



CONNECTIONS

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

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*

*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*

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CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Online Scheduling Available! Photo Dates: Friday & Saturday, January 6 & 7
To schedule your photography appointment online, simply scan the QR code to the right. Or go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" button. Enter **wi235** in the "Church Code" field and enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field. **Note:** The Church Code & Password are case sensitive. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 time slots. The online scheduling option is not available Saturday or Sunday because we will be doing paper sign-ups at church. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



2021 Dear Family Letter

January Events

January 5th

4:30 pm Community Dinner

January 6th

Church Directory Photos
2:00 pm – 8:30 pm

January 7th

Church Directory Photos
10:30 am – 5:00 pm

January 8th

4:30 S.H.I.F.T. Holiday Gathering

January 15th

Annual Meeting
Begins after 10 am Worship

January 20th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Blood Drive

A Sneak Peek into February

*Save
the
Date*

JANUARY 15TH

ANNUAL MEETING

11:00 a.m. Following Worship



Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ

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Congregational UCC



Often-times we reflect on the past year as we begin our new one. Our past year here at Roberts UCC was a good one. Although we are not yet where we would like to be in attendance, our giving remained strong, we completed many needed projects around the church, and started a bunch of new things while continuing to support and perform our usual ministries. Yet, as I talk with people, last year was a hard year for many. Inflation, medical issues, prescription drug shortages, and just being plain exhausted are just a few of the things which I hear regularly. I wonder though if we are simply caught up in negative times and having a hard time seeing our way out.

The passage above addresses that very issue. Isaiah reminds us that God has a plan for all of this, even if we do not see it. Something new is just around the bend and God is leading the way. As the Scripture says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" Are you stuck looking backward and wishing for things to go back to the way they were? Has it been a long year with a lot of hills and valleys? Are you exhausted and needing someone else to take the reins for a while? Maybe it is time to look forward; to look with anticipation at what God has coming.

As a child I remember the excitement of new things. It didn't matter if it was a present, a trip, or a new friend. There was a palpable excitement around the whole thing. I would wait anxiously for my birthday and Christmas. I would dream about what the next adventures camping with my family would bring. I would wonder at what new things I would learn in school the next year. The things of the past were just that...past. I was looking for what was next, and the world had not yet tainted my view with all of its news of negativity. I wasn't worried about bills or food or where I would sleep. I didn't consider the time I had left or what I had done with the time I had been given. I didn't struggle all those adult things. Someone else had those things in hand. I just wanted to see what was next.

As we start this new year as a Church Family, I suggest we look ahead with that same excitement. What things will God do in and through us? What miracles will we see happen? What types of adventures will God lead us on? Of course, we will have the adult things we will need to take care of. We will need to pay our bills and maintain our ministries. There will be work to be done and issues which will arise. Yet, God has all this in hand. What new thing is God about to do here? We will never see it if we are constantly looking back and pining for what use to be.

Years ago, before Facebook, Tweets, Texts, Snaps, and Instagram Posts became the way to share motivational stories, people would forward things they found on the internet in emails. One that I remember vividly was called "Jenny's Pearls." It was all about a little girl who wanted a set of toy pearls one day as her mother and her were shopping. Wanting to teach her daughter responsibility, the mother made the little girl save up the money and buy them herself. The girl saved and worked hard in order to get that string of toy pearls and they became her most beloved treasure. So much so that her parents couldn't get her to take them off.

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After a while the girl's father started asking her at bedtime if she loved him and of course she replied that she did. Then he would ask if he could have her pearls. Each time he did this she offered anything but her pearls. "Daddy, you know I love you. You can have my Teddy Bear/my Walkman (I told you this was an old email)/my favorite blanket, but please don't take my pearls. Each time, looking saddened, he would reply, "That's OK sweetheart, get some sleep." And he would shut off her light and close her door.

Finally, one night, as the routine played out once again and he was about to shut out the light, she called out in soft almost whisper of a voice. With tears in her eyes, she held out the toy pearls with a trembling hand and said, "Alright, Daddy. You can have my pearls." He gently reached out and took the pearls. Then reaching into his pocket he pulled out a jewelry box that contained a string of beautiful REAL pearls for his darling little girl.

You see, he was waiting for her to give up her dime store trinket in order to give her something even more lovely and precious. She would never have realized the true value of the gift if she continued to hold onto the things of the past. That's how it is with us and our Heavenly Father. So, let's look with excitement for the new things God is going to do in and through us. Let's look for the new thing God is doing in the world around us, rather than pining for the dime store trinkets we worked so hard to get ourselves.

