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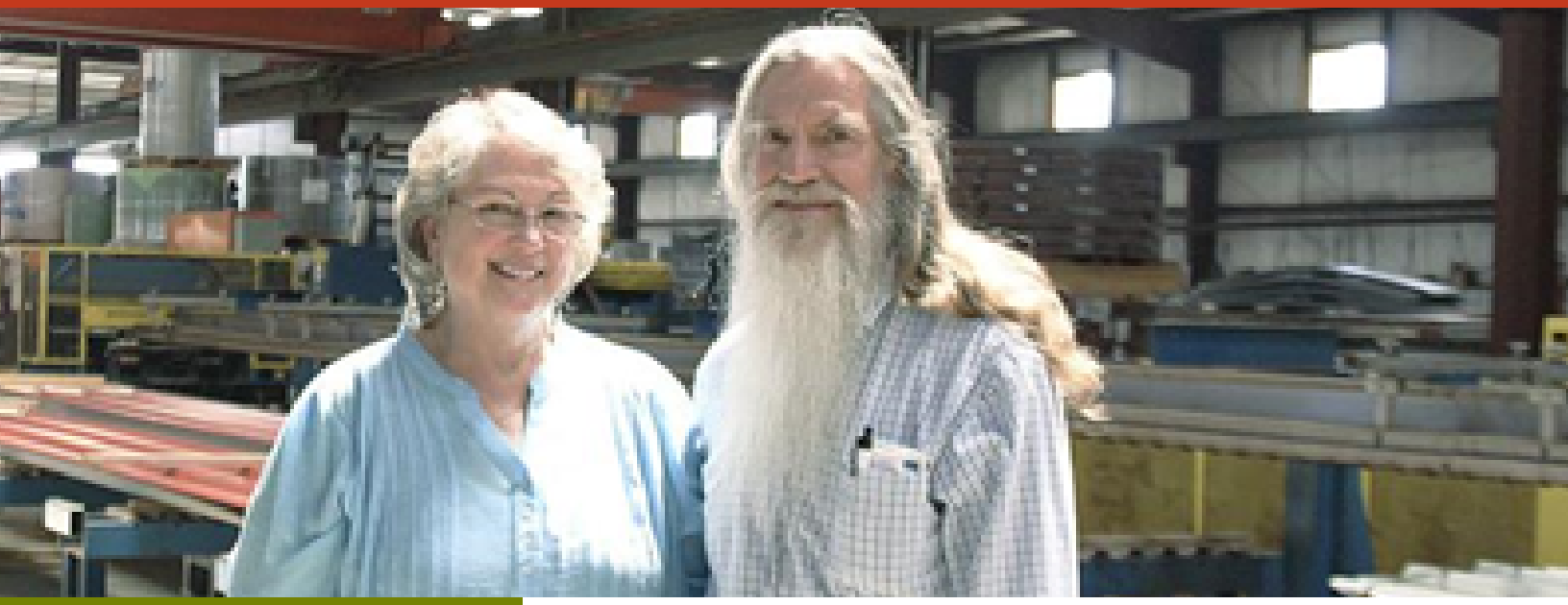

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R&M STEEL DONATES METAL BUILDING FOR PARMA LAUNCH PAD!

BY NATHAN E. LEWIS

Nancy and Rob Roberts, owners of R&M Steel in Caldwell have given the metal building to Parma Launch Pad! This is a gift worth at least $28,900.00. There's always more to the story, but this is what I know....

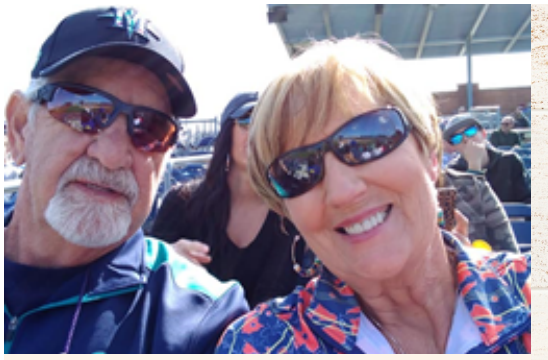
Gail Walker, member of the Parma Launch Advisory Board, recommended that the Board purchase a metal building from R&M Steel. Elaine Oostra, also an Advisory Board member, with her husband, Ken paid a visit to R&M Steel. They chose a building that would meet Launch Pad's needs for many years to come. The R&M employee sent them home with a quote of the cost. Wally Sterling suggested that the Oostra's return to R&M Steel to ask for a donation. Elaine prepared a printed package of information about Launch Ministries and with Ken pitched the mission, asking for a donation. The R&M Steel employee said that his boss, the owner would review the proposal and donate somewhere between $5.00 and the total cost.

