



Connections

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

WORSHIP

Sundays
May 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 a.m.

*Communion is
offered May 4th*

ONLINE WORSHIP

[https://www.roberts
ucc.org/media/](https://www.robertsucc.org/media/)

May 1

Community Dinner

May 7

*R UCC U S
Potluck,
Program &
Worship*

May 14

Confirmation Class

May 16

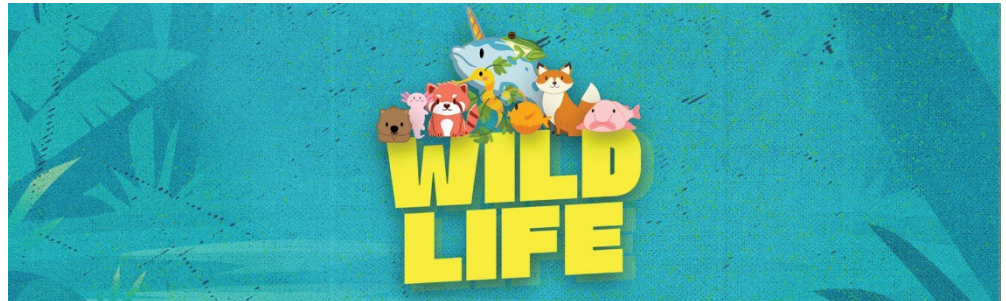
*Red Cross
Community Blood
Drive @
Roberts UCC*

May 17

Church Clean-Up

May 29

*Mandala Rock
Painting Class*



Roberts United Church of Christ - 1001 Birch Drive, Roberts

Vacation Bible School
June 22-25, 2025
6:00-8:00pm

Hey families! We are just 1-1/2 months away from our summer VBS! We can't wait to see how this summer grows your kid's connection with God and with others. Before we get there, we wanted to make sure you had all the most up-to-date information.

Registration forms are available at the church, can be emailed upon request or filled out online [at this link](#). Please let us know if you have any questions by shooting us an email. See you soon!

**Cost: \$10 per child or
\$25 per family of 3 or more**

Registration Due:
June 8, 2025

what to know

Check in will be at 5:45 each night and we ask guardians to sign their children in and out.

We highly encourage guardians to consider joining us for the fun each night as we believe family involvement is a key part of our children's journey of faith.

contact
CE@robertsucc.org



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***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself.
-Matthew 22:37-39***

One day a young boy found a hairy grey caterpillar crawling on a leaf. He excitedly grabbed the creature and ran home to show it to his mother. On sight of the insect in her house the mother began to scream and shout out of her fear of insects. After informing him that it was the ugliest thing she had ever seen she told him to get rid of it or she would squash it like the bug that it was.

Hearing the commotion in the house, the father came running in afraid something was seriously wrong. On seeing what his son was holding he had an idea to teach both of them a lesson. The father quickly poked a few holes in the top of an old sour cream container and had the boy put it in there. Then the boy and his father went out to get a suitable home for the child's new pet. Placing a leafy branch and other decorations into the terrarium they secured the caterpillar in it and the father told the boy and his mother to watch and see what happened.

The boy checked things out daily and cared for his new friend; taking it out often to let it crawl up and down his arm. He even named it...Beauty. Time passed and the mother and the boy waited excitedly to see what type of beautiful butterfly this creature might become.

Once the caterpillar finally formed its cocoon the boy and the mother checked anxiously every day for the new arrival. The father watched as the boy and his mother grew closer together in this newfound endeavor. Finally, the day came, and beauty climbed out of her cocoon.

The boy was ecstatic. He looked in through the glass at Beauty. Her antennae were long and velvety. Her body was sleek with the finest hairs as he watched her tiny legs working together as she crawled on the glass. When she spread her wings, they had the most intricate patterns drawn across them he had ever seen.

Grabbing the terrarium, he raced downstairs to show his parents. His father smiled knowingly as the boy talked a mile a minute. As his mother looked in through the glass expecting to see the brilliant hues of a butterfly, she was shocked to find nothing more than a common moth...an insect that she would have shrieked about and swatted with a fly swatter in any other situation.

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The boy exclaimed, "Isn't she beautiful, mom?"

