



CONNECTIONS

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

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Mark 6: 30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages^[a]! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see. “When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

JUNE 4th

9:00 a.m. Good Neighbor Days (GND)
Ecumenical Service hosted by RUCC &
Cross Lutheran Churches at Roberts Park

JUNE 11th

Small Discussion Group & Activity –
Get to know the local Food Pantry.
(See “*From the Pastor’s Desk*”).
Watch for future scripture-based group
discussions & activities in which to
participate.

JUNE 15th

5:00 p.m. SHIFT @ Grace Place

JUNE 25th

5:30 p.m. VBS Potluck Kickoff
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
VBS “On the Case”

June 26th

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
VBS “On the Case”

June 27th

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
VBS “On the Case”

June 28th

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
VBS “On the Case”



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From the Pastor's Desk

*Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
—Isaiah 43:18-19a*

So many exciting things are happening right now in the church. As Spring brings new life all around us and we head into a Summer full of brighter days, beautiful weather, and vacation adventures, we are seeing much life spring up in the church as well. I encourage everyone to take their vacations and have a blast during them. I also encourage and invite you to come and partake in the many things which will be happening here at Roberts Congregational UCC this Summer and into Fall!

We kicked things off a few weeks ago with the start of our year long stewardship program, “From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving.” Our Deacons are hard at work pulling together a program that is something like we have never done before here at RUCC with a multitude of ways to participate and celebrate with us. There will be seven more Sundays where we will be celebrating the various ministries we do here as we look at stewardship through the lens of our Communion with one another. After church on those Sundays (the first two listed below) our Christian Education team will be heading up short discussion groups led by members of the team on the Scripture lesson for those Sundays with various activities attached to them:

June 11th

Feeding of the 5000 (Mark 6:30-44)

Activity: Get to Know Our Local Food Pantry! Ever wonder how The Roberts Hammond Food Pantry works, what it looks like, who is a part of it, or how you could volunteer or help? Join in on the discussion group to find out more.

July 2nd

People from the East and West and North and South Eat Bread in the Realm of God (Luke 13:22-30)

Activity: Serving at a local shelter dinner or food distribution center.

There will be many more celebrations and activities as well (including a trip to a vineyard/winery – watch for details on them in upcoming newsletters and emails). Come and join the Christian Ed team in discussing the Scripture of that Sunday and partaking in the activities. Activities may be scheduled for another date, but we will try to keep people informed in advance.

While the Deacons work on planning worship activities, communications and our final Celebration activity, and the Christian Ed Team work on the discussion groups and activities, The Trustees will be working on a Narrative Budget to show us just how the finances and time we give to the church helps us to meet our mission. And this is just for our Stewardship.

We also have our outdoor Ecumenical Good Neighbor Days Worship with Cross Lutheran Church happening on June 4th, 9am, at the Roberts Park. A good time to come and share in fellowship, Communion, and worship with our brothers and sisters in the area. Our VBS Program, “On the Case,” is ramping up to kick off (June 25-28) and we are already getting registrations (including some from outside the congregations thanks to the SCC School system allowing us to send out information through them). Here is the best part. VBS is no longer just for the kids. We have a multitude of adult and teen volunteers and family members attending as well. We encourage all our members to come and share in our church “family” time with the kids!

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Looking towards Fall we have several other events in the works. Our Annual Church Auction will be held on August 16th, from 5-9pm. Always a great time had at this event! Women's Fellowship will be holding their Fall Rummage Sale September 15th and 16th (another event where we are seeing more and more participation from members and friends of the church). This event is a great way to help share with others some slightly used items at very affordable costs. Come share your treasures and look for new treasures for yourself. A wonderful way to be good stewards by repurposing our shared treasures.

Finally, the Christian Education team is working with the other boards, teams, and committees to pull together a Good Ol' Fashion Church Picnic. Of course, there will be a potluck meal, but we are going to try and step back in time to a celebration of family and friends with friendly competitions and games. Three Legged and Gunny Sack Races, a pie eating contest (who can eat their pie the fastest), a "Pie the Pastor" event, and much, much more. The Picnic will take place September 17th right after services.

