



CONNECTIONS

Our mission is to connect with God, as we live by faith, are known by love, and cultivate hope.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
 OF CHRIST**



Welcome

Welcome to Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ, which is part of an historic mainline Protestant denomination. We are the church of the "still speaking God" that believes we should never place a period where God has placed a comma. Roberts UCC is family-centered and bible-grounded. We embrace openness for all God's children, celebrate diversity and put love in practice. Here you will find a gracious welcome where judgment is left at the front door and God's grace is experienced. We invite you to worship and experience a message that will touch your soul, or attend one of our fellowship events to experience a hospitality that will warm your heart.



LENT / HOLY WEEK

"Then the Lord God formed a man from dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Genesis 2:7

For six and one half weeks, Christians around the world will prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of their highest Holy Day: Easter. Many of them will make personal sacrifices, focusing through these long days on the sacrifices Jesus made as he set his face toward Jerusalem.

Make note of what the liturgical calendar is asking you to do in this Lenten season: prepare yourself spiritually for our collective celebration of life overcoming death.

During this season of Lent, may you be encouraged to lighten your load if it be overladen with excesses that distract; may you be invited into times of spiritual wholeness that come when we are less distracted; and may the Eastertide find you ready to celebrate once again the joy of life overcoming death. May you deepen your relationship with your Sacred on this, your journey Into the Mystic.



**Join us for Ash Wednesday Service
 Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 PM**



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FROM THE OFFICE OF BURT

New Horizons

“Sing to the Lord a brand new song!
Praise him from the horizon of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and everything
that lives in it,
you coastlands and those who live there!”
—Isaiah 42:10 New English Translation

If you get the Baldwin Bulletin and read the Pastor's Section, then you may have already seen this. Given where we are in the world at this moment in history and the way things are starting to go lately in the church, I felt it was worth sharing here as well. We are starting to see our attendance on Sunday mornings go up. We are starting to see ministries reopen or revitalize. We are starting to see a light at the end of this long tunnel we have been going through. The world will look different when we come out on the other side. It will also be exciting to explore new ways of doing things and how to integrate them with our remembered traditions. In the end it is all about seeing our horizons as the amazing gifts they are. Enjoy!

I have lived in several parts of the country over my lifetime and had the opportunity to see some beautiful horizons. I have stood on top of mountains and looked out on the ocean at sunrise; looked out over seas of forests aflame in fall colors at sunset. I have stood at the edge of fields where you can see for miles with only a solitary tree in view where the earth meets the sky; walked in foliage so thick the sky is only seen through sparse, sunlit patches in the canopy. All these perspectives were beautiful.

I have my favorite spots and memories of the horizons of the days of my life as well. There are moments where I have been inspired in ways I never expected to be. These I remember with great fondness.

I am perplexed, however, how we so often miss the beauty of the horizon right in front of us because we are so busy remembering those of the past or dreaming of ones we have heard about. Even more perplexing is the way in which we often assume new horizons, adventures, and dreams mean we must be going somewhere other than our present place. This horizon, the same humdrum scenery we have seen forever, holds little attraction and even less adventure than some far off place.

Why can't the most beautiful horizon we have ever seen be right here in our own back yard? Why can't our heroes be people we talk to everyday? Why can we not be the stars of our own action-adventure movies? Is it so hard to believe our heroes were once everyday people themselves or people can come from other places and see amazing horizons here?

I challenge you all to walk out your door today and see the world with glorious new sight. As you look out at the horizon, view yourself as the hero of your life's story, seek a new adventure right in your own back yard! It is not being self-centered or egotistical, it is called living...and I say living to the fullest. Every good adventure I have ever read, or watched, the hero makes mistakes, there are trials and good times, and there are plenty of supporters and naysayers. The difference in the stories is we rarely hear about every bad habit, eyesore, and blemish of the horizons and heroes...those are skipped so we can more easily see the important parts.

Believe in yourself! Believe in the beauty of the horizon in front of you right now! Believe in the God who created all this so we can live the most amazing adventures and enjoy the most spectacular horizons each and every day of our lives!



*Peace and God Bless,
Pastor Burt*

COMMUNITY DINNER

SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

MENU

Chicken Enchiladas

corn

salad

dinner rolls

dessert

milk and water

Adults: \$6.00 Children \$3.00

Take-out meals are available upon request.

Invite your friends and family for this time of fellowship. All are welcome!



