



Connections

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

WORSHIP

Sundays

July 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00 a.m.

Communion is offered

July 6th

ONLINE

WORSHIP

<https://www.robertsucc.org/media/>

ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST
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11 AM



Come join us for

Games

Food

Fun

*Please bring a dish to pass.
We will provide drinks and utensils.*

2025 ANNUAL
CHURCH
AUCTION
5:00pm

AUGUST 20th



4:00pm Food Stand & Bake Sale
Auction Questions: Roger Ray

Our Annual Church Auction is happening 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 or call 715-410-8393.

UPCOMING MONTHS

August 3

Annual Church Picnic

August 20

*Church Auction with
Food Stand & Bake Sale*

*No July or August
Community Dinners*

September 4

*Roberts
Sesquicentennial
Community Dinner*

September 17

*RUCCUS Kick-off
Game Night*



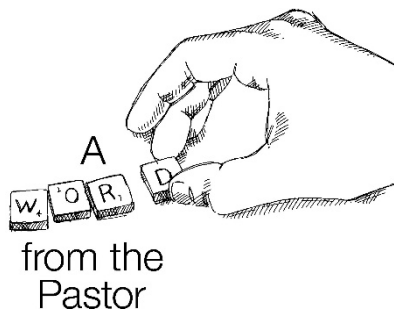
Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

– Luke 12:34

As a pastor people often ask questions of us where the most obvious answer is not the one people want to hear, “Because God said so!” As human beings we want answers with some mystical, deep meaning. We want to know that the investment we are going to make of our time, finances, emotions, and energy has some deeper value than “just because.”

We have a limited supply of these treasures of ours and we want to know we are investing them wisely and not just haphazardly tossing them out there in hopes that they might do something. This is one of the reasons many of us struggle to start and maintain spiritual practices like daily prayer or meditation. These practices often do not manifest themselves in results which are readily seen. If I begin an exercise and diet program, typically, I am going to see some results in a relatively short period. Even if not visible to the naked eye, stepping on the scale should start showing some results from my investment. With spiritual practices, it can take a longer time and there isn’t some scale I can measure it with or a ruler to see if it has gotten larger. Even in our relationships we are typically able to see if our changing of behavior or practices is having the desired effect on them. Yet, it is not always so easy to see that with our God.

So, when Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “...pray without ceasing...” our minds often see that as an impossible task with limited value. First, I cannot stop all that I am doing constantly and just fall to my knees to pray. I have things that I have to get done or my family will not have a roof over their head or food to eat. Secondly, prayer, although talked about often, is a practice many do only in times of necessity. We plan to be more regular and devout about it, but to be fair many, many things take precedent over this part of our lives. This is not a judgement on anyone, just an observation. The most devout of us struggle to maintain a strong prayer life. And what is the point anyway? Doesn’t God already know everything about us? Isn’t God omniscient?

The answer to that is a “Yes, but.” Let me put it to you this way. My wife knows that I love her. She still wants to hear it, see it, to “know” that she is of high-ranking value in my life. It helps her to remain confident in our relationship and to know that she has true value to me. I could choose to stop loving her after all (just an example folks). More than that, it helps remind ME that I love her and have made a commitment. It brings her back to the center of my attention to anchor me once again to this wonderful gift I have been blessed with.

The same is true with our God. We are even reminded of that in our passage above. True prayer comes from our hearts, and where our treasure is, our hearts will be. If we truly value God, our hearts will be there, our prayer will be true, and we will be anchored once again to that love which created us and sustains us daily. The practice of regular prayer is not as futile or low in value as most of us tend to put it. We just need to get some perspective on it. God wants to know where our hearts truly are. Prayer is a great way to measure where we are at in our spiritual life. Just something to think about.

—Pastor Burt

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.

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.



RaiseRight™
by ShopWithScrip



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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.

We are discontinuing the local grocery store gift card program due to requirement of buying \$500 worth of cards up front. RaiseRight has Skogen Festival grocery gift cards available that can be ordered directly from Raiseright.

Also, RaiseRight offers a Mobile App for your phone.

So many possibilities to raise funds 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.

Give a Pint, Get a Pint.

