

Connections

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

Here at Roberts UCC

We are a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church united in Spirit to love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Sunday July 7, 14, 21, & 28 10:00 a.m. Worship Communion – July 7th

JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES

July 17th – Blood Drive August 1st – Community Dinner

August 4th – ALL Church Picnic August 21st – Auction September 5th – Community Dinner

September 13th & 14th – Fall Rummage Sale

September 16th – Blood Drive



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

- Psalm 133:1

What a beautiful point the Psalmist makes above and there is no better time than now to come and be a part of the family here at Roberts UCC. As I put the finishing pieces together for departing for Sabbatical, I am excited not only for the opportunity it is bringing for me but for all that is going to be going on here while I am away and the opportunities all of you will have to grow closer together. It is a truly marvelous time in the life of our congregation.

The calendar continues to find opportunities for all of you to grow. In July, there is a blood drive on the 17th, and a community dinner and four wonderful services planned. Connie Mueller will lead worship on July 7th and has recruited some of our family members (Nick Cluppert – American Red Cross Disaster Senior Disaster Program Manager and JD Smith – American Red Cross Volunteer) to discuss with us some of the things the Red Cross does outside of Blood Drives. Sunday the 14th will be led by Megan Frye with Dawn Budrow playing for the service. On the 21st it will be our Head Deacon, Duane Loewel, leading worship. Finally, on the 28th, our Head Trustee, Tony Jurek, will be bringing his talents to us in leading worship. Only God knows what will happen and what these folks will do during worship. Come and check it out!

August has its own events and celebrations. August 1st, Women's Fellowship starts back up with their Community Dinners. A good way to fellowship with one another over great food and wonderful people. August 4th is our 2nd Annual All Church Picnic with the Christian Ed Team and Kids leading worship. On August 11th Brett Budrow is leading worship in his own styling with Dawn Budrow playing for the service. On the 18th, Megan Frye

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will again be bringing us closer to God in worship. Wednesday, the 21st, is our Annual Church Auction, which is always a good time! Finally in August we round out the month with Connie Mueller again leading us in worship.

In September we start our month off with Glenn Hall guiding our worship as a family on the 5th. The 5th is another great meal being served at our Women's Fellowship Community Dinner. By the way, if you are not aware they are an award-winning group for their dinners. You should really come and check them out. Worship on the 8th will be "A Taste of RUCCUS." The morning will begin with the Christian Ed Team serving a breakfast from 8:30-9:30am followed by service in the style used on our Wednesday night family worship program (RUCCUS - Roberts UCC Understanding Scripture). The week of the 9th-the 14th is the Women's Fellowship Fall Rummage Sale with drop off times on the 9th through the 12th and the actual rummage sale happening on the 13th and 14th. Also, on the 11th the Bell Choir resumes gathering for practice. If you are looking for a good time to get together with others and enjoy music, see Dawn Budrow or Patti Robertson about checking out plating with this fun-loving group. No experience is necessary, they will train you! On the 15th, Brett Budrow will be helping us worship our God and Dawn Budrow will be playing for that service. There is another American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for September 16th. On the 22nd, Duane Loewel invites you to come and give him a hard time as he leads worship! We love you, Duane! And we round out this sabbatical time with Megan Frye gathering us together for worship and praise on September 29th. These are just the things on the Calendar at the present time. Watch your Newsletter and emails for more things that are happening.

Over the time I am gone, **Jenny Korn** has agreed to keep our *Online Worship* services coming to everyone along with weekly updates of what is happening at the church. The services are all recorded and ready to go and Jenny will get them posted and updated for us. Over this time, she will be sending out the *weekly updates* from the video@robertsucc.org address. So, watch for those to hit your Inbox.

If you should have a *Pastoral Emergency* over the time I am away, please contact **Duane Loewel at 715-690-7599** and he will get in touch with the appropriate on-call Pastor for that time.

If you have a church building or finance concern, please contact Tony Jurek at 715-531-5170.