She is beautiful because you love her, and I love you," was the mother's reply.

The father chimed in, "Remember that we are all beautiful in the eyes of our Creator who cares for us and tends us. Whether we are caterpillars who have yet to change, brightly hued butterflies, or common moth, our God loves us. Therefore, out of love for God, let us love one another seeing the beauty of each individual."

God's blessings on you all today!

—Pastor Burt



Please log on to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to find Instructions for setting up an account with RaiseRight to benefit Roberts Congregational UCC. Our Participant code is 24AA8C4E36429. Some of the ways to earn money for our church are :

Purchase of Gift Cards from the many brands found on the site:

- Traditional Gift Cards
- Reloadable Gift Cards
- E Gift Cards

Shop Online – See specific brands listed on the website.

New feature – rebates from local restaurants (must look for participating restaurants on the website and tie your credit card or debit card to Raiseright so the rebate can be recorded at the time of checkout).

All rebates are electronically deposited to our Roberts UCC SCRIP bank account.

Also, RaiseRight offers a Mobile App for your phone.

So many possibilities to earn money for our church. Please go to the Raise Right site and explore.

More information can be found on the RaiseRight table in the Narthex.

If questions, please ask Dianne Loewel, 651-343-7614 or gmaloewel@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

May the GRACE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the LOVE OF GOD, and the FELLOWSHIP of the HOLY SPIRIT be with YOU ALL.

Thursday
May 1st
4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Cheesy Hashbrown Potatoes,
Cole Slaw, Pickles,
Assorted Desserts,
Coffee, Water, & Milk**

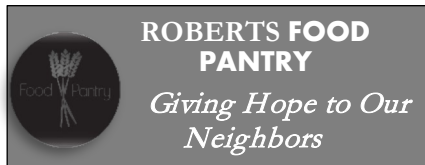
Take Out Meals Available Upon Request

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

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Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?



The Food Pantry can help.

Pantry Needs: Noodles for cold salads, pudding, & Jello.
Brown Paper, and White Plastic Bags are always accepted.

We thank you for your continued support.
(Your generous donations are always welcome.)

FOOD PANTRY FACT: *The Food Pantry donation box was built & donated by Marcia Graf, mother of Megan Frye.*

OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays
6:30pm – 8:00pm

JOIN THE TEAM!



Euchre Tournament Anyone?

We are exploring the idea of hosting a community-wide Euchre Tournament.

Would you be interested in being part of the organizational team? We'd love to hear your ideas about how we could make this a great event!

Please reach out to
Tony Jurek
(715) 531-5170
So we can get the ball rolling.



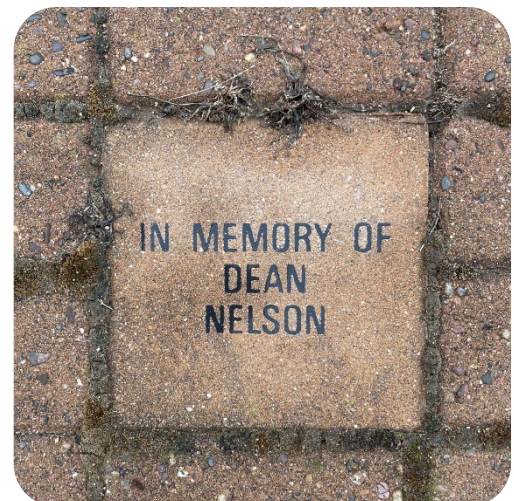
COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

We are planning to move the brick patio to the front of the church this summer. We are hoping this will result in the patio being used more often. This will provide the opportunity to add more commemorative bricks with the names of loved ones or other messages on them.

If you are interested in ordering a brick, please complete the **form on the next page**, or find a form in the church narthex.

Orders are due back to the church by June 7th.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Ray at 715-410-8393.



Commerative Brick Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

		<u>Cost Per Brick</u>	
Brick Size:	8x4 Up to 3 lines	\$50	\$ _____
	8x8 Up to 6 lines	\$100	\$ _____
	16x16 Up to 12 lines	\$250	\$ _____
	14 Characters per line (including spaces)		
		Total	\$ _____

What you would like stamped on your brick:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____

Cash or check (payable to Roberts UCC) needs to accompany the order form

Orders due by June 7th.



