



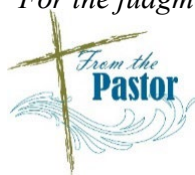
# Connections

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

*"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.*

*For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.*

*-Matthew 7:1-2*



## The "Other"

Have you ever been the "Other," the outcast, the dreg, the one overlooked or uninvited? If you have, then you know the pain of so many. If you haven't, count yourself lucky. Being the one judged on things which you have little to no control over, poor decisions made out of choosing between the better of two bad choices or simply having made a mistake which one cannot get out from under, is probably one of the most hopeless lonely feelings there are in the world. When you are the "Other" you have no power, often no real support, and almost always little to no hope. It makes you question what the point of living is. You do not feel alive. You do not feel you have worth. You need something but have no idea what it is you truly need. Many of us have been there to one degree or another at some point in our lives. Imagine what it is like if that is your entire life though.

Too often for the compassionate ones standing on the inside looking at the other, we want to help but have no idea what to do or where to turn in order to get these people the help they want and need so desperately. Our hearts ache and we feel just as trapped as the individuals we desire to help so intensely. What do we do? We cannot take away all the bills. We cannot force others to see them differently. Judgement has been passed by so many without having all the facts, getting to know the whole story, or even seeing the "other" as one of God's created blessings.

I have been extremely fortunate and honored in serving here at Roberts Congregational UCC where there are so many compassionate, loving people willing to help. I can honestly say that there has never been a time when I have reached out for one of these souls when the need or request has not been met in one way or another. It is truly a blessing I cherish and thank God for regularly. Especially in a time in society when so many are dividing into groups of "Us" and "Others." And it is not just meeting financial needs or people's needs for material things. This congregation has a way of welcoming whoever walks through the doors and creating a safe place for them to come and just be.

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## W O R S H I P

**Sundays**

**June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Communion is  
offered June 1st*

## O N L I N E W O R S H I P

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

**June 22-25**

*V B S*

## U P C O M I N G M O N T H S

**July 16**

*Blood Drive*

**August 3**

*Annual Church  
Picnic*

**August 20**

*Church Auction with  
Food Stand & Bake  
Sale*

*No June, July or  
August  
Community  
Dinners*

**September 4**

*Roberts  
Sesquicentennial  
Community  
Dinner*



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There is another piece to this which I want to invite you into though. It is the part of ministry which many of you never get to experience. People come to me. I meet with them and hear their stories. I sit with them in some pretty dark places in their lives. I get to know them as individuals and God's blessings through the process. Then I reach out to all of you, and you lovingly meet the needs. With great compassion and trust in what I tell you, you step up with money and things in order to change a specific immediate situation. It is what happens next which is the gift you miss out on. It is the way in which meeting those needs actually changes lives, gives hope, and begins the opportunity for God to work in the lives of these people. Now, it isn't something which happens immediately. Quite often it takes years and may be something not seen at all if they do not return. Yet, when it does happen and you experience God's grace having worked in and through you. It is a feeling which enlivens the spirit and changes not only the other; it changes you. Knowing that God has done something through you is a feeling I cannot put adequately into words.

Many of you have seen the new slogan which the Church Board Team put together from the data they collect from all of you on who we are and who we want to be as a church family, and it is more fitting than you may know:

Come be ALIVE with us...

*A* ccepted

*L* oved

*I* nvited

*V* alued

*E* ncouraged

This isn't just a catch phrase. It is an identity statement. It is how we are viewed, and we view ourselves. And more than that it is true! I can tell you firsthand how many people have marveled at coming through our doors they have not felt judged or like they were "other." Instead, they talk about feeling like they were accepted, loved, invited, valued, and encouraged. Yet, most of you will have to take my word for that because they are not coming to you and saying it. Because I am the Pastor, they come to me. You also do not get to experience the gift of that moment when God has used the gifts you have provided in order to change lives because it is being managed through the ministry you are paying me to do. And I do so with all humility knowing that none of it would be possible without your kindness and generosity as a church family.

