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January is *Wellness Month*



1/3 Sunday Devotion to God
1/6, Wednesday - 7pm Book Club on
Momentum for Life (@Shigeko Shibata's)
1/7, Thursday - 9:30am-11:00
Senior Open Gym
1/10 Sunday Readiness for Lifelong Learning
During the service: presentation by Wayne
Shimizu
After the service:
- Brain Fitness Workshop by Wayne Shimizu
- drug/alcohol prevention with youth by Eric
Hirata & Youth Open Gym
1/12, Tuesday 10:00-2:00 in the Gym
- H1N1 vaccines, by Sac County Public Health
Dept
1/13, Wednesday - 10:00 Brain Fitness
Workshop 1 by Wayne Shimizu
7pm Book Club (@Shigeko Shibata's)
1/14, Thursday - 9:30am-11:00 Senior Open
Gym
10:00am - Healing Service
1/17 Sunday Investing in Key Relationships,
Testimonies by Sayuri Sakamoto &
Mindy Takechi
After the service: Mental Illness Awareness
Workshop

1/20, Wednesday - 10:00 Brain Fitness
Workshop 2 by Wayne Shimizu
1pm - Healing Service
7pm - Book Club on Momentum for Life (@
Alice Kubo's)
1/21, Thursday - 9:30am-11:00 Senior Open
Gym
1/24 Sunday Visioning for the Future
12:15pm Care-management Services Work-
shop by Janet Heath, MA (UC Davis Care Man-
agement MSSP/Linkages/Caregiver Support
Program)
121/1:30-3pm Youth Open Gym
1/27, Wednesday
10:00 Brain Fitness Workshop 3 by Wayne
Shimizu
7pm Book Club on Momentum for Life (@
Alice Kubo's)
1/28, Thursday 9:30am-11:00 Senior
Open Gym
1/31 Sunday Eating and Exercise for Life
Testimony by Richard Yang
After the service: Blood Pressure Check
2/3, 17 & 24 Wednesdays, 10:00 Brain Fitness
Workshop 4, 5, & by Wayne Shimizu

Notes from the Pastor

Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."
Luke 1: 38b

It is hard to believe that it has been six months since I moved to Sacramento! So many things happened in the last six months and I am so thankful for the SJUMC members and their hard work. Last Sunday was the Sunday School Christmas Program and our young people did an excellent job sharing a magical Christmas story. We had 300 chairs in the Multicultural Hall and we ran out of chairs! I really appreciate our Sunday School Superintendent, Stephen Siegel and all of the Sunday School teachers. On the same day we also had a sesame chicken bento sale to support Youth Ministry and over 300 bentos were sold under the leadership of Bob Sasaki, his helpers, the Youth, parents and the Youth Director, Brian Gosney. I pray that young people will continue to come to church and learn more about Jesus!

Christmas is approaching very quickly. Our church is very fortunate to have our Advent daily devotion booklet, *Our Faith Journey, Sharing Our Reflections & Testimonials* which was written by our church members. Everyday we read a story by a different writer about their faith and it has been great way to learn people's stories. In preparation for Christmas, I want to share a story of a young girl, how strong her faith was. The young girl was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and she did not know how her life would change when the Angel told her that she would conceive the Son of the Most High. She could only imagine how her family and community would treat her when they found out. In the midst of uncertainty, she still trusted God and she said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." What a strong faith she had! I hope that we can learn from her faith and also we will be able to offer ourselves to God. Christmas is Jesus' birthday. What are you going to offer him as a birthday gift???





Invitation to Worship

January 1, 2010

New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

January 3, 2010

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795)

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 6, 2010

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 10, 2010

Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Ushers for January

January 3—Brian Gosney & Austin

Takechi

January 10—Norman & Tsukiko Robin-

son

January 17—Bev & Morgan Sato

January 24—Jill Kanamasu & Kimi

Ronay

January 31—Frances Lee & Marga-

ret Saito

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Basketball Program

League play started Dec. 5th and 6th and will continue through February. If you have a free hour or so on a Saturday or Sunday, come cheer on our teams! A list of teams and schedules will be posted in the worship folder insert; you may also check schedules at www.sjumcbasketball.org

Upcoming for January is picture day for all the teams. SJUMC tournament invitations have been sent and we continue to receive invitations from other organizations.

The Basketball Board, players, and parents hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a safe, healthy 2010!