R&M STEEL DONATES METAL BUILDING FOR PARMA LAUNCH PAD CONT.

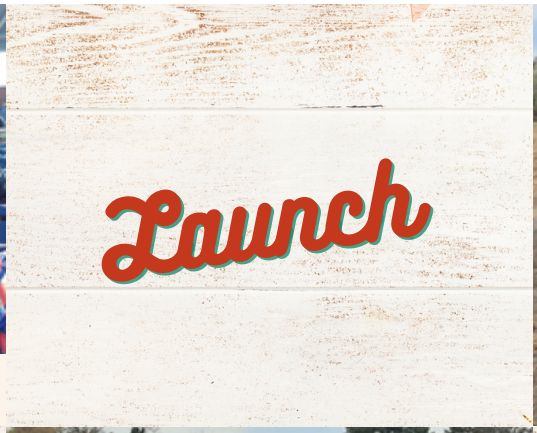
BY NATHAN E. LEWIS

Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church has been praying for at least one month, ever since Eileen Laca, Advisory Board Chair, visited to report that the entire project could cost $100k. Charlie Ipema has volunteered to work on the site development. Paul Bizeau has offered his engineering services. Ginger Bond has been sweeping English Walnuts in Roswell, some from Reta Sorrell's trees. Others are cracking shells and selling the nut meat. James Cook has been submitting paperwork at the City of Parma, navigating fees, rules and fees.

Speaking about praying, our Launch Pad students have been visiting the building site to pray – some things you can't learn in a classroom! The lesson: God answers prayers...God works through the generosity of people...Every prayer, every offering of funds and services are invaluable in the kingdom of God.



Ken & Elaine Oostra



THANKSGIVING FUN IN NSP

BY TRINITY JACKSON & HOLLY KAISER

We are so proud of these little, "Turkeys"! Happy Thanksgiving! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good....1Chronicles 16:34

CHILDREN'S ED

BY WENDIE SCROGGINS

Sterry Memorial Family! Hope this finds you all in good spirits and health!!! A little update from Children's ministry. We are hoping to start God's Gang in January and we will be needing volunteers to help along the way! If you find that God is putting this on your heart please contact me.

Children's Christmas will be Dec. 13th at the second service. A video will be accessible on our web page for all to view.

We have purchased 20 new tables and old tables will be given to Launch Pad and another local church.

May each of you have a Christ filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Wendie Scroggins,
Children's Elder

MISSIONS

BY KAREN SAMPLE

It's that time of the year, Church Family, where we get to provide a Family's Christmas. This year we will be providing a Parma Family with gifts and a Christmas Dinner. We will begin gathering items Sunday, November 22.

Here is how this works. There will be "post-it" notes available with information on gift items, sizes and such for this family. Also you will find Christmas Dinner items. The plan is to take a "post-it note" (or two) and fulfil a child's wishes as best we can. We then will bring the unwrapped item(s) back to the church with Christmas wrapping or bags which the parents will wrap for the children. Place these in the hallway near the giving storage drawers. We need all items to be gathered in by Sunday, December 20. Let's make this families Christmas a Merry and bright one.

Missions Team

MUSIC MINISTRY

BY MARY LOU KOTO

"Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ, the Newborn King!"