Treasurer's Report

Notes from the Treasurers: Detailed minutes of the Trustees meetings, including full financial statements are available upon request.

General Fund Financial Summary as of January 31, 2022

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$ 13,342.75
Facility use income	700.00
Fundraising income	474.25
Interest	0.19
Total income	<u>14,517.19</u>
Expenses	13,995.49
Transfers from other accounts	500.00
Net Activity	<u>\$ 1,021.70</u>

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 2,442.43
Other bank accounts	73,956.96
Fixed assets	<u>1,874,642.28</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,951,041.67</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued expenses	\$ 504.29
Bank mortgage balance	615,906.44
Member mortgage balances	<u>150,000.00</u>
Total liabilities	766,410.73
Equity	<u>1,184,630.94</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 1,951,041.67</u>

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

We only have a few spots left to sponsor. If this is something you feel on your heart to do, we would greatly appreciate it. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15 per Sunday. An email invitation to view and sign up online has been sent out. The direct link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4eaba92aa3fac61-2022>

**When you have signed up for a Sunday, simply send payment to the church office and we will get the records updated. Thank you for your support!

If you prefer, please contact the church office to find out which dates are still available to sponsor. We are happy to offer assistance!



OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 -11:30 am
Wednesdays: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**MINUTES FROM REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
February 3, 2022**

Dawn Budrow (Moderator), Toni Williams (Christian Education), Lori Jurek (S.H.I.F.T. and Women's Fellowship), Tony Jurek (Trustees), Pastor Burt, and Connie Mueller (Church Clerk).
Meeting was called to order by Dawn at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting opening was led by Duane. "Our Loss Can Be Too Much" Based on Matthew 23: 3.

Minutes: January minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Duane to approve the minutes & seconded by Toni. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Trustees:

- Getting bids on installing energy efficient lighting, with the possibility of dropping the ceiling.
- Exploring the cost of going to one company to do the annual and five-year lighting, fire, etc. inspection.

Christian Education:

- Seeking additional help for teaching Sunday School.
- Vacation Bible School will be held from June 26-29. (6 to 8 P.M.) The board has decided to provide snacks again this year for VBS.
- Project for Lent: each child will be given a garbage bag. Each day of Lent, he or she is to put in a piece of clothing that they no longer wear or a toy they no longer play with. These bags will then be given for the spring rummage sale.

Treasurer:

- This position remains open.
- The trustees were directed by the deacons to explore the possibility of hiring for this position.

Women's Fellowship:

- Met today
- Greenfield Elementary requested support for their growing up class. They are seeking funding to acquire deodorant for their students. Women's Fellowship approved paying for this.
- Lori asked Toni if the Sunday School might set up the items they brought in the fellowship hall for the rummage sale. The fellowship would have the tables set up. This could be done the Sunday after Easter during Sunday School. Dawn asked about the possibility of having a Blessing of the Bags. Toni also stated that the children may challenge the adults to take part in their project.

Deacons:

- Discussed goals for 2022
 - Update membership list with all accurate information
 - Seek more volunteers for ushering, etc.
- Duane announced in church that there is one position open on the Board of Deacons & two positions open on the CE Board.

S.H.I.F.T

- Met February 14.
- Serving at Grace Place on February 17.
- Looking for volunteers to assist in replenishing the prayer squares.

Pastor:

- Lent: Ash Wednesday (March 2), Palm Sunday (April 10), Maundy Thursday (April 14), Good Friday (April 15), and Easter Sunday (April 17). There will be two services on Easter. The Sunrise Service will begin at 6:22 A.M.
- Bible Study during Lent: A study of the Apostles Creed, comparing and contrasting it to the Nicene Creed. It will begin on March 13th directly after church and will run for six weeks. Contact Pastor Burt if interested.
- Warming House: Pastor would like to form a group that would be charged with how, when, and where the warming house would be made available. Discussion would need to be done on reaching out to the community for support and awareness.
- Confirmation is currently scheduled for May 1.
- Pastor will be sending out a new distribution list. All are being encouraged to use it.

Other Discussion:

- Annual meeting: No further action needed by the council following the meeting.

Next Meeting: Mar. 3 Tony will be in charge of our opening.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Mueller, Church Clerk

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LENTEN PROJECT

As the weather warms up and Spring is on the horizon, many of us begin to do our annual spring cleaning.

Our lent project for this year is to collect one toy or piece of clothing that is no longer needed every day during lent. These items will then be donated to the Women's Fellowship Spring Rummage Sale in April.