These are just the special events which are being planned for this summer and early fall! It doesn't take into account the many other ministries which happen throughout the year: the Food Pantry, Feed My Starving Children, SHIFT!, Women's Fellowship, Community Dinners, RUCCUS, Bell Choir, Bible Studies, Confirmation, Christmas Clothesline, St Croix River Dunk, and many other various fellowship gatherings and fundraisers. I am sure there are others I have missed (I'm sorry if I missed one you are a part of).

There are SO many exciting things happening here at Roberts Congregational UCC. Come and join us as we celebrate all that God is giving us and calling us to do! Not sure how to become a part of something? Feel free to ask, watch for emails and sign-up sheets, just show up! Join the excitement of all God is doing in and through us here! Peace to you all!

Yours in the Family of Christ,
Pastor Burt



ITEMS NEEDED

Paper Products
Shampoo
Deodorant
Liquid Hand
Soap

OPEN WEEKLY

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

SHIFT!

(Serving Him in Faith Together)

Formed in 2015, the name implies both action and change. Our mission is to identify opportunities to come together in service to others in our community and world.

SHIFT is open to both men and women.

Anyone who would like more information or to become involved, please contact Lori Jurek:

(715) 386-3214 or email:

ShiftTeam@robertsucc.org

SHIFT sponsors a variety of ministries including FMSC and Grace Place (see next page).

GRACE PLACE

Our next opportunity to provide dinner for the residents of Grace Place will be on Thursday, June 15th at 5:00pm. If you are interested in contributing to the meal or need additional details, please visit our Sign-Up Genius page by clicking on the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-grace1>



Questions may be directed to
Nancy Kirouac,
nlkirouac@icloud.com
Lori Jurek,
aljurek@baldwin-telecom.net
or any other SHIFT!
Team member.
Thank you!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

COMMUNITY

2023 UPCOMING DATES:

August 3rd
September 7th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th
4:30 p.m.

DINNERS

THANK YOU to all those who participated in the **FMSC meal packing on Saturday, May 13th!**

In just 2 hours, the FMSC event teams packed 20,520 meals; that is enough to feed 56 children for an entire year!

RUCC's 13 volunteers packed **2,592** of those meals; that is enough to feed 7 children for an entire year!

Watch for future fall dates to be announced.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
ROBERTS UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

FRIDAY: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Lunch Available)

SATURDAY 8:00 am – 10:30 am

TREASURER'S REPORT

***Detailed minutes of the Trustees meetings, including financial statements are available upon request.*

General Fund Financial Summary as of April 30, 2023

<u>Statement of Activity</u>		<u>Statement of Financial Position</u>	
Income/Contributions	\$ 60,945.49	Assets	
Facility use income	625.00	General Accounts	\$ 6,118.00
Fundraising income	12,093.60	Other Bank Accounts	61,242.64
Interest	.52	Fixed assets	1,874,642.28
Total income	73,664.61	Total Assets	1,942,002.92
Expenses	81,040.93	<u>Liabilities & Equity</u>	
Transfers from other accounts	6,725.03	Accrued expenses	\$ 5,237.60
Net Activity	\$ (651.29)	Bank mortgage balance	569,891.56
		Member mortgage balances	150,000.00
		Total liabilities	725,129.16
		Equity	1,216,873.76
		Total Liabilities & Equity	1,942,002.92

PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER:

Brian Wille	Tracy Grabau	Earl Pechuman	Eric Wangen
Mary Frederick	Linda Hall	Terry McKinley	Walt Lamson
Audrey Ackley	Bob Hartmon	Tom Sullwold	Allison
Glenn Hall	The Forman Family	Missy Reed	
Family & Friends of Katie Leising			

All those serving in our law enforcement, first responders, military, healthcare settings,
and those in Ukraine.

For all those not listed above but needing prayer, we lift you up.

ARE YOU IN AND OUT OF TOWN DURING THE SUMMER?

Consider donating through Electronic Funds Transfer for your convenience. Funds are automatically withdrawn on the 15th of each month. If you would like to try this option, please contact the church office and we can provide you with a form.

We also offer ONLINE giving through our website: www.robertsucc.org/giving.

PayPal Accounts & Credit/Debit cards can be used.

If you have questions about either option, please contact the church office at 715-749-3225
or email: secretary@robertsucc.org.



