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# Samaritan Caregivers | Adopt-A-Grandparent



For the third year in a row, UAW Local 1166 and Kokomo Casting partnered with Samaritan Caregivers to take part in their Adopt-A-Grandparent Pen Pal Program for Howard County.

This holiday season, we sent Christmas cards to all 153 seniors enrolled in the program. Each card carried a short message meant to remind someone that they are appreciated and thought of during the holidays season.

Samaritan Caregivers shared that while many seniors don't often write back, several did take the time to respond with messages that showed just how much these cards meant to them.



*Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards and encouraging wishes I received. I always appreciate them so much.*



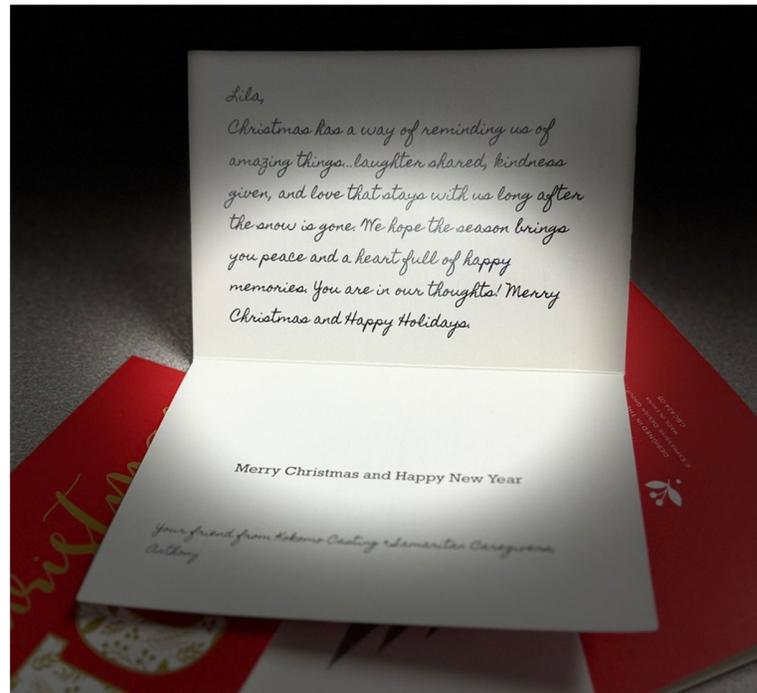
*Sometimes just a single word can brighten up someone's day. So thank you.*



Samaritan Caregivers supports homebound seniors through volunteer grocery shopping and companionship services, helping ensure comfort and independence while reducing isolation. Their Adopt-A-Grandparent program creates steady, meaningful contact through monthly notes and seasonal greetings, small connections that carry real weight.

We're proud to continue supporting this effort alongside Samaritan Caregivers and grateful to everyone who helped make this year's card drive possible. It doesn't take much, just a moment, a message, and a willingness to reach out.

Sometimes it really is just a card.  
And sometimes, that's exactly enough.



Interested in volunteering?

<https://www.samaritancaregivers.org/services>

# Chaplain Update

Terry Lindsay

<b><u>Member on Bereavement</u></b>	<b><u>Relationship to Member</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>
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Terry Pulley	Retired Member	2410
Lisa Armfield	Mother	2450
James Avery	Mother-in-Law	2760
Tamara Avery	Mother	2760
Taia Pasquale	Grandfather	Assembly - Unit #4
Preston Hall	Grandfather-in-Law	2450
Donnie Sykes	Grandmother	1200
Josh Laxen	Grandmother	1100
Lynn Lester	Brother	1200

*On behalf of the Officers, Members, & Retirees of Local 1166, may we offer our deepest condolences to the families of our brothers & sisters who have recently passed away. May God comfort of you in your loss.*

## **STARPLUS ENERGY CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE**

We would like to share the contact information for the StarPlus Energy Chaplains Committee liaisons. Additional details will be provided after the first of the year. In the meantime, if you or someone you know is experiencing a difficult time, coping with the loss of a loved one, or facing illness, please don't hesitate to reach out. Support is available, and no one has to go through these moments alone.