I am inviting you to come and take part though. There are many ministries happening within our walls in which you could have these exact same moments as you serve God. The Food Pantry, Feed My Starving Children, The Feel-Good Kits, Grace Place, Fellowship Dinners, RUCCUS, Confirmation, Rise, Bells, Greeting, Ushering, Coffee Fellowship, participating in service (reading, singing, collecting, being an acolyte, helping serve Communion, and a new ministry which is starting... Visiting). All of these are places where we can minister in various ways and become a part of the greater ministry of the church and in the process experience others and God in some other way. The bonds that are made, the friendships created, getting to know "others" at a deeper level, all have the opportunity of deepening your experience of God and also creating opportunities to be more ALIVE and part of the ministry of this church family.

I invite you to "Come Be Alive With Us" in new ways and help to bring God's message to more and more individuals. Let's live into this identity in more than just word...let's do it in our actions as well. Let's become active participants in the ministry of God here at Roberts UCC and not just Participant Observers. I know the love and faith all of you have. It is deep and full. Find that thing which you have a passion for and join in ministering with God through it. If it doesn't yet exist, then talk with me or another leader and let's make it happen. If it is something you are interested in, I assure you there will be at a minimum one other person who feels the same passion. "Come Be Alive With Us" and let us be ALIVE with you!

- Pastor Burt



# COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

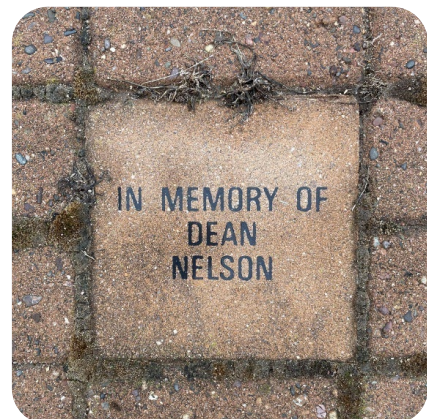
## DEADLINE TO ORDER

# June 7<sup>th</sup>

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.

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.





**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 weeks 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](mailto:CE@robertsucc.org)**



Roberts UCC offering date is set for  
Sundav, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



Generosity

changes  
everything

**SHIFT! Providing a  
Meal at Grace place**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.**

*"The goal of Grace Place Shelter is to promote self-sufficiency by providing a safe and secure environment, giving individuals the opportunity to overcome unresolved issues. Through education, individuals are encouraged to be responsible for themselves and others. During their 30-90 day stay we identify any immediate needs and develop a housing stabilization plan for the family. Our extensive program empowers individuals and families to become independent, creating a safer community for all of us."*

**Ongoing donations are accepted. A full list of needed items for the residents, can be located by the nursery.**

**LET'S MAKE A RUCCUS!**

**Roberts UCC Understanding Scripture**

**We will be back in the fall. We  
welcome ALL ages to join us.**

**Hope to see you!**

## **2025 WORSHIP BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP**

**If you missed the  
chance to sign up,  
there are still 13 dates  
open.**

Choose a date to remember, honor, or celebrate a person or event. It will be printed in the bulletin. In the past, members have given a \$15 free-will donation to the church. If you choose to donate, and are paying by check, please make payable to RUCC, noting "bulletin sponsorship" in the memo line.

Contact the office or go to  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-53283980-2025#/>

## **Give a Pint, Get a Pint.**



**Give blood during July &  
receive a special treat!**

**Roberts UCC  
1001 Birch Dr.**

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>  
12:00pm – 6:00pm**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767) or visit  
[www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter: Roberts to schedule an  
appointment.

You can also use the direct link:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Roberts>

Contact Patti with any questions:  
[Pattirobertson13@gmail.com](mailto:Pattirobertson13@gmail.com)  
715-531-8611



## SAVE THE DATES

# Annual Picnic



Come join us for

- Games
- Food
- Fun

Please bring a dish to pass.

We will provide drinks and utensils.



## SAVE THE DATE



2025 ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION

5:00 p.m.

**AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**



Auction

Our Annual Church Auction will happen again this year! Please mark your calendars for the date noted above and plan for another great event.