What will happen on this adventure we are starting on with this new year? Let the excitement and anticipation of a child fill your hearts and minds as we let God lead us to true treasures and moments we can only have in the presence of the Divine.

Peace to you all and I look forward to this adventure we are about to take together!

Pastor Burt

Take the Plunge with us!

Roberts UCC'S Frozen Faithful will be participating in the Hudson Rotary Club's 3rd Annual River Dunk on **February 4th!**

The Rotary Club hosts the event to raise funds for St. Croix Valley non-profits and clubs.

There are a few ways for you to get involved:

- 1) Become a team member to raise pledges and take the plunge.
- 2) Make a financial donation to the Roberts UCC team.

Money raised by our team will benefit RUCC!

- 3) Come to Lakefront Park in Hudson WI on February 4 (between 12:15 & 1:30pm) to watch and cheer for all the hardy folks who will be jumping into the St. Croix River.

Please visit the RUCC team fundraising page at:

<https://secure.frontstream.com/2023-rotary-river-dunk/team/991069>

or contact Tony Jurek, Team Captain, at 612-816-3828 for more information.



GIVE
BLOOD
GIVE LIFE

Blood Drive

Roberts Community Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ

1001 Birch Dr

Friday, January 20, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's fellowship

Thursday, January 5, 2023
4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

MENU

Meatloaf & Bakes Potatoes
Green Beans, Rolls, Pickles
Angel Food Cake with Strawberries & Whipped Cream,
Beverages (Coffee & Milk)

Adults: \$7.00 Children \$4.00
Take-out meals are available upon request.
Invite your friends and family for this time of
fellowship.
All are welcome!

Women's Fellowship News

2023 Monthly Community Dinners

ALL interested members of our church family (women *and* men) are encouraged to serve on a monthly dinner committee! Dinners are served on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:30pm and provide a wonderful opportunity to build connections with one another. If you are not on a committee and would like to serve, please contact Judy Snoeyenbos, Lori Jurek or the church office. We'll find a spot that works for you! Additionally, we will be putting together an "On-Call" List for those willing to be fill in as a substitute when, on occasion, a committee finds themselves short-handed for the night of their dinner. Let us know if you'd like to be put on this list. Thanks in advance for your willingness to support our church through service!

Each month's menu is determined by the serving committee and should be communicated by the chairperson to the church office at least a month prior to allow for announcements. The chairperson will be responsible for coordinating the grocery shopping and should be reimbursed by committee members.

New for 2023:

- All (hot) Main Entrees should be served through the kitchen window; side dishes and other accompanying items may be placed on a table for guests to self-serve. Thank you for helping us with this process!
- Beginning in January, pricing for the monthly meal will be as follows:
Adults - \$7,
Children (5-13 yrs.) - \$4
Under 5 - Free



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

Pancake Mix	Ramen Noodles
Chef Boyardee	Pork & Beans
Jell-O/Pudding	Any Paper Products
Laundry Soap	Grocery Bags

TREASURER'S REPORT

*****Detailed minutes of the Trustees meetings, including financial statements are available upon request.***
General Fund Financial Summary as of November 30, 2022

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$178,139.88
Giving Grid	\$6,105.00
Fundraising Income	\$12,156.99
Facility Use Income	\$1,470.00
Insurance Claim – Roof	\$56,620.42
Interest	2.14
Total income	\$254,494.43
Expenses	(210,970.64)
Transfers from other accounts	\$14,000.00
Net Activity	\$57,523.79

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 22,985.72
Other Bank Accounts	\$54,798.19
Fixed assets	\$1,874,642.28
Total Assets	\$1,963,625.01
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued expenses	\$1,017.50
Bank mortgage balance	\$579,434.43
Member mortgage balances	\$150,000.00
Total liabilities	\$730,451.93
Equity	\$1,233,173.08
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$1,963,625.01

MID-WINTER MISCHIEF FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Event Includes: Motorized Bike
Raffle**

**Saturday, February 18th
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Raffle Tickets Available **NOW**
Tickets are \$20.00

Great bike for:
Hunting, Camping,
Errands, or Fun

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Church
Office

**Bulletin Sponsorship for 2023**

The recommended donation is \$15.00 per Sunday. Bulletin sponsorship is often done in honor, celebration, or memory of someone, or of a special event.

