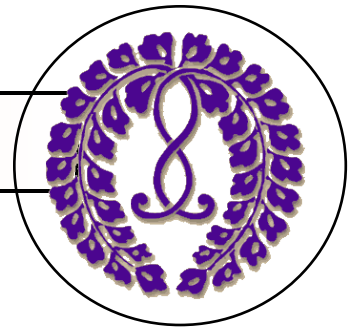


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New Year's Message Monshu Kojun Ohtani

As we welcome the new year, I wish to extend to you my greetings.

First of all, in recent years, natural disasters such as typhoons, heavy rains, earthquakes and large-scale forest fires have occurred frequently in Japan and other parts of the world, causing great damage. I would like to express my sincere condolences to those who lost loved ones and convey my sincere sympathy to everyone who was affected by these disasters. I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to return to a sense of peace and normalcy as soon as possible.

Last year was a milestone year marking 80 years since the end of World War II. In July, I had the precious opportunity to conduct memorial services in Okinawa, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, each location which experienced indescribable destruction in this war. I was also given the precious opportunity to listen to the stories of those who experienced the war. Listening to those stories, it made me reflect on the message delivered in 1995 by then Sokunyo Monshu at the "Memorial Service for All the Victims of the 50th Anniversary of the End of the War," at which time he expressed his regret that our organization went against the teachings of our founder and actively cooperated in the war in the name of Buddhism. I was reminded that I must take to heart the words of Sokunyo Monshu and move forward carrying out my duties with a renewed determination.

The post war journey of our organization began with the aim of realizing a peaceful society where all people can live happily, while not forgetting how we actively cooperated and participated in the war. We must remain mindful of this fact and never repeat the same mistake. Even today, wars and conflicts continue around the world, and many precious lives are threatened. In such a situation, let us always keep in mind the wish of our founder, Shinran Shonin, and move forward each day guided by his words, "Let there be peace in the world, and may the Buddha Dharma spread".

January 1, 2026

OHTANI Kojun
Monshu
Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha

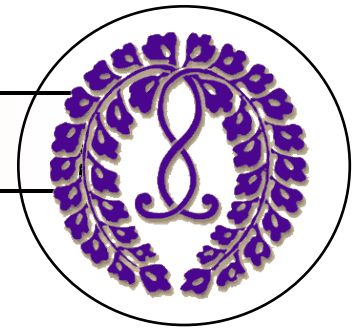
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January Calendar



December

31 Joya-E (New Year's Eve) Service 2:00 PM

January

1 Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service 10:00 AM

10 BWA - Mochi Manju Making 8:00 AM

11 Combined Hoonko, January Shotsuki,
& Family Dharma Service 10:00 AM

24 RBC Installation Dinner, Service &
General Membership Meeting 5:00 PM

RBC 90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please see the invitation and registration form for the Reedley Buddhist Church's 90th Anniversary celebration on page 7. We are hoping all of our members, their families, and any friends of the church will plan to attend this auspicious milestone on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

AFFIRMATION CEREMONY

The Reedley Buddhist Church, in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary celebration, will be offering any member, family member, or friend of the Church, the opportunity to receive their Buddhist Name (Homyo) from the BCA Bishop, Rev. Marvin Harada. A donation of \$50 will be paid by each participant to the Buddhist Churches of America.

If you are interested, please let Judy Kobayashi know ASAP at reedleybc@gmail.com or leave a message at (559) 281-3954 and she will get back to you with information regarding this portion of the celebration.

JANUARY TOBAN:

Church Toban: Okamura, Hansen,
Kamada, Takanishi, & K. Ikemiya

BWA: Group 2 : Kathy Nishinaka



Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service

Thursday, January 1, 2026

10:00 AM

Refreshments hosted by 2025 President Joy Donaldson will be served following the service.

Combined Hoonko, January Shotsuki Memorial, & Family Dharma Service

January 11, 2026

10:00 AM

Lunch will be served following the service.

