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## Wreaths Across America in Smartsville is Going Strong!

Smartsville enjoyed its fourth year honoring veterans with wreaths on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Those who came participated in two ceremonies. The first one had the raising of the flag at the Smartsville Cemetery. The other was at our historic church in remembrance of all veterans. The ceremonial wreath you see above was placed on the redwood tree by the Edward "Ned" McGanney plaque. In between, over sixty wreaths were laid by headstones in two cemeteries. A big thanks again goes out to organizer Mary Clark, with the help of husband Tim Clark. And thanks to Ron Gross for countless hours of grounds cleaning. Through January 17<sup>th</sup> all wreaths purchased for next year will be matched (go to [WAA in Smartsville](#)). Thanks to everyone who sponsored wreaths this year!





# Thankfulness for Funding and for Restoration Work

Like Wreaths Across America, Giving Tuesday is a tradition we've continued. The story of Giving Tuesday is that a group of people felt it was wise to help remember the good causes of non-profit groups after the day of frenzied Black Friday shopping. It's always the first Tuesday after Black Friday. Non-profit groups like Smartsville Church Restoration Fund, Inc. operate from donors' generosity -- we're grateful you've allowed our work to progress over the years.

We are blessed to be the recipient of a large grant from Ned and Carol Spieker, whose faithful giving has made possible some of our largest projects of the church restoration. We also received substantial donations from Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History, sisters Sally Knutson and Charle Lennon, Brad and Evelyn Allis, Father Dan Madigan, Lauren Green (now a member of our SCRFI Board), Margaret Binderup, Patty Tottman, Caroline Burt, and Jack Underwood. The Native Sons of the Golden West also awarded a grant from their Historical Preservation funds. Thank you to all who have financially contributed.

Restoration work continues: Joe Ramus, Jr. of JR Squared Construction, with the help of his father, Joe, Sr., have placed wall sheathing on the largest section of this job. The two of them climbed high upon scaffolding to accomplish this challenging task. John Wright of Wright Restoration is working on shutters for the east wall. His work will be complex, as the framing for three windows needs to be plumbed and much of the glazing replaced. A carpenter, David Mitchell, has begun repair work inside. We should see major progress in the coming new year!