GERTEN'S SPRING PLANT SALE UPDATE

With sales over \$3000.00 it was a huge success.

SHIFT is appreciative of the support and will use proceeds to continue funding our ongoing ministry programs such as Feel-Good Kits and Grace Place dinners.

Delivery will be on May 8th.

A team member will contact buyers directly when their order is ready for pickup.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Spring Rummage Sale. We couldn't do it without all the donations, to all the people who set up, who helped display our donated items, who packed the leftovers for delivery to Treasurers of the Heart and Goodwill.

We made a profit of over \$1,500.00. WELL DONE!

Our Fall Rummage Sale will be September 12th and 13th. Mark your calendars and save the dates.

The Roberts UCC Women's Fellowship

MANDALA ROCK PAINTING CLASS



May 29th

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Please join us in exploring how to find peace & relaxation while creating an intricate and original Mandala Rock...

New: Tea Candle Mandalas

\$25 Includes all materials, patterns, & instructions.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the SHIFT! Outreach Ministry

If you would like to sign up or have any questions,

Email Deb Phillips

dotadoodleart@gmail.com

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American Red Cross

Community of Giving

ROBERTS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

RUCC CHURCH

Friday, May 16th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Download the Blood Donor App

Call:

1-800-RED-CROSS

(1-800-733-2767)

Or Use the Direct Link:

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

See Lori Jurek with questions:

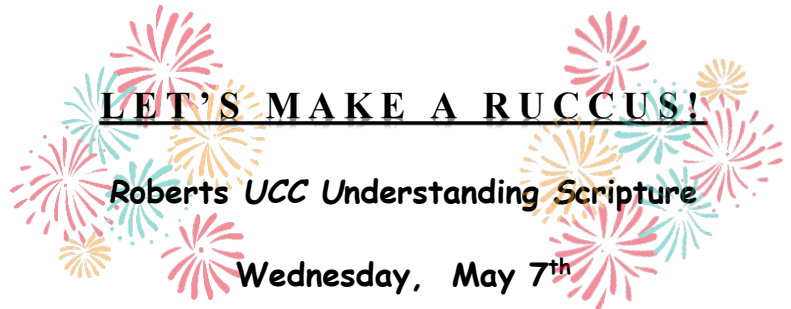
lorijurek@gmail.com



This year on **Mother's Day,**
May 11th

we will enjoy Special Music by Bell
Choir.

They will be joined by our
RUCCUS kids who have been
working hard to learn how to play
a kid's song for you!



Join us at 5:30pm for family style potluck.
*(Please bring a dish to pass, your own
silverware, plates, and drinks.)*

Following the potluck, at **6:00pm**, we will have
worship & study time.

We welcome ALL to join us.

This is our last RUCCUS until Fall.

Hope to see you!

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Detailed minutes of the Trustee meetings, including full financial statements are available upon request.

General Fund Financial Summary as of March 31, 2025

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$	15,142.00
Facility Use Income		
Fundraising Income		1,455.00
Interest		0.19
Total Income		16,597.19
Expenses		21,481.07
Transfers from other accounts		6,000.00
	\$	1,116.12

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 8,246.20
Other Bank Accounts	8,719.61
Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Assets	\$ 1,891,608.09
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued Expenses	\$ -
Bank Mortgage Balances	541,341.94
Member Balances	150,000.00
Total Liabilities	691,341.94
Equity	1,200,266.15
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,891,608.09



- May 7** Carol & Mark Morgen
- May 9** Lori & Anthony Jurek
- May 10** Kevin & Melanie Robelia
- May 15** Al & Christine Bohl
- May 25** Glenn & Sheryl Budrow
- May 28** Dan & Jaque Nelson
- May 29** Dianne & Richard Loewel
- May 31** Carrie & Eric Fisher

