

# News from Crawfordsville

by BILLIE JO ROSE

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Ten ladies of the United Church Women enjoyed lunch at the El Mariachi Restaurant in Winfield at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Hostess was Rachel Koehler and Cathy Williams gave a Christmas devotion.

Attending were: Ruth Erwin, Donna Fletcher, Rachel Koehler, Debbie Lowe, Pat Miller, Margaret Patterson, Marlene Pelster, Billie Jo Rose, Joyce Roth and Cathy Williams.

Following the luncheon, everyone went to Margaret's home to view her display of Nativity scenes and all her beautiful Christmas decorations.

## LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Crawfordsville Lions Club celebrated

Christmas with dinner out at Miller Homestead Cooking near Kalona on Tuesday evening, December 10, 2024.

Those enjoying the delicious meal and fellowship were Scott and Jeanne Davis, Darrell and Mary Egli, Randy Finke, Joel and Luetta Greene, Jennie Greene, Larry and Nancy Love, Mike and Shirley Massey, Gene and Pat Miller, Billie Jo Rose and guests, Joe and Alice Hochstetler.

## CRAWFORDSVILLE LIONS CHRISTMAS DRAWING

Despite the icy conditions the annual Christmas Drawing sponsored by the Crawfordsville Lions Club went on as usual on Saturday, December 14. Persons came from far and wide to receive gifts of meat products, homemade items of furniture, money and much, all donated from area merchants and

individuals. Around 195 gifts were given out.

Grand finale of the event was the giving out of a \$100 Grand Prize and was won by Mark Peck.

Preceding the drawing the Crooked Creek 4-H Club held a successful Bake Sale and the little ones and some not so little enjoyed a visit with Santa.

The Lions Club would like to thank all the donors and everyone who contributed to this event.

## SACHA CLUB

The Sacha Club met December 16, 2024 with 12 members at the home of Jolene Colthurst. President Brenda Bean called the meeting to order. Linda McNeil read the minutes of the previous meeting and Karen Megchelsen gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business: Report of committees from the craft show and

everyone was grateful for a successful show.

New Business: Members voted to give a donation to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization which provides beds for children in need in the area. Members also voted on the 2025 ornament theme. Fun ideas were discussed and a "wooden" ornament will be the new year adventure.

The Blood Drive was discussed which will be held February 3, 2025 at the Ainsworth Community Church. Committees were formed and Sign Ups were completed.

Roll call was then shared by everyone unwrapping a skate ornament. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the different ones, ice, hockey and roller skates.

The Club Collect was read by all.

Jolene served soup and holiday themed refreshments.

## Gerald "Garry" Stewart

Gerald "Garry" Stewart, 86 of Ainsworth, IA died Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at his home in Ainsworth.

His body has been cremated and a visitation will be 4-7:00 PM, Monday, December 30, 2024, at the Beatty-Peterseim Funeral home in Washington followed with a Masonic Service at 7:00PM. Private family burial will be at the Indian Creek Cemetery near Columbus Junction with military honors. A general memorial in the name of Garry Stewart has been established.

Garry was born January 6, 1938 in Burlington, IA, the son of Paul D. and Cecile W. (Feldman) Stewart. He graduated from Columbus Junction High School in 1956 and was united in marriage to Nancy Carron Pine, April 10, 1958, in Bellflower, CA. He served in the US Army and was employed at Std Oil and Chrysler Motors in California, before moving back to Iowa in 1961. Garry owned and operated Stewart and Sons in Ainsworth along with his wife for 63 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners, Lions Club, Ainsworth Fire Department and City Council. He enjoyed vanilla ice cream, racing cars and attending grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events

Survivors include his sons, Chris Stewart of Hayesville, Kurt (Dawn) Stewart of Ainsworth and Eric (Deb) Stewart of Riverside; sister Joyce Morris of Homer, NY; grandchildren, Nicole (Derek Walker), Matthew (Amy), Tyler (Alyssa Hayes), Dylan (Lexi), Geoffrey (fiancé Katey Sieren), Brittany Thompson (Cody), Derrick (fiancé Audrey Tharp), Emily and Cory; great-grandchildren, Karson, Quinn, Jaxon, Crue, Sage, Lily, Bo, Abyl, Emerie, Luka, Murphy and Josie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Nancy, July 19, 2020, and a stillborn daughter.



E-mail us your photos and details from your family gatherings, vacations, etc. . . .

We would love to have you as a part of the next

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**\*Columbus Junction & Columbus City\***  
\*meet at Columbus Jct.\*  
United Methodist Church  
728-2669  
Pastor Ben Quint  
517 2nd Street - Columbus Jct.  
Sunday, Dec. 29th 8:45 a.m. - Fellowship Time  
9:00a.m. - Worship Service

**Carson Chin Baptist Church in New Heritage Village**  
Pastor Benjamin Sang Bawi  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday School  
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Worship  
Saturday Nights - Youth Worship Service (Location varies)

**United Presbyterian Church**  
Pastor  
705 Second St - Columbus Junction,  
Phone: 319-728-2667  
Email: cjpreschurch@windstream.net  
*Mission Statement: "We welcome all people in joyful celebration, by reaching out in service, fellowship and sharing Christ's Love."*  
Sunday Dec. 29th, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 6:30 p.m. - Men's Bible Study at Masonic Community Center