RBC Installation of Cabinet & Board of Directors Service & Dinner followed by the General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2026

5:00 PM

(see info below to attend the dinner)



Reedley BC Cabinet, Board of Directors, & BWA Officers Installation, Dinner, & General Membership Meeting

The 2026 Reedley Buddhist Church Cabinet, Church Board Members, & the BWA Officers will be installed on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**. There will be an installation dinner for all church members who would like to attend. **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, see what we have in store for 2026, and support the new 2026 RBC President, Vickie Nishida and her cabinet.





Message from Rev. Majima

New Year's Dharma Message

Happy New Year to everyone.



As we look back on the past year, we are reminded of how fragile and uncertain our world can be. Natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons occurred in many places, and ongoing social changes continued to affect people across the globe. Rising prices and economic pressures have also made daily life more difficult for many. Each of us has faced our own struggles, often in quiet and unseen ways.

We have also witnessed the great suffering caused by war. Countless lives have been lost, and we hold those who have passed away in our thoughts and prayers. At the same time, we are reminded of how precious peace truly is. Even now, conflicts continue in many parts of the world, and this reality brings deep sorrow to our hearts. It calls us to reflect on the importance of dialogue, understanding, and cooperation beyond differences.

This January marks nearly two years since I came to California. I feel deep gratitude that each month I am able to spend time with you at our temples, listening together to the words of Shakyamuni Buddha and Shinran Shonin. Wherever I go, I have been warmly welcomed, and I am sincerely thankful for the kindness and support I have received.

In our everyday lives, we are all carrying something—worries, responsibilities, or uncertainties. Yet, through the Nembutsu, we are reminded that we are not alone. As we move forward into this new year, I hope that we may continue to care for one another, support one another, and face difficulties together, guided by compassion and gratitude.

May this new year be one in which we, and people throughout the world, can walk forward with hope, entrusting ourselves to the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha.

Namo Amida Butsu



Thank You Journal (message for students)

Happy New Year, everyone!

At the start of the New Year, let's choose one small thing we can do every day. It doesn't have to be hard, and you don't have to be perfect.



My recommendation is a **"Thank You Journal."** It's very easy. Open a notebook and write just one thing each day that makes you feel thankful.

For example, someone made a meal for you, a friend smiled at you, the sky looked beautiful, or you made it through the day. Even very small things are okay.

Write in your journal when you feel happy, when you feel angry, and when you feel sad. No matter how you feel, write one "thank you."

Some days, it might be hard to find something to be thankful for. On those days, you can write, "Thank you for getting through today."

When you keep writing "thank you," your heart slowly becomes warmer.

May this New Year be a year filled with many "thank you" and lots of smiles for all of you. Let's try it together!

Happy New Year 2026

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and prosperous New Year! The year of the HORSE.





Message from Rev. Majima

みな しんねん
皆さま、新年あけましておめでとうございます。

さくねん ふ かえ じしん たいふう しぜんさいがい あいつ しゃかい
昨年を振り返りますと、地震や台風などの自然災害が相次ぎ、また社会のさま
へんか わたし く おお えいきょう あた ひとねん おも
ざまな変化が、私たちの暮らしに大きな影響を与えた一年であったことを思
ぶっか こうとう ひ び せいかつ なか ころう
わされます。物価の高騰などもあり、日々の生活の中で、それぞれにご苦労や
しんばい かか おも げんざい せいかかくち せんそう
ご心配を抱えてこられたことと思います。また、現在もなお、世界各地で戦争
ふんそう つづ おお ひとびと くる なか げんじつ ころろ いた
や紛争が続き、多くの人々が苦しみの中にあります。その現実には心を痛めなが
たちば かんが ちが こ たいわ かさ たが りかい あ きょうりよく
ら、立場や考えの違いを超えて対話を重ね、互いに理解し合い、協力してい
たいせつ つよ かん
くことの大切さを強く感じています。

