



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.



HE HAS RISEN

On this day, we remember that Mary Magdalene arrives at the tomb with the intent to anoint the crucified body of Jesus; and astonished, she finds an empty tomb where Jesus once laid.

Now what?

God's angels and the Risen Christ meet Mary Magdalene in her sorrow and speak hope into her heart. For the Resurrection narrative reveals that love is alive and moves among us!

The Risen Christ helps us to remember that despair is not the end of our journey.

The Risen Christ also speaks of God's ever-present love and gives the church resurrection hope.

In that, as an Easter people, we manifest God's never-ending love in the world by the giving of our time, talents, and financial resources. For it is with Christ's limitless and restorative love, that we humbly and graciously offer back to God a portion of what God has given us.

***Join us for Easter Vigil Mass at Sunrise, 6:45 am
 Easter Worship at 10:00 am***



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

—1 Corinthians 13:13

Lately I have been reminiscing about my childhood years, both the good and the bad of them. Some of my first memories of watching the news were scenes of terrorists taking planes hostage, bombings and war in Israel, the War on Drugs, and how our nation's capital had become the murder capital of the United States. To my young mind it seemed like the world was a dark and hateful place. There seemed to be little to no hope.

Over the years following I remember hearing about and seeing concerts like Farm Aid, Live Aid, and the like, where large groups of performers came together to raise money in order to bring hope to various tragedies that were happening. The one I remember most though happened every Labor Day, the Jerry Lewis Telethon, which raised awareness and money for Muscular Dystrophy. I remember trying to stay up all night to watch as they brought on different acts and people and I especially remember the tympani drum roll every hour or so, where they would show the grand total of the pledges which had come in. There was a song played in the background after each of one of those. The song was "What the World Needs Now" by Burt Bacharach. At the time I had no idea who had written it. In fact, most of the time the lyrics were not even played with it. However, I remember the lyrics to the refrain of this beautiful tune yet today:

*"What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No not just for some, but for everyone..."*

I was just a kid, but from where I stood it sounded like a truth which too many people had

forgotten or never knew. I would fall asleep on the couch at peace and unaware of all the tragedy and hatred in the world. Lately, that tune has been running through my heart and mind and being whistled or sung a lot. "What the world needs now is love, sweet, love...No not just for some, but for everyone."

In a time when hatred and violence is once again at the very forefront of our thoughts and minds; a time when people feel persecuted and misunderstood, and completely alone in a cold cruel world, we could use a lot of love. We could use a lot of fellowship and laughter. We could use the hope that love isn't just something out there and in short supply, but something which is alive and well and available for everyone.

I have spoken a good deal as of late regarding faith and hope, but Paul speaks it best in 1 Corinthians – "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." It shouldn't take a telethon, disaster, or aid concert to remind us of our ability to come together as humanity and share the Love God created us with. Are there dark times around? Yes. Have they worn us down and strained our faith? Too often. Yet, the love of God is still here strong among us, and our world is in dire need of this great gift from God. Reach out to the world around you and let it build relationships rather than walls. Let it lift you up out of the mire of hatred rather than dragging you down further. Let it ring out as the song says...

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Peace and God Bless,
Pastor Burt

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's fellowship



Thursday, April 7, 2022
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

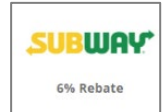
MENU

BBQ's,
 beans, assorted salads, cake
 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!



WHAT IS SCRIP

Roberts UCC earns money each time someone purchases a gift card through our Scrip Program. Each card is worth a different "rebate" amount, giving that amount back to our church.

There are forms you can fill out to order your cards in the narthex or create an account online (Enrollment Code: D7L4154436429) and order there. Scrip orders are placed every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and your cards will be available the following week.

This is an easy way you can support our church and make a financial impact.

Do you have a friend who has a child graduating soon? What a great gift for them to take with to college; a gas card, fast food, Barnes & Noble for books, Starbucks for staying up late studying?

Maybe you're planning a home improvement project soon and you'll need supplies at Menards, Home Depot or even Ace Hardware? We have you covered!

LET'S BREAK THIS DOWN

You purchase a \$25 Home Depot card; they have a rebate of 4%, Roberts UCC Church would receive \$1.00 from that ONE purchase.

Now let's take this further, you purchase a \$25 Great Clips card; everyone needs a haircut, right? Great Clips has a 8% rebate! Roberts UCC Church would receive \$2.00!!!

Check out the list of gift cards available, there are over 300 to choose from!



Happy Shopping!



ROBERTS Food Pantry

Giving hope to our neighbors

OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesdays & Thursdays
 9:00 - 11:30 am

Wednesdays
 6:30 - 8:00 pm

ITEMS NEEDED

Grocery Bags
 *Plastic and Paper

BLOOD DRIVE



We will be hosting a blood drive

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 ♥ 12:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Roberts Community
Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
 1001 Birch Drive, Roberts, WI 54023

Please take some time out of your day to help save someone's life. Your donation matters!