MINUTES FROM REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 26, 2023

Lori Jurek (Moderator, S.H.I.F.T. and Women's Fellowship), Dianne Loewel (Trustees), Toni Williams (CE), Duane Loewel (Deacons), Pastor Burt Williams, and Connie Mueller

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

Opening devotion was led by Toni: "The Bible or Star Wars"

Minutes: April 4 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by to Duane to approve the minutes and seconded by Toni. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Christian Education:

- Will be serving fellowship from now on the first Sunday of the month
- Continuing to plan VBS: Tony and Lori will take care of snacks
- Fund raising ideas: 1) Coffee mug sales in October/November. Mugs will have church logo and/or be decorated by the children and 2) "Silly Supper" to be held late summer or early fall.
- Toni is willing to coordinate a church wide picnic. Asking that all council members bring this to his or her group to brainstorm ideas in which the group can assist with this picnic to be held on September 17th.
- Trustees: CE is requesting that the children be allowed to plant cucumbers in pots along the west wall of the church. Trellises would be next to the pots. Cucumbers would be sold as a fund raiser in which monies generated may go into the general fund. Permission is needed from the trustees to do this.

Deacons:

- Thanks to the pastor for the Bible Study held during Lent.
- Kicking off a year-long stewardship campaign. Campaign is called "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving." The first letter about this campaign will go out with the first quarter financial statements to all members and friends of the church.
- Pastor mentioned that the Deacons began discussing holding a fair for nonprofit groups in the area

S.H.I.F.T.:

- Gerten's Fundraiser has been successful. Approximately 21 orders were placed. \$600.00 profit raised.
- Made 20 Feel Good Kits. Will contact school to see if there are children that need them over the summer, or if they should be kept until next fall.
- Serving dinner at Grace Place on June 15th. Sign up genius will again be used for support of this project.
- Sending a group of volunteers to Feed My Starving Children on May 13th.
- Next meeting: June 12th.

Pastor:

- Upcoming baptism on May 21st of Silas Rogers, son of Dan and Beth Rogers
- Pastor updated progress of transition to One Board Governance. To date, the following have agreed to serve on this committee: Pastor Burt, Dawn Budrow, Patti Robertson, Tracy Ronnander, Jenny Korn, Duane Loewel, and Laura Logas. Connie Mueller will serve as Recording Secretary. The pastor will contact all members to establish meeting times in which all are available.
- Pastor's Scheduled 2023 Vacation: June 14-20, July 12-18, Aug. 2-8, Aug. 21-24, and Sept. 1-13. Need coverage for June 18, July 16, August 6, Sept. 3, and Sept. 10.
- Pastor is beginning a six week continuing education course.
- Has begun planning for his 2024 sabbatical.

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- A request has been sent from the Roberts-Warren Fire Department. The department is seeking financial support for their school fire safety awareness program. The cost is approximately \$70.00 per 20 students. Lori suggested that something go in the newsletter and/or bulletin seeking support for this program so that all members will be aware of it.

Trustees:

- Building maintenance update. 1) Weather stripping is being addressed. 2) Fire system repairs being taken care of. 3) Roof over the kids' room had a patch fail and has been taken care of.
- New mortgage payment plan has been completed.
- Developing employment policy, safe sanctuary policy, and establishing cleaning procedures to include in the Policy for Usage Rental agreement.
- Duane inquired about a church spring clean-up. None scheduled at this time.
- Pastor inquired about the down spouts. Lori stated that new ones need to be gotten.
- Lori asked if the trustees have found a chairperson for the church auction or set a date.

Women's Fellowship:

- Spring Rummage Sale: generated over \$1000.00.
- Fall Rummage Sale: Sept. 15th and 16th, 2023. CE volunteered to assist with the clean-up again.

New Business:

- Website is in development stage.
- Directory: The directory is here and available to families. The church purchased an app which will allow updates and all to more readily get needed information.
- **Note to all:** It is important that if someone needs something done by the office administration, it would be preferred to send that request via e-mail. If that does not work, anything put in her mailbox needs to be signed and dated with the request. Thus, if she has questions, she knows who to contact.

Next meeting: June 1 (6 P.M.) Tony Jurek will do the opening.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Mueller , Church Clerk



**Wednesday,
August 15th
5:00 p.m.**



CHURCH MEMBER APP NOW AVAILABLE

It's an easy way to CONNECT with
your church family.