いちがつ わたし かり ふ おる に あ き ふたねん むか
この一月で、私がカリフォルニアに来てから、まもなく二年を迎えます。
まいつき かくじいん みな いっしょ しゃか しんらんしょうにん ことば みみ
毎月、各寺院において皆さまとご一緒に、お釈迦さまや親鸞聖人のお言葉に耳
かたむ じかん す ころろ おも
を傾ける時間を過ごさせていただいていることを、心よりありがたく思っ
い さきざき あたた むか ふか かんしゃ ねん だ
ております。行く先々で温かく迎えていただいていることに、深い感謝の念を抱
いております。

わたし ひ び せいかつ なか なや ふあん おも どお
私たちは日々の生活の中で、それぞれに悩みや不安、思い通りにならないこと
かか い ねんぶつもう わたし つね
を抱えながら生きています。しかし、お念仏申すところに、私たちは常に
あ み だ なか い し
阿弥陀さまのはたらきの中に生かされていることを知らされます。これからも
たが おも ささ あ こんなん の こ ねんぶつ
互いを思いやり、支え合いながら、さまざまな困難をともに乗り越え、お念仏
えん たいせつ ねが
のご縁を大切にしまいたいと願っております。

あたら とし わたし ひとり あ み だ み きぼう あゆ
新しい年が、私たち一人ひとり、阿弥陀に身をゆだねつつ、希望をもって歩
いちねん
んでいくことのできる一年となりますように。

合掌



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. Danny Nakamichi <i>Use of Conference Room</i>	250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ishii <i>Special Donation</i>	250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Nakamichi <i>In Memory of Akahori & Taniwa Families</i>	200.00
Ms. Julie Akahori <i>In Memory of Akahori & Taniwa Relatives</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hideki Otani <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	500.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	100.00
Mr. Stanley Hirahara <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	50.00
Mrs. Shiz Tsutsui <i>Senior Meals Donation</i>	40.00

First Year Memorial for Mrs. Nancy Sakata

The Family of Tom & Nancy Sakata	200.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ty Mizote	100.00
Mr. David Bungo & Mrs. Peggy Bungo	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Yee & Family	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sasai	40.00
Ms. Aileen Naomi Fukuda	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Mukai	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mukai	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Yukawa	30.00
Lindsay & Chris Flood	25.00
Mrs. Kiyoko Inn	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fujitsubo	25.00
Mr. Roger Inn	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Mebed & Family	25.00
Neil Inn Family	20.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Mrs. Lynn Katsura Abe</i>	20.00

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Bodhi Day Service Donation

Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji	30.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada	30.00

December Shotsuki Memorial Service

Ms. Lois Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Frank Yamakoshi</i>	\$ 100.00
The Hamada Family <i>In Memory of Kenichi Sunamoto, Alma Sunamoto, & Fujiye Shirakawa</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa & Sumi Ichiuji</i>	100.00
Mr. Byron Taira <i>In Memory of Hideo Taira</i>	100.00
Mrs. Grace Nakagawa <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa, Mumeyo Bungo, & Sam Bungo</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Nishinaka <i>In Memory of Saburo Dan Nishinaka</i>	100.00
Mrs. Chizuko Iwasaki <i>In Memory of Hozo Iwasaki & Fumiye Fukamoto</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Naito <i>In Memory of Takashi Naito</i>	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Okamura <i>In Memory of Kyoichi Sakuragi & Shinji Okamura</i>	100.00
Mrs. Shiz Kunishige <i>In Memory of Sakuji Hashimoto, Makoto Hashimoto, Satoru Hashimoto, & Misako Hashimoto</i>	100.00
Ms. Shizuko Taguchi <i>In Memory of Sumitaro Taguchi, Fred Taguchi, & Bobby Taguchi</i>	90.00
Ms. Carole Yamakoshi <i>In Memory of Frank Yamakoshi</i>	75.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Yamashiro <i>In Memory of Sammy Nakagawa</i>	50.00
Mrs. Cathy Tanizaki Zachry <i>In Memory of Ichisaku Tsuneta</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Tsuji <i>In Memory of Torazo Tsuji</i>	50.00
Mrs. Fumiko Betty Aoki <i>In Memory of Hitoshi Aoki</i>	50.00
Mr. Steve Kubota & Mr. Alan Kubota <i>In Memory of Yoshiko Kubota</i>	50.00
Mrs. Sue Kawamoto <i>In Memory of Suye Kawamoto, Moto Tanaka, & Teiichi Yamasaki</i>	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nishida <i>In Memory of John Nishida, Mary Inouye, & Blake Egoian</i>	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sakata <i>In Memory of Blake Egoian & Frank Kimura</i>	40.00

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Church Acknowledges Dana

December Shotsuki Memorial Service Coninued from page 5.