If you have questions including auction donations, please contact Roger Ray at [shuttheovenoff@gmail.com](mailto:shuttheovenoff@gmail.com) or call 715-410-8393

## ROBERTS COMMUNITY SESQUICENTENNIAL DINNER

*Sponsored by Women's Fellowship*

**Thursday**  
**September 4, 2025**  
**4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Roberts Congregational UCC Fellowship Hall**  
1001 Birch Drive; Roberts, WI 54023

Meals limited to 200 people. **Reserve NOW** by emailing [secretary@robertsucc.org](mailto:secretary@robertsucc.org), call the office 715-749-3225 or use <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-56804438-roberts#/>



**Oven Baked Chicken**  
**Mashed Potatoes & Gravy**  
**Rutabagas**  
**Cranberry Salad**  
**Dinner Rolls & Butter Pies**  
**Milk, Water, & Coffee**

Adults: \$15.00  
Children (5-10): \$7.00  
Under 5: FREE

*Take Out Meals are Available Upon Request*

**All are Welcome!**  
*(You don't have to be a member here to enjoy a meal with us)*

Just a reminder that there are no Community Dinners in June, July, or August.

Our next community dinner will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> by participating in the celebration of Roberts 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER**

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

**General Fund Financial Summary as of April 30, 2025**

<b>Statement of Activity</b>		<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>	
Income/Contributions	\$ 17,894.00	<b>Assets</b>	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 6,796.61
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	6,246.16
Interest	0.19	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	17,894.19	Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,887,685.05</u>
Expenses	21,992.78		
Transfers from other accounts	2,649.00	<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
	<u>\$ (1,449.59)</u>	Accrued Expenses	\$ -
		Bank Mortgage Balances	540,169.69
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	690,169.69
		Equity	1,197,515.36
		Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 1,887,685.05</u>

**NEW VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM: FULFILLING THE CALL OF MATTHEW 25**

We are excited to announce the launch of a new **Visitation Ministry Team** at Roberts UCC, inspired by the words of Jesus in

**Matthew 25:34–40:**

*"I was sick and you visited me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

This new ministry team seeks to connect members of our church family through meaningful visits—bringing comfort, encouragement, and the love of Christ to those who are homebound or in need of personal connection.

**Here's how it works:**

- **We are forming a Visitation Team** made up of caring individuals who are willing to visit others on a regular basis. You don't need special training—just a willing heart and a little time to share.
- **We are also creating a list of "visitees"**—those in our congregation who would appreciate a visit, such as shut-ins, those recovering from illness, or others in need of encouragement.
- **The Visitation Team will coordinate visits** to ensure everyone on the list receives care, prayer, and fellowship. We will also keep track of visits to help us serve consistently and faithfully.

If you feel led to be part of this ministry—whether as a **visitor** or by letting us know someone who needs a visit—please sign up at the Welcome Table or contact Brett Budrow or Bruce Riggins, or email [secretary@robertsucc.org](mailto:secretary@robertsucc.org).

Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Together, we can show Christ's love in action—one visit at a time.

Contact Brett Budrow 715-928-0210, Bruce Riggins 303-881-4601,  
or email [secretary@robertsucc.org](mailto:secretary@robertsucc.org).





## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 questions, please contact the churchoffice.\*



## **ROBERTS FOOD PANTRY**

*Giving Hope to Our  
Neighbors*

**Do you or anyone you know need  
assistance with groceries?  
The Food Pantry can help.**

The pantry board has decided that due to our increased expenses for this year of meat, milk, cheese, and eggs, we will no longer be purchasing paper products, personal items, or cleaning supplies. ***We will be most in need of paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.***

Any cash donations will go directly for purchasing meat, milk, cheese, and eggs.

*We thank you for your continued support.*

### **OPEN WEEKLY**

**Tuesday & Thursday      Wednesdays**  
9:00am – 11:30am      6:30pm – 8:00pm



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](mailto:gmaloewel@gmail.com).

We have 2 - \$100 County Market Gift Cards available immediately.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**MAY 1, 2025**

**Lori J, Tony J, Toni W, Brett B, Pastor Burt, Laura L**

**Tony did the opening.**

**Brett made a motion to approve last month's meeting and Toni seconded it.**

**CE**

VBS- they are in need of more helpers.