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

**Roberts UCC
1001 Birch Dr.**

**Wednesday, July 16th
12:00pm – 6:00pm**

BLOOD DRIVE

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit 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](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Roberts)

Contact Patti with any questions:
pattirobertson13@gmail.com
715-531-8611



Once again SHIFT would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support of our Gerten's Spring Plant

Fundraiser. We have recently received payment from Gerten's in the amount of \$822.15. We will be making donations of \$150 (each) to the Food Pantry, St. Croix Central Backpack Program, and RUCC's General Fund. The remainder of the proceeds will be used to support SHIFT ministries such as Feel-Good Kits and Grace Place meals.

Thank you for helping make those gifts possible!

Lori Jurek



ROBERTS FOOD PANTRY

*Giving Hope to Our
Neighbors*

**Do you or anyone you know
need assistance with groceries?**

**We thank you for your continued
support and generosity in serving
our community.**

Pantry Needs: Laundry soap,
paper towels, and Kleenex.

Brown Paper, and White Plastic
Bags are always accepted.

OPEN WEEKLY

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

715-749-3478



Are you looking for an easier
way to donate without having to
write checks? Especially if you
are not in town every weekend.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

No check writing! We offer EFT – The withdrawal date is the 15th of each month. If you would like to try this option, please contact the church office at 715-749-3225.

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 card.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.*

SAVE THE DATE

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

Reserve NOW
*seating is limited*Email: 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

(Pre-payment is requested)
 check, cash, or credit card
 through our website

www.robertsucc.org/giving/.

Take Out Meals Available Upon
 Request

Roberts Community**Sesquicentennial Dinner****"Reservation Forms"**

can be found on the last page of the
 newsletter.

Please note: This is different than
 how our usual monthly dinners work.

Please contact the office or a
 Women's Fellowship Team member
 with any questions.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS -
BAKERS - CANNERS -
CANDY MAKERS

We are working on a Bazaar space during the Sesquicentennial Community Dinner/New England Dinner being held on Sept 4th. We would love your donation of items to make this a success! Help us celebrate the heritage of our community and of Roberts Congregational UCC!

Please contact **Megan Frye** if you have any questions – meganocc@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!!!



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

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12-13

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

SATURDAY 8:00 am – 10:30 am

It's not too early to start saving your items that you would like to donate to the rummage sale.

DROP OFF DATE

Monday, September 8th from 4pm – 7pm

Tuesday, September 9th & Wednesday, September 10th from 1pm – 5pm

Thursday, September 11th from 9am – 1pm

If you have items to drop off, please make sure they are clean, good condition and work. We have always had a GREAT SALE because of your GOOD STUFF!!

Questions may be directed to Judy at
(715) 410-1909



LET'S MAKE A RUCCUS!

ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

YOU'RE INVITED!

RUCCUS

KICKOFF

SEPT 17TH

LET'S HANG OUT
AND PLAY SOME GAMES!

5:30pm Potluck Meal 6:00pm FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

All are invited to come and join in as a church family.

Please bring a dish to pass, beverages, and plates/utensils for your group/family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT

CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of May 31, 2025

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$ 14,429.95
Facility Use Income	
Fundraising Income	
Interest	0.17
Total Income	14,430.12
Expenses	25,151.95
Transfers from other accounts	5,000.00
	<u>\$ (5,721.83)</u>

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 1,074.78
Other Bank Accounts	5,246.63
Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,880,963.69</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued Expenses	\$ -
Bank Mortgage Balances	538,698.08
Member Balances	150,000.00
Total Liabilities	688,698.08
Equity	1,192,265.61
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 1,880,963.69</u>

CHURCH COUNCIL
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
June 5, 2025

Members present: Lori J., Tony J., Toni W., Brett B., Pastor Burt, Laura L.

Meeting was called to order Lori led us with the opening.

Approval of last month's minutes 1st Brett and 2nd by Tony approved.

Deacons

Burt will be on vacation 6/26-7/3 Megan will do the service.

ALIVE how do we do this in our church and community.

Need people to head up these events, then fill out the appropriate forms which will be brought back to the council for approval.

Set up teams for visiting people and sending cards.