**Jennifer Spray**  
Jennifer.spray@outlook.com

**Katie Garmon**  
katieallenathompson@gmail.com

**Mandy Wright**  
Crazyabouttotes7@gmail.com

## **KOKOMO CASTING CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE**



Terry Lindsay



Sharie Curry



Steve Walker



Tonya Ward



David Bailey



James Releford

# Chaplain 2025 Report

## **MINISTRY STATISTICS**

Bibles Given Out: **85**  
Cards Sent Out: **156**  
Funeral Services Performed: **2**  
Funerals Attended: **37**

## **Active Members**

Jason LaMott - Department 1160 - Setup  
Michael Digman - Department 2270 - Tool and Gage  
John Lynch - Department 1100 - Diecast  
Joe McGraw - Department 1100 - Diecast

## **Retired Members**

Robert Purtee - Department 2310 - Toolroom  
Bari Brown - Department 2190 - Shipping  
Dan Faunce - Department 2460 - Pipefitter  
Gary Causey - Department 2310 - Toolroom  
Tracy Brown - Department 1100 - Diecast  
Steve Vermillion - Department 1160 - Setup  
Al Blankenship - Department 2360 - Machine Repair  
Larry Dailey - Department 2460 - Pipefitter  
Odell "Mac" McIntire - Department 2250 - Janitor  
Ron Majors - Department 2340 - Tool Crib  
Clyde "Mark" Stitt - Department 2450 - Millwright  
Kevin Walls - Department 1160 - Setup  
Don Garrison - Department 2410 - Electrician  
Doris "Dee" Marlow - Department 1100 - Diecast  
Gene Obermeyer - Department 2360 - Machine Repair  
Duane Stern - Department 2310 - Toolroom  
Kerry "Moose" Molino - Department 2270 - Layout  
Max Floyd - Department 2450 - Millwright  
Aurthur Thompson - Department 2360 - Machine Repair  
Terry Larimore - Department 2190 - Shipping  
Terry Pulley - Department 2410 - Electrician  
Doug King - Department 2450 - Millwright



Katie Garmon

Jennifer Spray

Mike Jackson

Ashley Kennedy

Wendy Browning

# KIDS' CHRISTMAS MOVIE

## Thank you!

*Thank you to all the volunteers who make this event possible year after year. More than 800 members and family members RSVP'd, and it was great to see so many families come out to enjoy Zootopia 2 together. Until next year!*

# HAPPY Retirement!



32 years of service



29 years of service



32 years of service

**Thank you for your dedication and years of service.  
Wishing you joy and success in your new adventures!**



# Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Legacy of Justice & Solidarity

The labor movement and the civil rights movement have long shared a common purpose, and few relationships reflect that truth more clearly than the partnership between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Walter Reuther, former President of the United Auto Workers.

Built on mutual respect and a shared belief that economic justice and civil rights are inseparable, their relationship extended beyond public appearances and into personal correspondence. Reuther openly expressed admiration for Dr. King's leadership and vision, thanking him for a signed copy of *Stride Toward Freedom* and recognizing the inspiration it provided. Dr. King, in turn, acknowledged Reuther's steadfast support and the UAW's commitment to equality and dignity for working people.

That respect translated into action. In April 1961, Dr. King spoke at the UAW's 25th Anniversary Dinner, where he emphasized the powerful alliance between organized labor and the civil rights movement. Two years later, that alliance was on full display during the historic Walk to Freedom in Detroit on June 23, 1963. Led by Dr. King and Walter Reuther, the march drew an estimated 125,000 to 250,000 participants and became one of the largest civil rights demonstrations of its time. The event would later serve as a blueprint for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.



At the March on Washington in August 1963, labor and civil rights leaders once again stood shoulder to shoulder at the Lincoln Memorial. Even when Reuther could not attend the Selma march in 1965, he reaffirmed the UAW's commitment by ensuring members participated and by providing essential support, including food and transportation for marchers.





As we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day, this history serves as more than a reminder of past events. Dr. King's legacy is not confined to a single speech or moment in time. It lives on in the ongoing pursuit of fairness, dignity, and opportunity for all people. His belief that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" continues to challenge us to stand up, speak out, and support one another.