Understanding the Process of Grief through the Bible

What a blessing it has been to be with a group to study and share the seven session course, Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms's Requiem. Brahms was a famous classical composer who knew the Bible extremely well. He wrote the German Requiem utilizing scriptures as the impetus for the music. In conjunction with music from the symphony and chorus and studying scriptures, we learned and discussed aspects of death, grief, life, faith and hope. This course gave us an opportunity for self reflection, to gain new perspectives and understand that there is hope after death. For four of us: Emi Alicaya, Loretta Ashizawa, Alice Kubo and Shigeko Shibata this was our first experience teaching a Bible course to adults. What an enriching opportu-

nity to share in planning the lessons, to co-teach and to learn and get to know the participants better. We conducted two sessions: Sunday after fellowship, led by Emi and Loretta with participants Belle Ito, Barbara Kado, Judy Raska, June Tanihana and May Ukita. Wednesday evening group, led by Alice and Shigeko had participants Jill Kanemasu, Karen Kashiwagi, Joanne Mikami, Kathi Nakashima, Sharon Oguro, Joyce Oshiro and Margaret Saito. Having time to reflect the heartaches of a loved one's death as well as thoughts about our own mortality enabled us to learn more through scriptures and enriched our lives by hearing experiences and thoughts from class members.

Women of Faith Recap December 4-5, 2009

What a blessing it was to spend a heartwarming and inspirational weekend with a sea of enthusiastic women, including 19 wonderful ladies from our church, at "A Grand New Day" Women of Faith conference at Arco Arena!

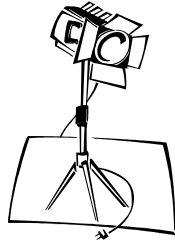
Women of Faith is a non-denominational Christian conference with music and speakers just for women. The speakers are an amazing group who deeply touched the crowd with honest stories about their lives. They shared how their faith got them through some of their toughest times such as overcoming a shattered marriage, financial ruin, depression, temptation, addiction, weight issues, inadequacy, and other trials that brought them to a point of despair. By openly sharing their very real lives and their very real circumstances, they encourage us, as sisters in Christ, that God is with us too and that He will always provide a way. The joy on the speaker's faces and the laughter in their hearts display God's redemptive goodness and His tender love for each of us.

Attending some or all of the weekend's events were: Rev. Motoe, Amy Shimada, Anne Miyasaki, Barbara Kado, Belle Ito, Betty Hirata, Dee Kujubu, Melanie Kujubu, Elaine Maeda, Naomi Kurosaki, Gloria Imagine, Jean Kanemoto, Jessica Yee, Joy Yee, Kiyo Sato, Meggie Tanaka, Mickie Fukushima, Mindy Takechi, Sandy Koshino, and Yoshiko Nishikawa.

A special thanks to UMW for providing a generous scholarship which made the conference nicely affordable for our attendees. Several books written by the speakers were purchased at the conference. These books and materials are available to you in the church library in the narthex.

If you would like to experience Women of Faith, mark your calendar for the "Imagine" conference next year at the Arco Arena on November 12-13, 2010!

-- Mindy Takechi



Youth Spotlight

Name:
Misa Rasmussen
Age: 16

What school do you attend?

Saint Francis High School

Who are the members of your family, particularly all those who attend church?

Jayne Muraki Rasmussen, Scott Rasmussen, Kiri Rasmussen, Kimi Muraki

When did you start attending SJUMC?

When I was 10 years old in 5th grade.

What are some of your hobbies?

Soccer and sculpture

Please share an enjoyable memory you have had that involves the church?

Participating in the Sierra Service Project in Los Angeles helping feed the hungry and seeing Austin dress up as a girl for thrift store Thursday.



Methodist Youth Fellowship

By: *Brian Gosney*

Hi Everyone! This has been another good month for our youth group. Open Gym has been a continued success. We have had 20-35 youth attend each open gym session. Open Gym will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month from 12:30-3:00 pm. All youth and adults are welcome.

The MYF participated paired with Volunteers of America Greater Sacramento & Northern Nevada to participate in their Adopt-A-Family Program. MYF adopted six children that live in the Greenbriar subsidized housing run by Volunteers of America. MYF had a fund afternoon of shopping and wrapping gifts for the kids. I would like to thank Susan Otaini and Dave Silvermail for volunteering help chaperon the event.

I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season and please keep your eye out for future events.



SSIP FOOD CLOSET UPDATE

Our congregation is a part of the South Sacramento Interfaith partnership (SSIP) which ministers to people in our area through the Food Closet which is housed at the Bethany Presbyterian Church at Fruitridge and 24th Street. Our congregation supports the Food Closet and SSIP through monetary donations, food donations, as well as volunteer giving through service in the Food Closet and on the SSIP Board of Directors and supporting committees.