Confirmants retreat.

Kids will be playing the bells for Mother's Day.

RUCCUS will start in Sept with games and bring a friend.

**Deacons**

Maundy Thursday dinner went well, would have liked to see more people attend.

**Trustees**

May 17<sup>th</sup> is cleanup day starting at 9.

Have a list of repairs.

Will be moving the bricks from the back of the church to the front and giving people the opportunity to order bricks.

Still dealing with the dishwasher repair.

Don G is working on getting the cross relit.

Someone has been changing the temperature in the church.

**Women's fellowship**

Discussed the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and the dinner we will be holding, serving 200 people, tickets will have to be purchased ahead of time, tickets will be \$15 for adults.

Will ask SHIFT to take charge of the craft sale and fish pond.

Rummage sale went well, decided to donate \$4000 to the general fund.

Will meet in August to discuss the dinner.

**Church board**

Finalized the council roles and terms.

Created a short and long form for new ministries.

**S.H.I.F.T**

Plant sales went well, sold over \$3000 they will be delivered May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Rock painting on May 29<sup>th</sup>

Feel good kits.

**Pastor**

GND service in the park

A lot of new people attending church.

Need help with visiting people that are shut in or sick.

Talked about vacation time currently planned.

**New Business**

Free QR code

Church is on Tic Toc channel.

**Next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**Laura Logas, Church clerk**

*JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

01   Meghan Ament Beau Bayer	17   Carol McKinley
02   Reanna Gullixson	18   James Cave
04   Kyle Hoyer	20   Judy Snoeyenbos
06   Adelaide Korn	21   Patty Johnson
09   Quinn Rogers	23   Olivia Adrian Marcy Sain
10   Conner Hansen Eldon Myer	26   Carol Morgen
11   Charlotte Hansen	27   Joe Sain
12   Fran Hall	29   Gloria Myer
14   McKenzie Budrow	30   Barrett Larson

**PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER**

Earl Pechuman	Terry McKinley	Sharon Johnson
Lowell Johnson	Wanda Hopkins	Andrew Korn
Rodney Korn	Kinsley Bruun	Nikki Freeman
Sheryl Johnson		

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.***

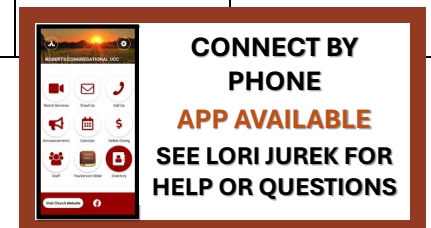
*JUNE ANNIVERSARIES*

June 2	Dylan & Kelly Hueman
June 4	Beth & Dan Rogers
June 5	Jane & John Bond
June 9	Audrey & Doug Ackley
June 14	Burt & Toni Williams Cheryl & Dave Lindquist
June 20	Eldon & Gloria Myer
June 21	Bob & Margie Ricci
June 22	Ashley & Ross Stone
June 30	Cindy & Joe Schultz Karl & Tiana Kristensen



Please check the website 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
<b>1</b> 10am Worship w/Holy Communion (No GND Park Worship)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6pm Deacons Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Council Meeting NO Community Dinner	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Commemorative Brick Order Deadline</i>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship  <i>VBS Registration Deadline</i>	<b>9</b> 6:30pm SHIFT! Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship  <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>16</b> 6pm CE Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	<b>18</b> 6:30pm CBT Meeting	<b>19</b> 5pm SHIFT! Meal to Grace Place	<b>20</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship 5pm VBS Potluck Kickoff 6-8pm VBS	<b>23</b> 6-8pm VBS	<b>24</b> 6-8pm VBS	<b>25</b> 6-8pm VBS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>1 July</b> 6pm Deacons Meeting	<b>2 July</b>	<b>3 July</b> 6:30pm Council Meeting NO Community Dinner	<b>4 July</b>  <i>4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Office Closed</i>	<b>5 July</b>



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