**2023 Sign-Up Genius for online date
selection is now available. Below is the
direct link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA-BA92AA3FAC61-2023>

* Please send payment to the church office and note "Bulletin Sponsorship" in the memo. If you can also note the date(s) you are sponsoring, it is helpful.

* If you need assistance, please contact the church office and we will input the dates you would like to sponsor. I would be happy to help:
secretary@robertsucc.org



**MINUTES FROM REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
December 1, 2022**

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

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

Opening Devotions was led by Lori: "M and M"

Minutes: November update was reviewed. Motion was made by Lori to approve the minutes and seconded by Tony. Motion carried.

Reports:

Christian Education:

- Christmas program will be held on Dec. 17
 - Dress rehearsal at 10
 - Program will be presented at 11
 - Cookie fellowship to follow program. Volunteers needed to provide cookies.
- Partnering with Safe Haven Foster Shoppe to set up bags for several foster children.

Deacons: (report given by Pastor Burt)

- Nominating Committee has begun.
- A review of the membership is being done. The goal is to have reached all current members before the end of the year. The purpose is to inquire about desire to maintain membership and update information.
- Annual meeting: January 15th.

S.H.I.F.T

- Providing a meal for Grace Place on Dec. 15
- Christmas Mission Potluck and Cookie Sale will be held on Dec. 4th. All proceeds from the free will offering and the cookie sale will go to the THUG ministry. Volunteers bringing cookies should plan on bringing 3 dozen.

Women's Fellowship:

- Met today
- No coffee fellowship on Christmas morning following service.
- Elected officers
- Coverage was found for Judy when she is gone.

Trustees:

- Fundraisers: Feb. 4 (River Dunk), Feb. 18 (Midwinter Mischief)
- Building needs list has been nearly completed.
- Memorial funds are being given for updating the sound system.
- Budget is nearly finalized.

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- New website has been approved. Lori Jurek reported that we were able to migrate 20 pages of our current website to the new one. But considerable work needs to be done to add new pages and new features to make the site more appealing and easy to use.

Treasurer:

- Fundraising Committee: The trustees HAVE approved a midwinter event for Feb. 18, 2023. The committee would like to send around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist with this event.

Pastor:

- RUCCUS Pageant will be held on December 17th. The bell choir, playing a total of 4 songs, will accompany the children for two songs during the pageant.
- Stewardship Drive has gone well. Over \$131,000 has been pledged for 2023 thus far.
- Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. The Bell Choir will be playing at the first service. There will be a 10:00 A.M. service on Christmas Day.
- Data is still being collected regarding membership.
- Church budget is nearly done.
- Nominating Committee has begun the process of filling positions for 2023.

Other Business:

- Church directory sign up is going well.
- Discussed having a meat raffle in March to spread the fundraising ideas out.

Next meeting: January 5. Tony will do the opening

Respectfully submitted, Connie Mueller, Church Clerk

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER GIVING AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Are you looking for an easier way to donate to the church without having to write a check every week? With summer coming you may not be in town every weekend to bring your weekly contribution.

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM YOUR BANK

Did you know we have a way you can have funds automatically withdrawn from your checking account each month? Just fill out a short form with a canceled check and on the 15th of each month, the amount you designate will be automatically withdrawn from your account.. If you would like to try this option, please contact the church office and we will get the form for you.

ONLINE DONATION THROUGH PAYPAL

You are able to give directly through our website, <http://robertsucc.org>? In the Menu, select "GIVING" and then "GIVE NOW" and it will take you to our donations page, or go directly to it at <http://robertsucc.org/giving>. Hit the give now button and use your PayPal account or credit/debit care to donate whenever it is convenient for you.

If you have any questions please contact the church office, secretary@robertsucc.org

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER COMMITTEES FOR 2023

Women's Fellowship meetings are open to all and held at 3:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, except for June and July.

The monthly Community Dinner follows from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson of the committee needs to be REIMBURSED for expenses beyond any food donated.

All (hot) main entrees are to be dished up from the service window. Sides can be on a self-serve table.

Each committee determines their menu and needs to take home everything they bring. Nothing should be left in the refrigerator. **If you cannot serve at your appointed time, please notify your chairperson. If you are not listed and would like to serve, please contact one of the Executive Committee members.**

Serve dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Plan food for 50-75 people

Note: All food must be made at the church –STATE LAW!!