Not sure who should be contacted, Lori Jurek would be happy to help you get in touch with the right person. She can be reached at **715-220-7432.**

If you need to add someone to the *Prayer List or need to get something on the Church Calendar*, contact our Office Admin, **Kim Ashton by phone or email: 715-749-3225 or secretary@robertsucc.org.**

I am hoping that all of you will take the time to come together as a family in my absence. As the Psalmist has said it best, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" Peace to you all and I will see you in October!

Yours in the Family of Christ,



Pastor Burt



TREASURER'S REPORT

May 31, 2024

Is currently unavailable. Please watch the August newsletter for our May Treasurer's Report.

Thank you for your patience during our Treasurer transition.



Our Community Dinners will return:

Thursday August 1, 2024 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Watch our bulletins and August Newsletter for the menu.

Adults \$7 | Children \$4 5 & Under - FREE

August 21st 5:00 p.m.



Come Early
4:00 p.m.
Bake Sale
&
Food Stand





July 14
Connie & Jerry Mueller



July 3

Terry Dull Adalyn Hoyer Bruce Riggins



<u>July 5</u> Jamie Delander

<u>July 7</u>

Steven Mueller Wil Ronnander

July 8

Tiana Kristensen

July 9

Derek Ray

July 11

Wendy Gonzalez Khristian Steinke

July 16

Lucas O'Connell

July 20

Duane Loewel

July 23

Doug Ackley Darla Ramberg

<u>July 24</u>

Pamela Kamm

July 26

Luke Larson



CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST June 6, 2024

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

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

Meeting opening was led by Duane: "Night of Laughter."

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

Women's Fellowship:

- The next meeting and supper will be held in August.
- Fall Rummage Sale: September 13 and 14th, 2024.
- Will hold a bake sale on August 21st at the church auction.

Deacons:

- Met on June 4th.
- Mission to reach out to existing members and visitors: Instead of circulating the pew pads, a discussion was held on creating visitor and prayer cards which would be housed in the pew card holders. They could be filled out and then put in the offering plate. Lori suggested a giving card as well that she had seen at another church and will send it to council for consideration.
- Discussed need for more large print bulletins.
- Reviewed summer sabbatical information provided by Pastor Burt.

S.H.I.F.T

- Will serve food at Grace Place on June 20th.
- Will have food stand at the church auction.
- Will hold a cake walk at the church picnic.

Trustees:

- Match Game update: This campaign was very successful, and it raised over \$20,000.00. Decided to pay back the Memorial Fund and decided that those funds need to be used as originally intended, perhaps new speakers for the front of the church.
- Terry Dull will be making a ramp for the back door.
- Century Payroll has been contracted to take over doing the church books, taking care of payroll, and filing tax information as needed. They are expected to take over by the end of July.
- Approved looking into the use of the church by another group.
- Signed another year contract with Ahern Fire Protection Services.
- The church auction will be held on August 21st at 5 P.M. Roger Ray will serve as the chairperson.

Church Board Team:

- Congregation voted to proceed to Phase 2 on May 19th.
- There are five volunteers so far signed up for Phase 2. Duane will contact those who have signed up along with some Phase 1 people to get started and assist in the transition into Phase 2 work.

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Christian Education:

- Vacation Bible School will be held on June 23-26th from 6-8 P.M. The first evening will begin with a potluck at 5:00 P.M. Currently 26 youth are signed up.
- 'That's My Pan" fundraiser has begun. The proceeds from this will be used to support educational activities for our youth.
- The Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 4th after worship. Hot sandwiches, coffee, water, and lemonade will be provided.
- A Taste of RUCCUS with breakfast fellowship will be held <u>Before</u> the service on Sunday, Sept. 8
- The noisy collection will continue on communion Sundays. Monies raised will be given to Feed My Starving Children
- Meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Burt will be taking his sabbatical from July 1st to September 30th. All services and videos are completed for pastor's sabbatical leave. Jenny Korn will be in charge of having the videos ready to go each Sunday. Brent will be available for all but 3 Sundays to run the video and the sound system. A document will be available to all leadership regarding pertinent information prior to leaving.
- Spring clean-up was completed by 13 individuals on May 13. The floors will need to be stripped and waxed prior to next winter.
- The congregational meeting was held on May 19th. The congregation voted to move to Phase 2 regarding potential changes to church governance.
- A potluck dinner will be held on June 9th in celebration of the Match Game culmination.
- There was a good turn-out at the service held during Good Neighbor Days on June 2nd.
- Distributed a packet of information regarding summer sabbatical.