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everywhere”



For union members, honoring Dr. King means carrying forward the values he fought for: solidarity, compassion, and the courage to demand a better future. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not only a time of remembrance, but a call to action, one that reminds us that progress is made when we move forward together.



# Bringing Christmas Cheer to Local Kids



On December 18, 2025, UAW Local 1166 hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party at the Local 1166 Hall, continuing a tradition that began in December 2013. Through the UAW 1166 Children's Christmas Fund, the event proudly supported Bridges Outreach Project 30, an initiative that has positively impacted students in our community for years by providing mentorship, encouragement, and hope.

This year, 48 dedicated mentors helped spread Christmas cheer to 58 children from Bridges Outreach, with volunteers from Kokomo Casting Plant and StarPlus Energy stepping in to make the evening even more special. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the mentors, volunteers, shoppers, and everyone who gives their time, energy, and generosity each year to make this event possible and keep the spirit of giving alive in our community. Special thanks to Sandy Wilkinson for capturing photos of this wonderful event!



THE Mrs. Clause!



Local 1166 Chaplain Terry Lindsay speaking during the event



SPE Members Katie Garmon & Jennifer Spray



Santa!



The Mean One



Back Row: David Willis, Michael Garmon, John Kinney, Brian Keppner  
Front Row: Lisa Willis, Katie Garmon, Jennifer Spray, Rochelle Swygert, Hannah Bolinger, Randi Hartwick

## UAW Local 1166

Union Hall  
765-459-4119

President  
765-454-1920

Production  
Committeeperson  
765-454-1922

Skilled Trades  
Committeeperson  
765-454-1798

Union Office KCP Line 1  
765-454-1632

Union Office KCP Line 2  
765-454-1658

James Boyer - Benefits  
765-454-1761

[james.boyer@stellantis.com](mailto:james.boyer@stellantis.com)

Mike Cox - Attendance  
765-454-1641

Craig Eden - EAP  
765-454-1066

Sharie Curry - TAP  
765-454-1018

Terry Lindsay  
*Local Chaplain*  
765-860-6935

## Employee Call In

Absentee Call In (KCP)  
800-810-2271

Absentee Call In (StarPlus)  
888-904-4770

## Unemployment

State Unemployment  
855-244-0456

Unemployment Questions  
[in.gov/dwd/indiana-unemployment](http://in.gov/dwd/indiana-unemployment)

Monetary Appeal  
FAX 317-233-6888

## Workers Comp

Workers Compensation  
800-824-2667

Workers Compensation  
[in.gov/workcomp.com](http://in.gov/workcomp.com)

## Sickness & Disability

Sedwick  
(S&A, EDB, AND FMLA)  
888-322-4462

## Plant

Human Resources @ KTP  
765-454-1411

KCP Security  
765-454-1559

## FCA LLC

FCA US LLC Owner Relations  
800-992-1997

FCA US LLC Parts Discounts  
855-476-6727

FCA Green Slips  
800-756-2886

## UAW Legislation

UAW Legislation Hotline  
800-482-3334

## Legal Service

UAW Legal Services  
800-482-7700

## Home/Auto Insurance

MetLife  
800-438-6388  
Sterling insurance  
888-525-7575

## Life Insurance

MetLife  
(Optional life & Dependent Life)  
800-638-6420

## Finance

Payroll Hotline  
877-827-7744

Merrill Lynch 401K  
800-483-7283

Chris Padget  
Merrill Lynch Advisor  
800-937-0844

## Medical Benefits

Benefits Connect  
888-409-3300

[fcabenefits.ehr.com](http://fcabenefits.ehr.com)

*Life status change: birth of child, marriage, divorce and death. Enroll in optional and dependent life ins. Update beneficiaries. Questions about HPA*

Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
800-521-0488

[bcbs.com](http://bcbs.com)

Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
800-367-6389  
(Mental/Substance Abuse)

BCBS 24 Hour Nurse Line  
800-775-2583

BCBS OnLine Doctor  
844-606-1608

Conifer  
888-820-2790

Audio Net America  
586-782-6435

Benefit Connect Cobra  
877-292-6272

Caremark Pharmacy  
866-329-4448

[caremark.com](http://caremark.com)

Delta Dental  
800-292-0626  
[deltadentalmi.com](http://deltadentalmi.com)