May 2
Gail Cotterman

May 3
Wayne Hadley
Terry McKinley

May 6
Marilyn Hayes

May 7
Rachel Ackley

May 8
Melissa Delander

May 9
Eric Fisher
Roene Frederick
Kevin Robelia



May 10
Krew Logas

May 13
Uriah Williams

May 15
Saige Logas
Roxanne Nelson

May 17
Duane Loewel

May 20
Liz Croes
Haylie Hansen

May 21
Jeff Haas

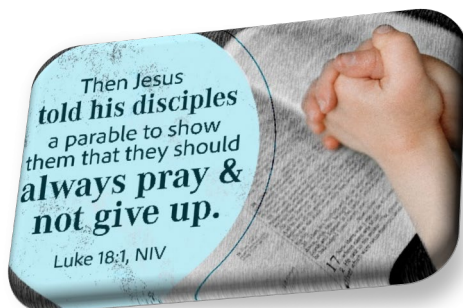
May 22
Patti Robertson

May 24
Andrew Korn

May 25
Cindy Schultz

May 26
Ann Ostendorf

May 29
Riley Hansen



PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Earl Pechuman | Terry McKinley | Sharon Johnson |
| Lowell Johnson | Wanda Hopkins | Andrew Korn |
| Rodney Korn | Kinsley Bruun | Jerry Johnson |
| Jamie Koch | Nikki Freeman | |

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.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to the prayer list, please let us know.

If you have added someone to the prayer list, please keep us updated.

Thank You!

CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
April 3, 2025

Lori Jurek (Moderator, S.H.I.F.T, and Women's Fellowship), Tony Jurek (Trustees), Brett Budrow (Deacons), Laura Logas

Lori opened the meeting with a reading.

Brett motioned to approve the report from the previous month and Tony seconded it.

Deacons

Maundy Thursday we will be having a Seder meal.

Will have coffee fellowship after the sunrise service.

How do we promote our theology.

Hold a resource fair to promote the community in conjunction with the 150th birthday celebration.

Trustees

Still working on the fire system.

Made about \$1700 from the meat raffle.

Working on a new payment option, tith.ly which is compatible to breeze.

Working on getting the cross relit outside the church.

Women's fellowship

Rummage sale is next week.

Will do the bake sale for the auction.

Will make stoles for the confirmation kids.

S.H.I.F.T

Plant sale is going well.

Food stand for auction.

Serving - Grace Place would like more helpers.

CE

Stations of the Cross being done on April 16-could use more readers.

Bell choir is working with the kids to play on Mother's Day.

VBS is set for June 22-25th.

3rd annual picnic is set for August 3.

Working on ideas to bridge the gap between the different generations of our church.

Church Board Team

Looking for a new member to replace Duane.

Continuing working on setting rules and roles for the governing body.

Putting together information for the congregation.

Pastor's report

Holy week starts on April 13th Palm Sunday.

Lent bible study is going well.

Still looking to take a vacation sometime after Easter.

Still planning to have a Leadership retreat.

Nativity is down and stored behind the shed.

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CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
April 3, 2025

New Business

Talked about the dinner we are hosting for the Roberts celebration and the church service as well.

Meetings

The next meeting is set for May 1 at 6:30.

Tony will do the opening.

Motion made by Brett to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Logas, Church Clerk

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AND ONLINE DONATIONS**

Are you looking for an easier way to donate to the church without having to write a check every week? Maybe with summer coming you won't 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. All you need to do is fill out a short form with a canceled check and on the 15th of each month the amount you choose will be 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>? Select "Give Now" under "GIVING" in the menu 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.*

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 17th

9:00 a.m.

Each spring we schedule a clean-up day as part of our stewardship. Please join us this year as we meet on a Saturday morning to care for our building and grounds.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

Thank You.





Please check the website below for the real time calendar. This will give the most current and up to date times for worship, meetings, and events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:30pm Council Meeting	2 Boy Scout Troop Scouting for Food Camp Out @ RUCC	3 Boy Scout Troop Scouting for Food Event
4 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	5	6 6pm Deacons Meeting	7 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS Program & Worship 6:15pm Bell Choir	8 Gerten's Plant Delivery	9	10
11 10am Worship <i>Mother's Day</i> Special Music by Bells & RUCCUS kids	12	13 6pm CE Meeting	14 6pm Confirmation Class	15	16 9am – 3pm Red Cross Blood Drive	17 9am Church Clean Up Day
18 10am Worship	19	20 6:30pm Trustees Meeting <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23	24
25 10am Worship	26 Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28	29 6pm – 8pm Mandala Rock Painting Class	30	31



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