Students will be asked to bring their donations on April 24th and will be able to help set-up for the sale.

We challenge you to join us in this adventure!!



We received an envelope of thank you notes from very appreciative community members who were blessed by your generosity during Christmas. An accompanying letter from St. Croix County's Adult Community Support Services team read, in part:

"Many of our clients do not have natural supports in their life to celebrate the holidays with which makes the holiday season a very difficult time in their lives. Receiving support from your Congregation left a deep impression on them! It was a great pleasure and blessing to be able to witness them opening their gifts and experiencing so much joy. Their faces light up and you can tell they feel so loved and special at that moment in time. There are no words that could capture the emotions and overwhelming happiness that we were privileged to witness."

All of the notes and cards have been hung on the Narthex bulletin board near the coffee fellowship table. I encourage you to stop by sometime and read them – it will bring a smile to your face! Blessings to you all.



TETELESTAI IT IS FINISHED

Tetelestai means: it is finished.

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "[It is finished.](#)" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [John 19:28-30](#)

If you are looking for some scriptures to read this Lent Season, here is a list:

John 1:1-18	Psalm 42
John 1:19-24	Matthew 5:13-16
Isaiah 6:1-7	John 12:1-19
Psalm 139	John 12:20-50
Revelation 4	John 13:1-20
Matthew 6:19-24	John 14:1-13
Matthew 6:25-34	John 14:15-31
Job 38:1-11	John 15:1-17
Isaiah 55	John 16:1-15
Psalm 16	John 16:16-24
Psalm 34	John 16:25-33
Psalm 23	John 17
Exodus 15:1-21	John 18
Isaiah 61	John 19
John 4:1-26	John 20
John 8:1-11	Matthew 4:1-11
Matt 26:36-46	Matthew 5:1-11
Psalm 19	Psalm 51
Lam 3:19-26	Psalm 30

Prayer LIST

Brian Wille	Tracy Grabau	Earl Pechuman	Margaret Cave
Mary Frederick	Linda Hall	Renate Koch	Danielle Anderson
Terry McKinley	Walt Lamson	Donna Lamson	Linda Jourdeans
Larry Graf	Audrey Ackley	Mark Jensen	Monika Jensen

Forman Family
 Family & Friends of Deanna Gallati
 Family and Friends of Bruce Williams
 All those serving active in the Military and those serving our state & community in law enforcement.

If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please keep us current on their situation. If you would like to add to remove someone, please contact the office at 715.749.3225 or secretary@robertsucc.org

Monthly CELEBRATIONS



Gracie	Delander	March 01
Dan	Nelson	March 01
Hailey	Schultz	March 01
Bill	Snoeyenbos	March 02
Faron	Fuller	March 03
Margie	Ricci	March 03
Ryley	Jurek	March 06
Chris	Bohl	March 07
Deb	Holmes	March 07
Mary	Thorsen	March 08
Jeff	Hinkel	March 09
Logan	Nelson	March 10

Erin	Weiss	March 11
Mary	Grupe	March 12
Leo	Weiss	March 12
Pat	Colbeth	March 13
Daryl	Jones	March 13
Jo	Fenstermaker	March 17
Avery	Rogers	March 17
Rick	Risberg	March 20
Josie	Armagost	March 23
Tony	Nelson	March 23
Collin	Nelson	March 24
Cheryl	Cowles	March 25
Brita	Lindquist	March 26
Betty	Schultz	March 27
Michelle	Hansen	March 29
Cheryl	Lindquist	March 30

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



30 Years
 Connie & Don Gills
 March 23, 1991

Love is patient, love is kind
 1 Corinthians 13



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 pm Deacons	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	3 3:30 pm Women's Fellowship 4:30 pm Community Dinner 6:00 pm Council Meeting	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	7	8	9 6:00 pm DISCIPLES together 6:30 pm Bell Choir	10	11	12
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion and Bells 11:15 am Lenten Bible Study Scrip orders due	14	15 6:00pm Trustees	16 6:30 pm Bell Choir	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Lenten Bible Study	21 6:00 pm CE Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6:30 pm Bell Choir	24	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship 11:15am Lenten Bible Study Scrip orders due	28	29	30 6:30 pm Bell Choir	31	UPCOMING DATES: 4/14 Maundy Thursday 4/15 Good Friday 4/17 Easter Sunrise Service 10 am Worship	



May the Lord bless you and keep you