For further assistance, please contact
Lori Jurek at:

aljurek@baldwin-telecom.net



VBS 2023

*Sunday, June 25th through
Wednesday, June 28th
6:00pm - 8:00pm*

We look forward to sharing God's love and investigating some of Jesus' best parables with our youngest members. **VBS** is open to kids of all ages.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Potluck Kickoff! Sunday, June 25th at 5:00pm

We hope you all choose to come and join in the fun!!

Registration Due: June 11, 2023 Cost: \$10 per child or \$25 per family of 3 or more

- As always, we ask that any child not potty trained remain accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the evening.
- That being said, ALL parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and join in the fun!
- We offer snacks during VBS, but not a full meal. (Except Sunday night's potluck.)

Here is a Google link if you want to sign your kiddo(s) up, one form per child.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKseU5GzkXE5ePoe1BU48KhbxMCpk1Au_HT2M1aq-65roREA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Or fill out a form found in the narthex.



RaiseRight is an easy way to support RUCC while you do your everyday shopping at **popular retailers**. Physical, eGift, or Reloadable gift cards are available.

Visit our website: www.robertsucc.org ("Giving"), print & fill out a form (or pick up a form at church), then drop it in the box located in the narthex. We will contact you when your gift card(s) are ready.

OR

You can go directly to the **RaiseRight** website at: www.shopwithscrip.com. Existing supporters can continue to sign-in as usual. New supporters are encouraged to check out the website. Once you decide which cards, simply create and account. You will need a code.

Please contact Dianne Loewel at: dloewel135@gmail.com or contact the church office at: secretary@robertsucc.org or call (715) 749-2335.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Blood Drive

**Roberts
Congregational United
Church of Christ**

**Wednesday, July 19th
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Direct Link to Schedule:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Roberts>

Questions, please contact Lori Jurek:
aljurek@baldwin-telecom.net



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*Ceola Lindquist
Maddy Dull
Gracie Delander*

COLLEGE GRADUATES

*McKenzie Budrow
Luke Budrow*

May God Bless You



June 2

Dylan & Kelly Hueman

June 20

Eldon & Gloria Myer

June 4

Beth & Dan Rogers

June 21

Bob & Margie Ricci

June 5

Jane & John Bond

June 22

Ashley & Ross Stone

June 9

Audrey & Doug Ackley

June 30

Cindy & Joe Schultz
Karl & Tiana Kristensen

June 14

Burt & Toni Williams
Cheryl & David Lindquist



June 1

Meghan Ament

June 2

Reanna Gullixson

June 4

Kyle Hoyer

June 6

Adelaide Korn

June 9

Quinn Rogers

June 10

Conner Hansen
Eldon Myer

June 11

Charlotte Hansen

June 12

Fran Hall

June 14

McKenzie Budrow

June 17

Carol McKinley

June 18

James Cave

June 20

Judy Snoeyenbos

June 21

Patty Johnson

June 23

Olivia Adrian
Marcy Sain

June 26

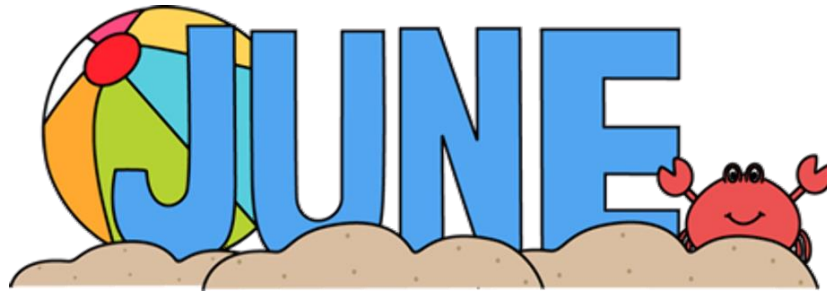
Carol Morgen

June 27

Joe Sain

June 29

Gloria Myer



June 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00pm Council	2	3
4 9:00am Good Neighbor Days Ecumenical Service	5	6 6:00pm Deacons	7	8	9	10
11 10:00am Worship <i>RaiseRight</i>	12 6:30pm SHIFT	13	14	15 5:00pm SHIFT @ Grace Place	16	17
18 10:00am Worship	19 6:00pm CE	20 6:30pm Trustees Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23	24
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