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Our Foundation is Finally Fixed!

Thanks to Montgomery Structural Lifters and owner Rio Morales, we're now assured that the building's foundation is sound on all sides. Rio and his amazing crew of four have worked together on enormous projects and specialize in lifting buildings and even hauling them. For them to also have repaired the wood framing and sills and then poured concrete with specially designed anchor bolts was above and beyond what they normally do.

We had been challenged to find a contractor willing to tackle the job. When Rio couldn't find someone, he decided to have his company do it. Further, when they completed it they also replaced the subfloor of the back of the church and applied our new siding, donated by Unity Forest Products of Yuba City and our good friends of E Clampus Vitus Chapter 10. The crawl space of the church will no longer be a home for stray cats, skunks, and other critters.

Father Dan Madigan was the great-nephew of Dan O'Sullivan, the church's founding pastor. Coincidentally and fortuitously, Rio knows Fr Madigan, who attended Pioneer Day in 2019, and together with him and Rio's wife, Dana, traveled to Fr Dan's homeland in Ireland. It certainly brings things full circle when people feel good helping our project because they feel connected.

For a more detailed look into the construction process, view this slide-show link: [Finishing the Foundation Repair](#). A huge thanks goes out to Rio, Dana, Rick, Mike, Jessie and Frankie. You all are fast, efficient, hard-working and most kind!



Kit Burton and Rio Morales



Montgomery Structural Lifters



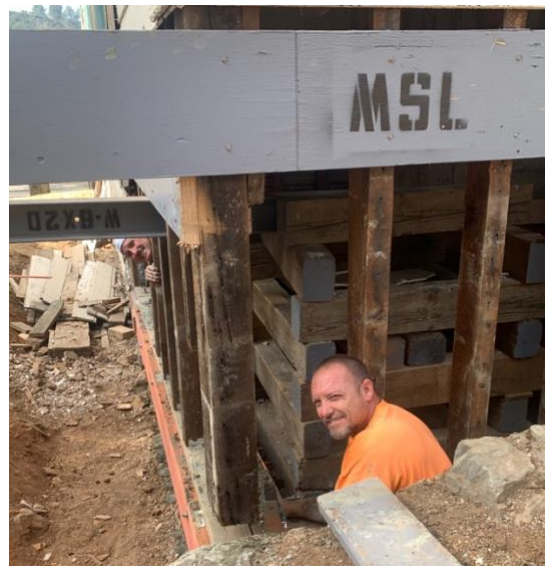
Before repair



Frankie and Jessie



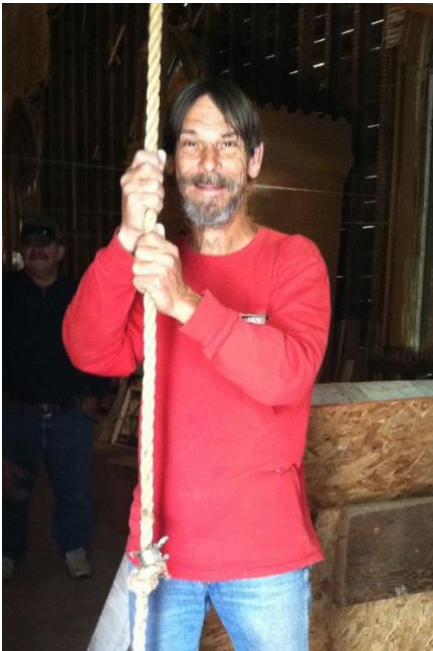
Rick and Kit



Mike and Rio

Terry's Memorial Bench

Our SCRFI Board member Terry Nester died a year ago last August. His brothers of the E Clampus Vitus Chapter 10 got together and Nick Martin and Kacy Clayson welded a bench to honor Terry. It sits close to the road, facing the store and next to the first plaque put there by the Clampers. The wording on this new plaque sums up nicely our true appreciation of Terry. The plaque dedication took place on 10/10/20, followed with refreshments and viewing inside the church. Thanks to our generous friends, the Clampers and the Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History. Click the link to enjoy this slide show video of [Terry](#).



Terry Nester ringing the bell on Pioneer Day, 2016. The bell was rung ten times in his honor on 10/10/20.



NGH Kyle Ball of E Clampus Vitus, Ch. 1 addresses the group.



Ron Gross remembers his friend and neighbor, Terry.

Wreaths Across America Returns to Smartsville

Last year we honored the memory of fallen Smartsville soldier of World War I, Edward “Ned” McGanney, whose plaque is at the base of our huge redwood tree. Placing a wreath inspired our community to participate in Wreaths Across America again this year, a nationwide event on Saturday, December 19.

On the following day, Sunday, December 20, we’ll also place a ceremonial wreath on the redwood tree by the memorial bench on our church grounds, honoring our neighbor Walter Shackelford: “COL. & COMMANDER, USAF, COMMUNITY ROLE MODEL.” Our event will be small, but will also allow viewing of the newly restored sanctuary inside the church. We’ll send an invitation in December with details.

Mary Clark is organizing the local event and has collected money towards 59 wreaths for local veterans’ gravesites, but we’re just over half way. We need money for 28 more wreaths. Each wreath costs \$15. If you’d like to sponsor a wreath, please contact Kathy at (916) 838-2757 or Mary at (530) 701-6944. To purchase directly, use this link for [Wreaths Across America in Smartsville](#).



Sisters Sally Knutson and Charle Lennon placing the wreath in 2019



One way Walter helped the community



Janet Burton, Kathy Smith, Mary Clark
found the veterans’ headstones for placing wreaths

Veterans Day, 2020

Thanks to Tim and Mary Clark, our little town of Smartsville once again enjoyed the smallest Veterans Day parade. Tim surprised us with a different vehicle besides his antique firetruck. The 1931 Ford Model A sedan didn't sound off with a siren, but had a distinctive honk and a waving flag. Their demonstration of great respect for veterans will be continued with Wreaths Across America next month.



Three generations – Grandmother Donna, Maya, Leah and mother Charis, watching the parade from the new Terry Nester memorial bench

Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Every year “Giving Tuesday” is dubbed as the first Tuesday after Black Friday and Thanksgiving. It’s an international day to promote non-profit groups and their causes. We have successfully raised funds on that day and hope to do so again this year. If you wish to donate during that time, use the link for our website, please. Here is the site with the donate button towards the bottom of the page: [Smartsville Church Restoration site](http://www.smartsvillechurchrestoration.org). Thanks so much for your support. Every dollar received is truly appreciated to support our next projects of continued window restoration and the electrical wiring. Remember the date, please – December 1st.