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 February 28, 2022

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$ 16,769.00
Facility use income	0.00
Fundraising income	343.54
Interest	0.13
Total income	17,112.67
Expenses	15,446.48
Transfers from other accounts	5,500.00
Net Activity	\$ 7,166.19

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 5,690.68
Other bank accounts	71,151.84
Fixed assets	1,874,642.28
Total Assets	\$ 1,951,484.80
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued expenses	\$ 904.60
Bank mortgage balance	661,588.19
Member mortgage balances	150,000.00
Total liabilities	8412,492.79
Equity	1,138,992.01
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,951,484.80



GAS CARD CAMPAIGN

We have decided to roll out a new campaign here at the church for gas cards to help those who are in need in our community. There are so many people in need of just a hand up in this world. Filling someone's tank is a great way to help our fellow brothers and sisters.

We are asking for you to consider purchasing a gas card through Script so the church receives the rebate amount, you get to write off the entire thing as a donation to the church AND help someone out.

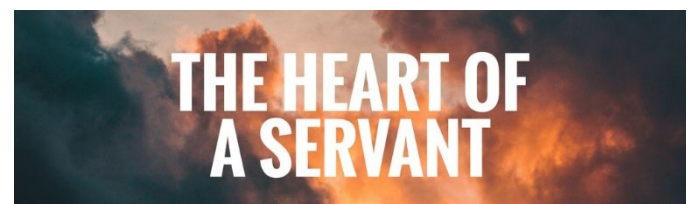
You never know what a difference a \$25 gas card could make in someone's life, it would be a difference for someone in need of getting to work to make money for their families. A tank filled instead of empty when it came to an emergency that someone needed to get some place. Whatever the

case may be; we all are called to be servants in this world; some of us will give time, money, or food. Why not a gas card?

If Script isn't something you are interested in, or you would rather just pick up a card at your favorite gas station when you fill up your tank, then by all means do that. Simply put the cards in an envelope with your name on it and we will credit it to your giving.

If you know of someone in need of assistance with gas. Contact Pastor Burt and he will get you a card to give them. Let's make a difference for those who are hurting around us. The Lord only knows, the world could use a little hope and help these days!

If you have questions regarding the campaign, call the office at 715-749-3225 or email Pastor Burt at Pastor@robertsucc.or



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

Dawn Budrow (Moderator), Lori Jurek (S.H.I.F.T. and Women's Fellowship), Tony Jurek (Trustees and Treasurer), and Connie Mueller (Church Clerk).

Meeting was called to order by Dawn at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting opening was led by Tony. "A Brand New Day" Based on Isaiah 43.

Minutes: February minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Lori to approve the minutes and seconded by Duane. Motion carried.

Reports:

Christian Education: (Toni submitted report)

- Vacation Bible School will be held from June 26-29. (6 to 8 P.M.) The theme is Deep Sea Mission.
- Decision made to order Confirm Not Conform UCC curriculum for the confirmation classes. Toni will be teaching the class (approximately 10 sessions per year).
- Working on getting gifts for this year's confirmands.
- Question from Women's Fellowship: Has it been decided if the Sunday School students will set up their items during Sunday School on April 24th?

Women's Fellowship:

- Met today
- The McDonald family is donating turkeys for the September monthly meal. This will be held on September 8

Trustees:

- Hired new Administration Assistant.
- Set up a policy for Paid Time Off
- Roger Ray will be in charge of the Church Auction
- A fundraising committee is being formed.

Treasurer:

- More members are using automatic withdrawal to take care of their weekly/monthly offering.

Deacons:

- Working on videos for lent
- Sending a letter to all members regarding membership and acquiring accurate information (address, phone, etc.) Membership list to be updated by late summer.
- Looking at changes to communion and offering. For communion, individual cups will be used along with the bread. People will go to the front of the church to receive. Regarding offering collection, various options are being discussed.

S.H.I.F.T

- No meeting
- Thank you to all who made prayer squares.

Pastor: (report submitted from Pastor Burt)

- A new Administrative Assistant, Jacqueline Babler, has been hired. Lori has been working with Jacqueline.
- There are currently 11 signed up for the Lenten Study group. It will begin on March 13th and run for 6 sessions.
- Help will be sought for decorating the church for Easter.
- Several people have expressed interest in joining the church. The pastor is planning on a couple of introductory meetings/classes for those interested.
- Additional information provided by Lori: Sara Rank will be the guest speaker (from THUG Life) on July 31st when the pastor is on vacation.

Other Business:

- A request was made that when e-mailing about the passing of a church member/friend that the subject line read "Passing of"
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Next Meeting: April 7, Dawn will lead the opening.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Mueller,
Church Clerk

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RUMMAGE SALE

For those children participating in the Lenten Challenge of collecting items to donate to the Rummage Sale, please bring your donations on Sunday, April 24.

Pastor Burt will be blessing the donations and the children will be able to help set out their items for the sale.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Confirmation is May 1, 2022.



Our 2022 Spring

Rummage Sale is this month! We have always had a great sale because of your donations. Please consider donating again this year!