Working on setting up a community resource showcase in October and invite the public to come in and see what resources are out there for them to take advantage of.

SHIFT

No meeting was held in May.

Serving at Grace Place in June, are able to actually serve the meal now, looking for helpers with that.

Extra activities for the 150th celebration: craft sale, fish pond, and town history display.

The rock painting had 28 people attend, a lot of new people.

Trustees

Fire system up and running except for the area above the bell choir area.

Need a fire access door for that area.

Working on the online giving process.

Clean up was done, small crew, outside windows still need to be done.

Working on the outside cross lighting.

Brick project, moving to the front of the church, has begun.

Still working on the dishwasher issue.

Burt has a team he is working with to redo the floors this summer; we will have to do a better job of keeping them clean.

Pastor report

Numbers are staying consistent between online and in person worship.

Seeing new faces in church.

Thanks to those that showed up for the cleanup day.

Looking to set up some events this summer and into fall to promote the ALIVE program.

Vacation time 6/26-7/3 and two weeks in August.

Women's Fellowship

No meeting.

Kitchen license is coming due.

Will meet in August to discuss the 150th celebration.

Christian Education

VBS so far 26 kids signed up.

Need a helper for the bible story time.

Will give out the bibles on September 21.

Feed my starving children is October 11.

September 17 RUCC's will be invite a friend and games night.

Church picnic is set for August 3.

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CHURCH COUNCIL
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June 5, 2025

Church board

Working on the bylaws and the constitution hoping to have something ready by the annual meeting.
 Transition team to discuss each board.

New business

Food pantry was asked to sponsor the SCC backpack program after a discussion it was determined we needed more information and that the church would have to sponsor it as the food pantry falls under the churches 503 status.

Motion was made by Brett and seconded by Tony to get more information.

Clothing swap in August for the elementary age kids Back to School swapping.

Will **not** be holding a meeting in July, minutes from board meetings are to be sent to Laura.

Next meeting is August 7 at 6:30.

Brett will do the opening for the next meeting.

Zack motioned to adjourn.

Laura Logas, Church clerk

03 | Terry Dull
 Adalyn Hoyer
 Bruce Riggins

05 | Jamie Delander

07 | Steven Mueller
 Wil Ronnander

08 | Tiana Kristensen

09 | Derek Ray



11 | Wendy Gonzalex

11 | Khristian Steinke

16 | Lucas O'Connell

20 | Lowell Johnson

23 | Doug Ackley
 Darla Ramberg

24 | Pamela Kamm

26 | Luke Larson



Earl Pechuman
 Lowell Johnson
 Rodney Korn
 Sheryl Johnson

Terry McKinley
 Wanda Hopkins
 Kinsley Bruun

Sharon Johnson
 Andrew Korn
 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.



JULY ANNIVERSARY

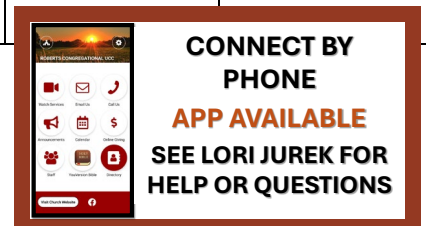
July 14th

Connie & Jerry Mueller



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
		1	2 5pm Council Reports Due	3 No Community Dinner	4 <i>4th of July Holiday</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	7	8 6pm Deacons Meeting 6pm CE Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 10am Worship w/Larson Baptism	14	15 6:30pm Trustees	16 12pm – 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive	17	18	19
20 10am Worship <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10am Worship	28	29	30	31		



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Sponsored by Women's Fellowship



Thursday, September 4, 2025

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Reservation Form

Adults \$15; Kids (5-10yrs) \$7; Under 5 FREE

NAME(S)	DINE-IN	TAKE-OUT

of ADULTS _____ # of CHILDREN (5-10) _____ # of FREE _____

ALL “Reservations” are entered into an online program which **REQUIRES** the following.

EMAIL (Required) _____

ADDRESS (Required) _____

PRIMARY PHONE (Required) _____

Circle: Mobile Home Work

Pre-payment is requested to hold your meal(s). Checks can be made payable to RUCC.

Please note 9/4 Dinner on the Memo line