VSP (Vision)  
800-877-7195  
[vsp.com](http://vsp.com)

Durable Medical  
800-521-0488

*(Walkers, crutches, oxygen, CPAP, braces, diabetic supplies such as monitors, test strips and lancets)*

FCA Clinic  
765-236-8380

TheraMatrix  
(Physical Therapy)  
888-638-8786

# Retiree Contact Numbers

## Benefits Connect

**888-409-3300**

Pension questions, direct deposit changes, tax status change, lost or missing check, marriage, divorce, report death, address, life ins. questions, and update beneficiaries  
[fcabenefits.ehr.com](http://fcabenefits.ehr.com)

## FCA Green Slips

**800-756-2886**

## UAW Legal Services

**800-482-7700**

## Medicare

**800-633-4227**

## MetLife

**800-638-6420**

*(Optional life & Dependant Life)*

## Social Security Administration

**800-772-1213**

## Social Security Office Kokomo

**866-365-3036**

## Retiree Health Care Connect

**866-637-7555**

Health insurance eligibility, update new address, status change such as marriage, divorce, death, etc.

[uawtrust.org](http://uawtrust.org)

## Blue Cross and Blue Shield

**888-322-5616**

[bcbsm.com](http://bcbsm.com)

## Blue Cross and Blue ECP PPO Non-Medicare

**866-507-2850**

## BCBS PPO Medicare Advantage (MA)

**877-832-2829**

## United Medicare Advantage

**844-320-5021**

## Delta Dental

**800-524-0149**

[deltadentalmi.com](http://deltadentalmi.com)

## Davis Vision

**888-234-5164**

[davisvision.com](http://davisvision.com)

## TruHearing (Hearing Aids)

**844-394-5420**

## Optum RX

**855-409-0219**

*Mail Order Prescriptions*

## UAW Trust HRA Benefit (WEX)

**844-440-4300**

## UAW Trust (OTC)

**888-628-2770**

# Retirees Benefits Update

UAW 1166 Benefits Rep:  
James Boyer

## UAW Trust Over-the-Counter Benefit (OTC)

Effective 1/1/2026, the UAW Trust has increased your OTC benefit to \$400.00. Your OTC card will automatically be loaded with \$400.00. If you have lost your OTC card, you can call WEX to request a new one. *WEX OTC # 844-440-4300.*

## UAW Trust WEX Health Care Reimbursement Account (HRA)

Effective 1/1/2026, the UAW Trust has increased your WEX HRA Benefit to \$1,000.00 per household. Your HRA card will automatically be loaded with \$1,000.00. If you have lost your HRA card, you can call WEX to request a new one. WEX # 844-440-4300.

Retirees who have Medicare Part B can use their Medicare Part B premiums towards being reimbursed for the \$1000.00 WEX HRA Benefit. You will need the notice that social security sent to you in December 2025 that discusses how much your Medicare Part B premiums cost in 2026.

Any questions contact James Boyer, Benefits Representative at 765-454-1761.

## UAW-FCA-FORD-GENERAL MOTORS LEGAL SERVICES PLAN

*How Can We Help?*

### Who

- available to eligible FCA, Ford and General Motors workers and retirees, who are or were represented by the UAW; and some surviving spouses.

### What

- legal services including advice, document preparation and contact with other parties (but not litigation) for wills, powers of attorney, deeds, uncontested family matters, residential real estate matters, credit reporting problems, and consumer contract matters.

### And

- low cost referrals to private attorneys for other types of non-business related legal matters such as litigation matters, bankruptcies, probate, guardianship, contested family matters and more.

*How? Contact the Legal Services Plan*

**800-482-7700**

*Eligibility will be verified - Coverage will be explained. The Plan emphasizes communication by phone and email. This benefit was negotiated for eligible UAW members in the 2015 UAW-FCA, UAW-Ford, and UAW-GM contracts*

# Happy NEW YEAR! 2026

## January Events

05

Retiree Meeting  
5:00 pm

19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Holiday

08

E-Board Meeting  
4:30 pm

21

Civill Rights Meeting  
3:30 - 4:30 pm

10

Union Meeting  
9:00 am

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