RUMMAGE SALE DATES

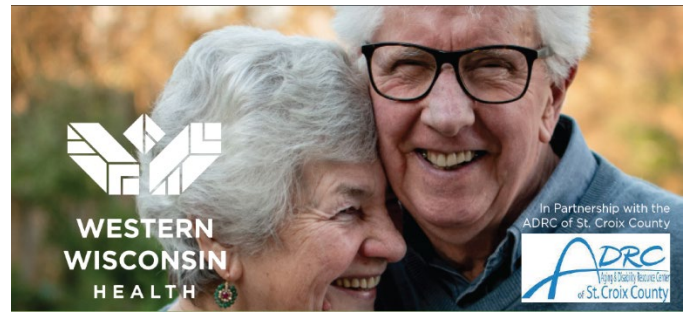
Friday, April 29, 2022 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Unless otherwise marked all items are 50¢ each!

Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:00 am – 10:30 am
Stuff a big garbage bag for ONLY \$2.00!

DROP OFF DATES

Monday, April 25th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 26th – Thursday April 28th
from 1:00 – 5:00 PM

We ask that all items are clean and in good condition and work. Any questions please contact Judy 715.410.1909



FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

This Fall Prevention program meets once-a-week for 7 weeks and is proven to reduce falls by 31%. If you are 60 or older and have fallen or are afraid of falling, this program is for you!

WHEN AND WHERE

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 9:30 – 11:30 am
1100 Bergslien Street, Baldwin, WI, Conference Room 1.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN

Balance & strength exercises. How medication & vision affect your fall risk. How to get up safely if you do fall.

HOW TO SIGN UP

This is a FREE 7-week course that meets on Wednesdays. To register call 715.381.4366 or email tara.murdzek@sccwi.gov



THANK YOU

A big thank you to all that purchased Easter Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. They will decorate the church beautifully for our Easter Season.

Roger & Laurene Ray, Patti Robertson, Sue Wille, Lowell & Sharon Johnson, Burt & Toni Williams, Tony & Lori Jurek, Sonya Jansma, Dean & Glenda Hansen, Duane & Dianne Lowell, Betty & Mary Schultz, Cecil Brighton, John & Jane Bond, Jennifer, Andrew, Axl, Adelaide Korn, Kathy Johnson, Don & Rockie Graf, Wanda Hopkins and Marie Ricci

Prayer LIST

Brian Wille	Tracy Grabau	Earl Pechuman	Eric Wanger
Mary Frederick	Linda Hall	Danielle Anderson	Terry Nygaard
Terry McKinley	Walt Lamson	Donna Lamson	Linda Jourdeans
Larry Graf	Audrey Ackley	Mark Jensen	Monika Jensen
Forman Family	Roene Frederick	Nancy Hansen	

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



April BIRTHDAYS

Laura Logas	April 02	Noah Steinke	April 20
Diane McKenna	April 03	Tim Myer	April 21
Jerry Vafaret	April 03	Margo Schultz	April 22
Skyler Henley	April 07	Connie Gillis	April 23
Alex Ray	April 07	Dan Rogers	April 23
Roxie Hatch	April 08	Ron Boenish	April 24
Dylan Frye	April 08	Richard Colbeth	April 25
Sheryl Johnson	April 09	Dawn Budrow	April 26
Callie Robelia	April 11	Ryan Hansen	April 26
Debby Phillips	April 17	Ceola Lindquist	April 27
Madalyn Dull	April 18	Nancy Kirouac	April 29
Brielle Hansen	April 19	Anna Lindquist	April 30



8 Years

Skylar & Hayley Henley
April 6, 2013

16 Years

Dennis & Carrie Segebrecht
April 19, 2005

32 Years

Glen & Roxanne Nelson
April 29, 1989

39 Years

Roger & Laurene Ray
April 24, 1982

49 Years

Dave & Diane McKenna
April 8, 1972

55 Years

Don & Rockie Graf
April 29, 1966

67 Years Ago

Ken & Mary Fern
April 4, 1954



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School 11:1 5am Lenten Bible Study Confirmation Students Final copy of Faith due	4	5 6:00 pm Deacons	6 6:00 pm Disciples 6:30pm Bell Choir Confirmation Meeting	7 3:30 pm Women's Fellowship 4:30 pm Community Dinner	8	9
10 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Scrip Due 11:15 am Lenten Bible Study	11 6:30 pm SHIFT meeting	12	13 6:30pm Bell Choir	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm UCC Roberts	15 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Cross Lutheran Church	16 HOLY SATURDAY
17 EASTER 6:45 am Sunrise Service 10:00 am Worship 11:15am Lenten Bible Study	18 Newsletter deadline	19 12:30 – 6:30 pm Blood drive 6:30 pm Trustees	20 6:30pm Bell Choir	21 5:00 pm SHIFT at Grace's Place	22	23
24 10:00 am Worship Sunday School (last class) Scrip due 11:15 am Lenten Bible Study	25 4:00 – 7:00 pm Rummage Sale drop off	26 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rummage Sale drop off	27 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rummage Sale drop off 6:30pm Bell Choir	28 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rummage Sale drop off	29 8:00 am – 6pm Rummage Sale	30 8:00 am – 10:30 am Rummage Sale



May the Lord bless you and keep you