In our church narthex (foyer) is a large plastic container to receive your gifts of non-perishable food stuffs for the Food Closet. Each Sunday check the "SSIP bag" in the worship folder to learn what food items is currently needed at the Food Closet. There is always a need for general and miscellaneous non-perishable food items, but the items in the bag each week are the current needs. The Food Closet also accepts brown grocery bags. SSIP is not currently egg cartons at this time.

During the month of November 2009---the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 6182 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,368 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the

importance of this ministry.

In November, the volunteer who credited their hours to SJUMC were: Jane Combs, Richard Yokoi, Audrey Yokoi, June Tanihana, Sue Kashiwagi, Frances Lee, Franscis Asahara, Lisa Tanaka, Lester Wataji, Steve Muraki, Jan Muraki, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Yoshi Nishihawa and Margaret Saito.

We are still in need of volunteers to work inside the Food Closet on Mondays or to work in the metal shed storage locker bagging USDA commodities. Worker inside the Food Closet do a specific task; worker #1 prepares Bag#1 and worker #2 prepares Bag #2, worker #3 adds fresh produce and gets the number of USDA bags needed from a bin and worker # 4 adds rice, additional breads and pastries to the bags and call the client to the window. Workers who bag USDA commodities place 7-8 items in a doubled plastic bag and the tie the bag closed. The items vary each month depending on what is received from Food link and may include: a can of beans, fruits, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, a bag of pasta, powder milk, etc. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute, please call Francs Lee 427-7983, Jane Combs 443-2839


UMW Report Shigeko Shibata

The December UMW tobans worked on a special project collecting items for the "Gardens" such as toothpaste, toiletries, pampers for babies, etc. This organization is a Family Care Community Center where currently there is no paid staff and all services are supported by a group of volunteers and no funds will be used to provide salaries. We thank SJUMC for the donations received and collected in the narthex.

The UMW are looking for two volunteers to be on the Design Committee. The Design Committee will work on the color pallet of the church as well as make recommendations to the facility. Please submit your names to any officer so we will have names to give to the Design Committee. If we receive more than 2 volunteers we can vote at the January installation meeting.

January 2010

Wellness Month



The graphic features four square icons in a row, each with a different symbol: a heart, a profile of a head, a hand, and a flame. Below each icon is a label: Heart, Mind, Body, and Soul.

January 2010 will be the start of a new emphasis in the worship service, concentrating on the wellness of our church members. It is holistic in the approach, touching on the heart, mind, body and soul. There will be a month of activities geared towards the wellness of all. In addition, there will be a book club and will be reading, *Momentum for Life*, by Michael Slaughter. The author writes about biblical practices for overall wellness using the DRIVE principal. The book club will meet on Wednesday evenings and please sign up by December 30 so we can order a copy for each interested member! We will have a sign up list in the Narthex in the next several weeks.

The sermons during Wellness Month will include testimonies from members ranging from physical health, mental well being, community resources, eating and exercising. The Multicultural Hall will be open for youth and young adult activities and even a senior open gym! So please join us in January as we start the new year on a fun and informative month that that will have something for everyone. (written by Richard Yang

Would you like to commit to serve in Jesus steps? Get the "Serving in HIS steps" Pedometer for \$3. We will ask the church how many steps they had in the month of January on 1/31 worship service.



Many Thanks for the Wellness Planning Team!!!

Mary Nakamura, Sayuri Sakamoto; Amy Kawahara; Brian Gosney; Jean Kanemoto; Richard Yang, Rev. Motoe Yamada

Momentum For Life by Michael Slaughter
Biblical Principles for
Sustaining Physical Health,
Personal Integrity, and Strategic Focus

Devotion to God

Devotion>focused commitment of time and energy; dedication; faithfulness; deep affection. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. "In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. " (Mark 1:35)

Readiness for Lifelong Learning

Readiness>Preparation or availability for service, action, or progress. Prompt willingness. i.e., "Readiness to resume study or continue discussions." "It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. " (Psalm 127:2)

Investing in Key Relationships

Relationships> the state of being related; the mutual exchange between two people or groups who have dealings with one another; kinship. "3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord." (Psalm 128: 3-4)

Visioning for the Future

Vision>The act of seeing or the ability to see; a picture formed in the mind; imaginative foresight; a supernatural apparition. "Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:2)

Eating and Exercise for Life.