January 5, 2023

Nancy Kirouac **Chairman
Mary Grupe (furnish only)
Carol Dull
Terry Dull
Roene Frederick
Mandy Clay
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz

February 2, 2023

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Jacque Nelson
Sheryl Budrow
Roxy Nelson
Dawn Budrow

March 2, 2023

Mary Thorsen – *Chair for 2023*
Margie Ricci – *Sub for 2023*
Cheryl Lindquist
Brenda Poulin
Audrey Ackley
Sue Wille
Gail Cotterman
Natilee
McDonald

April 2023

NO MEAL DUE TO MAUNDY THURSDAY!
Margie Ricci **Chairman
Mary Thorsen *Co-chair
Laurie Monteith
Sheryl Johnson
Sharon Johnson
Danielle Johnson

May 4, 2023

Judy Snoeyenbos
**Chairman
Mary Schultz
Cheryl Cowles
Betty Schultz
Jane Bond
Lori Jurek

June and July 2023

We will not serve a meal in June or July due to Good Neighbor Days and July 4th celebrations.

August 3, 2023

Kathy Johnson **Chairman
Megan Frye
Jan Kuschel
Trudy Hinkel
Elizabeth Croes
Renee Gullixson
Chris Bohl

September 7, 2023

Katy Kapaun **Chairman
Dianne Loewel *Co-chair
Laura Logas
Wanda Hopkins
Ann Ostendorf
Sonya Jansma

October 5, 2023

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Nancy Kirouac *Co-Chair
Mary Thorsen
Darla Ramberg
Toni Williams
Beth Rogers
Deb Phillips
Duane Loewel

November 2, 2023

Michelle Hansen *Co-Chair
Laurene Ray *Co-Chair
Pat Colbeth
Glenda Hansen
Suzie Lange
Nancee Hurlburt
Mary Jo Ball
Brenda Poulin
Sally Mahlstadt

December 7, 2023

Tracy Ronnander
**Chairman
Sharon Pizzi
Lori Gulich
Patti Robertson
Judy Snoeyenbos
Sharon Johnson
Mary Thorsen

"On-Call" List

Lori Jurek
Dianne Loewel
Laura Logas
Connie Mueller
Laurene Ray

Executive Committee

President: Judy Snoeyenbos	715-410-1909
Vice President: Lori Jurek	715-386-3214
Secretary: Nancy Kirouac	651-269-6103
Treasurer: Judy Snoeyenbos	715-410-1909

Funeral Committee

Lori Jurek	715-386-3214
Mary Thorsen	715-220-3999
Judy Snoeyenbos	715-410-1909
Laura Logas	651-341-7639

PRAYER LIST

Brian Wille	Tracy Grabau	Earl Pechuman	Eric Wangen	Mary Frederick
Linda Hall	Terry McKinley	Walt Lamson	Joe Fetzer	
Linda Jourdeans	Audrey Ackley	Bob Hartmon	Forman Family	
Friends & Family of Wes Frederick				

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



Bill & Margo Schultz
Jan. 1st

January 1

John Bond

January 7

Duane Hall

Natilee McDonald

January 9

Danielle Johnson



January 10

David Fisher

January 14

Jacob Stoffel

January 23

Tyson Ferrick

Mackson Stone

January 24

Margaret Cave

Roseanne Ricci

January 26

Kelly Kramer

January 31

David Hansen

2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship with Communion New Year's Day	2	3 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	4 5:30pm RUCCUS 6:00pm Adult Christmas Pageant	5 3:30pm WF 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Council Meeting	6 2:00pm-8:30pm Photo Session	7 10:30am-5:00pm Photo Session
8 10:00am Worship <i>RaiseRight Orders Due</i> 4:30pm SHIFT Holiday Gathering	9	10	11 6:30pm Bell Choir	12	13	14 9:00am Church Audit
15 10:00am Worship 11:00am Annual Meeting	16 6:00pm CE Luther King Jr Day	17 6:30pm Trustees	18 5:30pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	19	20 9:00pm-3:00pm Blood Drive	21
22 10:00am Worship <i>SCRIP Orders Due</i>	23	24	25 6:30pm Bell Choir	26	27	28
29 10:00am Worship <i>with</i>	30	31	FEB 1 5:30pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	FEB 2 3:30pm WF 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Council	FEB 3	FEB 4 12:00-2:00 2023 Robert's UCC River Dunk by The Rotary Club of Hudson, WI


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