Kenneth Sunamoto Family	
<i>In Memory of Orinosuke Shiine, Kenichi Sunamoto, & Alma Sunamoto</i>	\$ 50.00
Mrs. Ellen Yamada	
<i>In Memory of Amie Kawasaki</i>	30.00
Mr. Ben Nobuhiro	
<i>In Memory of Shintaro Murakami</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
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

November Shotsuki Memorial Service

Dr. Michael Maruyama	
<i>In Memory of Herbert Maruyama, Kozuchi Nagao, & Misayo Nagao</i>	100.00
Mr. Alan Kubota	
<i>In Memory of Masao Kubo</i>	30.00

Bodhi Day Guest Speaker

Rev. Brian Nagata was the guest speaker at the Reedley Combined Bodhi Day, December Shotsuki, & Dharma School Grandparents' Day Service.

The students enjoyed honoring their grandparents and the service was followed by a tri-tip luncheon provided by the Dharma School and the Reedley BWA.

Students were also able to take a photo with their grandparents and put it in a frame they made.

It was a nice day to share!



2025 Dharma School Grandparents Day





You are cordially invited to the
Reedley Buddhist Church
90th Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

9:00 AM

CHIGO, SERVICE, & LUNCHEON CATERED BY PARDINI'S

2035 15TH STREET

REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA 93654

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS TO COME HOME AND
 HELP US CELEBRATE OUR PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE**

**PLEASE SEND THE RSVP FORM BELOW AND ENCLOSE YOUR
 PAYMENT.**

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REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH
90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NAMES OF ATTENDEES:

EMAIL CONTACT OR PHONE NUMBER: _____

**\$50 REGISTRATION (INCLUDES CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, BOOKLET,
 COMMEMORATIVE GIFT, & BUFFET LUNCHEON CATERED BY PARDINI'S
 RESTAURANT.**

☐ **PLEASE CHECK THE BOX IF YOU PREFER A VEGETARIAN OPTION**
NAME (s) _____

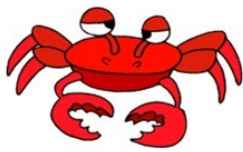
NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ **x \$50** **TOTAL** _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN (UNDER 12) _____ **x \$20** **TOTAL** _____
(CHILDREN'S MENU: CHICKEN STRIPS/FRIES)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: REEDLEY BUDDHIST CHURCH
SEND TO: REEDLEY BC 90TH ANNIVERSARY - P.O. BOX 24 - REEDLEY, CA 93654

RSVP BY MARCH 1ST.



Reedley Buddhist Church
18th Annual

Crab Feed

and Silent Auction



Saturday, March 14, 2026

\$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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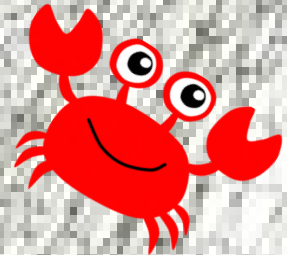


For tickets contact:

Joy Donaldson (559-859-7861) or Gary Sakata (559-250-9687) or email us at: reedleybc@gmail.com



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



is coming up!

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:00 PM

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- **Can you donate a new 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!

- 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!) If you need one, we can help!

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 We hope you can participate!



Janaury Shotsuki Memorial Service

The January Shotsuki Memorial Service will be conducted on **Sunday, January 11, 2026 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
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 Shigemitsu Hirakawa
Setsuko Hironaka
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
Kazuye 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
Lillian Garrigus
Clifford Hamada
Harvey Hanemoto
Joanne Hansen

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

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

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

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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