Eating>To consume as sustenance; to include something as a usual or fundamental part of a diet

Exercise > to exert oneself physically or mentally, especially for the purpose of developing or maintaining physical fitness. "5 The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!" (Psalm 128: 5-6)

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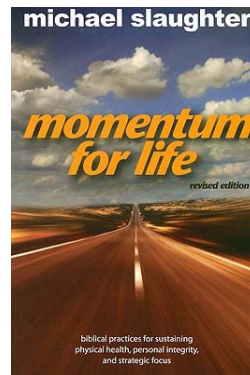
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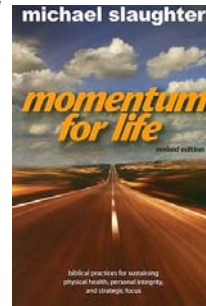


Book Club on Momentum for Life

(Led by Rev. Motoe)

Starting from January 6, Wednesday 7pm. 4 sessions. (1/6 & 1/13 at Shigeko Shibata's house, 1/20 & 1/27 at Alice Kubo's House). We need to order the books in advance, please let Rev. Motoe know by Dec.

27. The cost of the book is \$10. Visionary pastor Michael Slaughter calls all aspiring leaders to a life of faith, balance, and purpose. Operating on the principle that all leadership begins with self-leadership, the book outlines five crucial disciplines: Devotion to God, Readiness for Lifelong Learning, Investing in Key Relationships, Visioning for the Future, Eating and Exercise for Life. Readers will gain insights and advice for enriching the spiritual, intellectual, interpersonal, missional, and physical areas of their lives, all of which are integral to effectiveness as a leader.



Senior Open Gym, Every Thursdays 9:30am—11:00am. Come and join us! You will receive the "serving in His steps" pedometer for free! We will also have a prize if you are able to accomplish your goal! Contact Amy Kawahara for more information!



Youth Drug and Alcohol Presentation: During Fellowship in MYF Room, January 10, Sunday. Eric Hirata who works for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will speak to our youth and parents about the importance of Drug and Alcohol prevention. **Youth Open Gym** from 12:30pm-3:00pm (January 10 and 24, Sundays) - Church members, Jr. and Senior High Youth are invited to play basketball.



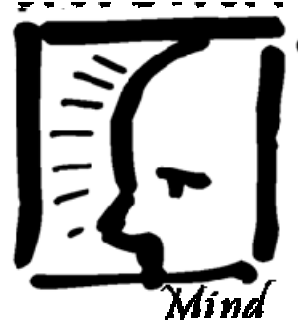
Healing Services, January 14, Thursday at 10am and 20, Wednesday at 1pm. Would you like to come to your personal healing service by Rev. Motoe? Show up for those time or contact Rev. Motoe.



ACC Brain Health and Memory Class (by Wayne Shimizu)

The class is scheduled for six- 1.5 hour Wednesday morning sessions, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 17 and 24 (Skipping Feb 10). In this six session class, you will explore strategies for strengthening you ability to remember names, lists, and things you read.

The class will also look into how nutrition, physical exercise, a variety of mental exercises and social activity all contribute to making your brain more fit. The class will discuss eating healthy, exercising to get your blood flowing, benefits of being socially active, exercising you brain in a variety of ways, and managing stress. In the final session, you will create a personal brain fitness plan that will address lifestyle changed to support your fit brain. The cost of the class is \$24. To request more information and to register for classes, please contact Lucy Chao, Asian Community Center Program Specialist, at (916) 393-9026 ext. 322 or by e-mail at lsc@accsv.org



Mental illness Awareness Workshop, January 17, Sunday. Presenters from the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be here to share information. www.nami.org/namifairhnet.

Care-management Services Workshop, January 24, Sunday by Janet Heath, MA (UC Davis Care Management Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP/Linkages/Caregiver Support Program). She will talk about caregivers to maintain a healthy and safe home environment while providing intensive care of a frail person 60 years and older.