**Pleasant Grove Community Church**  
Pastor Nathan Brown  
Every 2nd Saturday of the Month:  
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  
Men's fellowship and prayer breakfast  
Sunday:  
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Everyone Welcome)

**Saint Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Father Guillermo Trevino  
319-728-8210  
319-627-2945 (West Liberty)  
(for emergency)  
email: coljctstjoseph@diodav.org  
Confessions by appointment or before Mass (please contact priest)  
Sunday  
8:00 a.m. - English Mass  
10:00 a.m. - Spanish Mass  
Wednesdays:  
7:00 a.m. - English Mass  
Thursdays:  
5:00-7:00 - Open Prayer  
First Friday:

7:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass  
**Hope Bible Church**  
Pastor Sam Braden  
Sundays:  
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Meeting  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Bible Study  
Wednesdays:  
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study/Prayer Mtg  
Biblical Counseling by Appointment

**Victory Christian Center Church**  
Pastor Jeremy Mills  
319-728-3000  
122 Ninth St. - Columbus Junction  
Email: hello@victorypeople.cc  
Web: www.victorypeople.cc  
"Leading people to become Spirit-empowered, fully devoted followers of Christ."  
Powerful modern worship, engaging messages, and dynamic children's ministry  
Sunday:  
10:00 a.m. - Service time

**The Church**  
Pastor Parnell Davis  
Columbus City  
Sundays:  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Children's Church available

**Cristina Mission**  
Elim De Iowa  
Brother Jose Felix Ramirez  
106 Main Street  
319-728-5000  
Mondays  
10 a.m. - Reunion of Planification  
Fridays  
7-9 p.m. - Praising the Lord and Bible Study (215 3rd Street)  
Saturdays  
10 a.m. - Visits in homes  
Sundays  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Bible Study and Praise

**Rey de Gloria/King of Glory**  
Senior Pastor  
Uriel Duran  
Cell 262-903-7893  
Sundays  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

**\*Fredonia\***  
**Abundant Life Assembly of God**  
Rev. Irma Arredondo  
515-421-3819  
Sundays:  
3:00 p.m. - Worship/Sunday School  
Tuesdays:  
6:00 p.m. - Prayer Night  
Thursday  
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Friday  
6-7:00 p.m. - Ladies Meeting  
"Jesus is the Solution to all your problems"

**\*Spring Run\***  
**Spring Run Church**  
319-931-2012  
X17 & 90th Street,  
Columbus Junction, IA 52738  
Sundays:  
10:00 a.m. - Kids Church  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
Aug. 1st Ice Cream Social 5-7pm

**\*Letts\***  
**Independent Bible Church**  
Pastor Al Halpain  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:45 a.m. - Children's Church  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

**Letts United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Marsha Gerot  
Sundays:  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

**\*Conesville\***  
**Community Church**  
Pastor Don Swanson  
Sundays  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

**\*Cotter/Salem Welsh\***  
**Presbyterian**  
Will meet at Salem  
Sunday Dec. 29th 9:00 a.m. - Worship

**\*Grandview\***  
**Grandview Community Bible Church**  
Rev. David Johns  
Sundays  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00a.m. - Worship Service  
Wednesdays:  
6:45 p.m. - AWANA/Youth Group (Sept. through April)  
website: gcbchurch.com

**\*Wapello\***  
**First United Methodist**  
Pastor Linda Morris  
Sundays:  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
12 Noon - Bible Study

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Mark Kluzek

Sundays:  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School & Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**1st Presbyterian Church of Wapello**  
Pastor  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
Mondays:  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
Wednesdays:  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Youth Camp plus meal

**Solid Rock Baptist Church**  
Rev. Dan Doolin  
14041 Locust St.  
319-523-5320  
Email: solidrock@srbcfamily.org  
Website: www.srbcfamily.org  
Sundays:  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. - Evening Service  
Wednesdays:  
6-7:15 p.m. - TeamKID  
7:15-8:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Church of Nazarene**  
Pastor Claude Perhealth  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:20 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service  
Wednesdays:  
6:30 p.m. - Prayer Meeting  
Thursdays:  
10-11:30 a.m. - Ladies Share/Care

**\*Morning Sun\***  
**First United Presbyterian Church**  
15 E Division St.  
319-868-7695  
9:30 a.m. - Worship w/children/young adults time

**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Brian Berges  
319-868-4120 or 319-750-6769  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)  
10:30 a.m. - Worship

**\*Oakville\***  
**Apostolic Church**  
Sundays:  
10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
United Methodist Church  
Pastor Carl Bengé  
Sundays:  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Wednesdays:

1:00 p.m. - Kids Group  
**\*Other\***  
**United Church of Crawfordsville**  
Pastor Jason Collier  
P.O. Box 95, 105 North Chestnut Street, Crawfordsville, IA 52621  
(319) 658-2366  
**Presbyterian/United Methodist**  
Sundays  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School

**Island United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Thomas Berryman  
Sundays:  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:15 a.m. - Sunday School

**Ainsworth Community Church**  
Pastor Jason Collier  
Sundays:  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service, south bldg.

**\*Washington\***  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Pastor  
Sundays:  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
10:15 a.m. - Faith Formation (all ages)  
Wednesdays:  
6:00 p.m. - Worship

**Washington Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
Pastor Keith Dewell  
500 South Ave. D  
email: washrp@proton.me  
Sundays:  
9:30-10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship  
12:00 Noon - Fellowship Meal  
1:15 p.m. - Afternoon Worship