This call to "come and worship" is from the heart and pen of James Montgomery. We know it as Angels from the Realms of Glory; one of 400 hymns written by Montgomery. He was born in Scotland on November 4, 1771. His parents were Moravian missionaries to the West Indies. He stayed in the UK first in boarding schools and eventually arriving in Sheffield England as an assistant to Mr. Gales, auctioneer, bookseller and printer of the Sheffield Register newspaper. He was 23 years old when Mr.
Gales left England avoid political prosecution. Montgomery took over the newspaper, renamed it the Sheffield Iris and was the editor for the next thirty-one years. In the beginning, he was imprisoned twice for writing on controversial issues. While there he continued to write, publishing a volume of poems called Prison Amusements. In 1825 he gave up the newspaper editing to pursue philanthropic causes such as foreign missions. By 1833 he was receiving an annual pension from the government for his many contributions to English society. Those 400 hymns have drawn the attention of an authority in hymnology, John Julian, who wrote, "he [Montgomery] has bequeathed to the church wealth which could only come from true genius and a sanctified heart."

(All the words of this Christmas hymn are included.)

Good Tidings of Great Joy to all People
- by James Montgomery (1771-1854)
December 24, 1816

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ The Newborn King!

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the Infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear.

Sinners, wrung with true repentance, doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence, mercy calls you; break your chains.

Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

Refrain:
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ, the Coming King!!!

Looking For Insights,
Mary Lou Koto, Music Coordinator

ADULT EDUCATION

BY CURT POOL

Elaine Oostra will be taking over as the Adult Education Elder in January. She is currently looking for a couple of people to lead a new Sunday School class in January.

The Women's Advent Service has been cancelled due to virus concerns.

The Men's group meets every Wednesday morning from 6:30 to 7:15. Jeff Baroli and Skip Smyser have taken over the teaching role for the group from Rich Cox who led the group for many years. Thank you Rich for your many years of leadership. The men's group will begin a study called "Knowing and Doing the Will of God."

There is an adult Bible study that meets every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:30. The class is led by Kathryn Zaiss and they are currently studying the book of Exodus. All are welcome!

A prayer group meets every Tuesday from 9:00 to 10:00 just prior to the Bible study mentioned above.
Plan on making it to both!

A group of young mothers meets every other Wednesday from 10-11:30. They are doing a study called "Matchless, the Life and Love of Jesus by Angie Smith."

I encourage you to get plugged in to church activities outside of the regular Sunday service. You will grow and be blessed and will encourage others with your presence.

Curt Pool
Adult Education

Weekly
WORSHIP

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

&

10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

6:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Children's music performance will be on December 13th at the second church service at 10:30 a.m. We will be practicing all safe protocols and practices as we prepare and perform this year. Children will practice on the following Sundays: November 29th, December 6th, and December 13th. For those of you that attend the 9:00 a.m. church service, we will be recording the children singing and putting it on the Sterry Facebook and website page for all to view. If you have any questions, please email or call Monique Jensen at clerkof session@sterrymemorial.org or text or call at 208-412-7799.

Sincerely,
Monique and Maya

OBITUARY OF JANET COX

WRITTEN BY JANET COX - JUNE 14, 2012, THE FINAL PARAGRAPH ADDED BY PASTOR NATHAN

Janet Lareen was born on October 31, 1940 to LeRoy Jennings Rice and Coral Pearl Wyllie Rice. She was the sister of Phillip LeRoy Rice (1934-1997) married to Joan Rice. Janet attended Central and Cole Elementary Schools in Boise, West Junior High, graduating from Boise High School, Class of 1959 - the first graduating class! Janet earned a B.A. in Elementary Education from the College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID in 1963. She earned a M.A. from Northwest Nazarene University in 1999.

Janet taught school in Boise, ID, Fullerton, CA, Milwaukie, OR, Cupertino, CA, and Meridian, ID

Janet wed Richard Harold Cox on June 12, 1964. They raised three children - Gerald Dwayne, Richard Nathan, and Coralyne Yuvonne.

She is survived by all of these and her beloved niece, Christine Rice Sinibaldi.

Janet was baptized at Ustick Baptist Church, a member of that congregation, and each congregation pastored by her husband, Richard, including Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Janet died in the Lord, November 18, 2020, at home, cared for by Hospice, Chaplain Dale Wilkins, Sterry Church and in the loving presence of her husband, Richard and son, Nate. To her dying breath, she has been a sister in Christ, a mother in the faith, and a dear friend.