Poinsettias are offered to the glory of God and

In Memory of:

- Frank & Aya Morimoto by Chuck & Emi Alicaya
 Kenzo Arimoto; C. & S. Arimoto; Ichiro Arimoto and Taira Nakao by Hiroko Arimoto
 Ikuko Asahara by Francis Asahara
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Birth of Bryce Kurihara by Winston and Loretta
Ashizawa
Stanford and Courtney Goto by Leo and Naomi
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 Shibata, M/M Victor
 Shikasho, M/M Bert
 Shimabukuro, M/M John
 Shimada, Amy
 Shimazu, M/M Glen
 Silvernail, M/M Dave
 Sugiyama, Elaine
 Sugiyama, Grace
 Sumida, M/M Scott
 Takechi, M/M Curtis
 Takehara, M/M Gerald
 Taketa, Catherine
 Taketa, M/M Bill
 Takuma, Fumi
 Taleda, Atsuko
 Tanaka, M/M Russell
 Tanaka, M/M Ryu
 Tateishi, Seiko
 Teranishi, Sue
 Toyama, M/M Edwin
 Ukita, May
 Uno, M/M Dick

Uyeda, Vicci
 Williams, M/M Frederick
 Williamson, M/M Jim
 Wong, M/M Steve
 Yamauchi, M/M Harold
 Yang, M/M Richard
 Yee, M/M Randy
 Yee, MM Wilfred
 Yokoi, M/M Feb
 Yokomichi, Masako
 Yomogida, M/M George
 Yuki, M/M Philip
 Zhu, June

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Okino, Marie
 Teranishi, Sue

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Suzuki, M/M Stimson

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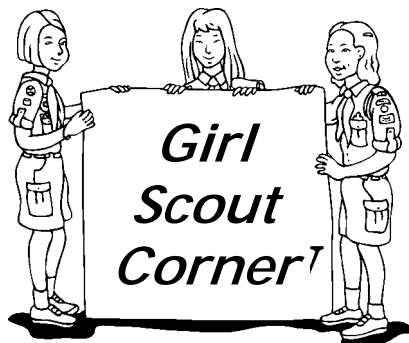
Wataji, M/M Les

LEGACY FUND

In Celebration of Robert Fujimoto's Promotion
 Honbo, Dr/M Wes
 In Celebration of Lauren Harada's President's
 Highest Academic Honor
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max
 In Memory of Lorraine Kubochi
 Dingley, Bernice
 Kobayashi, M/M Chuck
 Shibata, M/M Victor
 In Memory of Diane Marie Inouye
 Inouye, Margaret
 In Memory of Thomas Kujubu (Father)
 Miyasaki, Anne
 In Memory of Ruth C. Shimizu
 Nakashima, Mary Ann
 In Memory of Dorothy Saika
 Taketa, Catherine

Thanksgiving Offering

Tanihana, June



How many of you know that SJUMC sponsors a Girl Scout troop? Well, we do!

A couple of years ago, the Children's Ministry Team decided that SJUMC should look into sponsoring a Girl Scout troop, particularly as an outreach to any girl wanting to participate in scouting. Thanks to your kind support, currently 13 girls are able to participate in the Girl Scouting program. And we are always looking to add more girls and leaders. We have three levels at this time. Troop 1273 is multilevel with 5 Daisies (soon to be Brownies, 1st and 2nd graders) and 3 Cadettes (5th and 6th graders). Troop 1150 has five Ambassadors (11th grader). We have been meeting alternate Friday evenings in the church classrooms, sometimes together, with the little ones working with their "big sisters" as they like to call them! I lead the Daisies with asst. leader Deidre Thompspon. Norm Tanaka leads the Cadettes with asst. leader Judy Louie, and Marta and Alan Wada lead the Ambassadors. I serve as their asst. leader. We are very fortunate to have Kathi Nakashima as our troop treasurer.

The Daisies are finished earning their petals so are ready to move up to Brownies soon. They are so excited

about scouting and have such fun trying everything. We've been to the zoo, fire station, dancing, golfing, made lots of crafts and will be having a holiday cookie decorating party in December with the Ambassadors. The Cadettes are just getting started and will be working on their Silver Award requirements. The Ambassadors are already off and running, helping with the service unit Stone Soup event, working on Gold and Rose Award requirements, and planning community service and fund raising opportunities. Speaking of which.....

January 8-25 is Girl Scout Cookie sales time!! We will be at church to take orders every Sunday during the sale. Delivery is in February. We will hold site sales from mid-February to mid-March for those who missed out....or need more cookies! This will be the first real opportunity for the girls to make money for the troop activities. That's why SJUMC's donations have been so important to us.

The Girl Scouts wishes to thank SJUMC, the UMW and Sacramento Japanese Film Festival for their donations to our troops. Without them, we literally couldn't get started. We were able to pay for the girl's registrations and buy the some uniforms and supplies.

The Girls look forward to helping out the church where we can. Please let us know of any participation opportunities. Also, if any of you have talents you could share with the scouts, or would like to be a leader or assistant, please let me know. SJUMC has so much to offer young people. Thank you again and look for future reports!

—Jayne Muraki Rasmussen



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