Meetings: No July meeting: Submit reports to Connie by July 3rd. Next meeting - August 1 (6 P.M.) Duane will do the opening.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Mueller, Church Clerk

Our church offers **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** to make your gift giving easier, especially if you travel often or are gone during the summer months.

RUCC's EFT occurs on the 15th of each month based on your designated amount. Simply contact the church office to fill out a form. EFT's can be started any month of the year. If necessary, your EFT can also be stopped.

You may also donate through our website www.robertsucc.org/giving. Choose "give now." Then use PayPal or a credit/debit card. Our site is secure & your information is safe.

Questions can be directed to the church office: secretary@robertsucc.org or call 715-749-3225.

OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays 6:30pm – 8:00pm



Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

The Roberts Food Pantry can help.

We thank you for your continued support. Donations are always welcome.

Jell-O, Pudding, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, and White Rice. White plastic and brown paper bags would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.





A GIFT CARD PROGRAM SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

https://www.raiseright.com/

Ready to order? to obtain a code & create an account, or with questions, contact:

Dianne Loewel:

dianne.loewel@gmail.com

Or print a form now:

http://www.robertsucc.org/mt-content/uploads/2023/05/raiseright-form.pdf

Drop off or mail your completed form to church.

Orders are placed the 2nd and 4th week each month. Dianne will contact you when your gift card(s) are ready.

We have four \$100 County Market & one \$50 Walmart gift card available NOW, no ordering or waiting.



Wednesday
July 17th
12:00pm – 6:00pm

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To schedule an appointment: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Roberts

Download the Blood Cross Donor App | or Call: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767

Contact Lori Jurek with questions: lorijurek@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Thank you everyone for a great week of VBS. We had 32 children attend this year!

More details to come.





Our church will be going to FMSC again on Saturday, October 12th

In the meantime, the kids will continue to take a "noisy collection" offering on the first Sunday of the month.

Our change collections will be donated to the FMSC ministry, which feeds hungry children around the world.



GERTENS SPRING PLANT SALE

Coordinated by SHIFT



IN OUR APRIL NEWSLETTER HERE IS WHAT WAS REPORTED:

"The Gerten's Spring Plant Sale, a sale in which 30% of sales support our community outreach, ended March 25th.

I'm pleased to report that we had close to \$2500 in sales. We are so appreciative of everyone who supported our efforts! Once a decision has been made, SHIFT will update the congregation regarding where the proceeds will be distributed. Thank you!"

<u>UPDATE:</u> \$500 has been donated to OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission). And the remainder will support SHIFT ministries.

Questions, please contact

Lori Jurek at 715-220-7432 or by email lorijurek@gmail.com.

Please let us know if you would like special prayers.



PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER

Earl Pechuman Linda Hall Terry McKinley
Audrey Ackley Tom Sullwold Allison
Terrill Florcyk Joyce Johnson Brian Wille
Axel Fischbach Sharon Johnson Lowell Johnson

Lawrence Flowers Dixie Helder

For 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.

Thank you for helping to keep the prayer list up to date. Please contact the *church office with changes.



<u>As a reminder:</u> This is our church calendar of meetings, events, & worship schedule as of right now. To check the status for any potential changes and updates, please go to our website listed below for the LIVE calendar.

Pastor Burt is on sabbatical, please see the Pastor's Report for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor Burt Begins his Sabbatical. (See From the Pastor for more info)		9am Council Reports Due	Independence Day Church Office Closed		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Worship w/Holy Communion (Connie Mueller)	6:30pm CBT Meeting	6pm CE Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Meeting				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Worship (Megan Frye) RaiseRight Orders Due		6:30 Trustees Meeting	12pm – 6pm Blood Drive			Newsletter Deadline
21 10am Worship (Duane Loewel)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10am Worship (Tony Jurek) RaiseRight Orders Due	29	30	31	August 1 3:30pm Women's Fellowship 4:30pm Community Dinner 6pm Council Meeting	August 2	August 3



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