



Connections

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

W O R S H I P

Sundays

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:00 a.m.

*Communion is offered
August 3rd*

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

August 3

Annual Church Picnic

August 20

*Church Auction with
Food Stand & Bake Sale*

*No August
Community Dinner*

SAVE THE DATES

September 4

*Roberts
Sesquicentennial
Community Dinner*

September 12 & 13

Fall Rummage Sale

September 17

*RUCCUS Kick-off
Game Night &
Potluck*



We will have our Annual Church Auction again this year! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend another great event.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHURCH AUCTION

We are seeking donations by day of sale of new and gently used items, fresh produce (fruits, vegetables, eggs, butter, meat, etc.), handmade items, and anything else that is sale worthy.

Donated items can be dropped off in the fellowship hall during most normal business hours any time prior to sale.

Please **text Roger Ray at (715) 410-8393**, or email shuttheovenoff@gmail.com to arrange donations that need special attention or assistance unloading. *(Please, no used electronics or furniture without contacting first.)*

The **Food Stand** will be open at 4:00pm, run by SHIFT.

Women's Fellowship will be having a **Bake Sale**.

We have a beautiful, donated **quilt** again this year. If you haven't had a chance to see it, it is on display in the church narthex.

Thank you, Roger Ray, Board of Trustees

Please see page 3 for more information about this year's auction.



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*For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, says the Lord...
– Jeremiah 30:17a*

Hurt, heartache, physical and mental pain, seem to be so prevalent today. With so much happening in the world and the way in which our world has taught us to be, hope can be hard to come by. Yet, there is hope. We are not alone.

Over the last couple of years, I seem to spend more and more time with people who have lost hope or at the very least are seeking some form of healing for where life has left them. Our world has, and too often even our faith traditions have taught us to be humble and not focus on our needs. Our needs are not as significant as the needs of others. I, myself, am even guilty of this and as I sit here writing this am acutely aware of how often words like, “There is always someone who has it worse than we do,” have come out of my mouth.

The truth is, when we are in need of healing these platitudes are not helpful. They may even make things worse. Our need for healing is very real and too often put to the bottom of our list of things to focus on. Rather than seeking the help we need, we look at the plight of others and turn our attention there. This type of deflection can only happen for so long though before our hurt and need for healing overwhelms us. This can lead us to the point of not being able to help others or ourselves.

To make matters more difficult, we add in the idea that we need to be strong and not burden others, or our God, with what we have now deemed a small problem in comparison to others. Our faith must be strong and that should be enough. If I just pray a little harder, have a little more faith, everything will work out. “Our God has this.” “God won’t give you more than you can handle.” “God must be testing me.” “What did I do to make God mad at me?” These are all things which run through our mind when all our prayer and faith haven’t seemed to be enough. We are still stuck in a place where the pain and hurt seem almost unbearable at times. We put our faith aside and turn to science. If God can’t/won’t help, maybe they can. Why must the two be separate? Why do we separate our faith lives from our everyday living?

The truth is there is hope. Our God has not abandoned us. Again and again, we find statements like our scripture quote above in the Bible. Why isn’t God helping me though? What did I do or am I doing that God has decided to punish me like this? We are not being punished. It is quite the opposite. It is time that we rewrite and redirect this type of thought. God has blessed us with some extremely helpful worldly things to help us heal. Medicine, therapy, medications, people, and family to name but a few. They are not separate from God. They are God’s gifts intended to help heal us. We have to ask and be willing to receive.

Where are you at the moment? Are you seeking healing? Is your heart broken? Do you feel all alone, wondering aimlessly? Do you always have to be the strong one holding everything together? It may be time to allow God to be a part of your everyday and look at what gifts are there. It isn’t weakness to ask for help. It isn’t burdening others to allow healing to happen by seeking support.

Just look at Jesus. He asked for his Disciples to come and support him. He sent them out to help others. He sought their friendship. On the eve before his death, he even asked them to come sit with him while he prayed. He was in the darkest place of his earthly life. That evening in the garden, he didn’t go through all of their needs and try to meet them. Instead, he asked for their support. He asked them to just be there. He focused on allowing God to heal his wounded heart. He accepted the gifts God had given him to help him through.

It is important to note that there was still pain and the reality of the situation still happened. It didn’t all just magically go away. It did help him to have the strength and faith to get through, though.

Are you in need of healing? Seek God. Seek God through prayer and faith. Also seek God through the everyday, worldly gifts God has placed all around you. Life is not easy. Faith is not easy. Help is out there, and God has made it so. You are enough. Even when you feel you are not. Healing is possible. Jesus says in Matthew 20:16, “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” It is in the context of those receiving gifts, but there is another way of looking at this. What if we were to understand it this way, “The served will help heal, and the healers will be served.” Meaning that even the healers need others at times. Sometimes we simply have to realize we need help, and it is ok not to be the strongest person in the room.

Wherever you are today, seek God’s help through faithful prayer and recognize the gifts God has placed around you. Asking for help from others is sometimes the greatest prayer we can have!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Burt

**ADULTS & KIDS**

We always have amazing food to share, fun games to play, cheering to be done, and visiting with friends & family.

Come out and try one of these highlighted games!

- 3-Legged Race
- Gunny Sack Race

ADULTS

Come out for some fun playing Corn Hole!

KIDS

There will be plenty of old-fashioned games!

CHURCH AUCTION

August 20th

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**FOOD STAND MENU**

Sloppy Joes. Chips, Beverages,
Ice Cream Sandwiches.

SEEKING BAKE SALE ITEMS

The Women's Fellowship will be holding the **BAKE SALE** at the church auction, August 20th. ***If you are able and would like to donate baked goods like cakes, pies, cookies, bars, snacks, and candy they would be greatly appreciated.***

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Questions contact Judy Snoeyenbos,
715-410-1909 or email
jsnoyen@gmail.com

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

**YOU WILL FIND:**

BABY & KIDS CLOTHING ♥ HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
GAMES, BOOKS & TOYS ♥ WOMEN'S CLOTHING
MEN'S CLOTHING ♥
CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!

Friday, September 12th Unless otherwise marked, all items are .50 cents each!

Saturday, September 13th Stuff a big garbage bag for \$2.00!

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



It's never too early to start collecting any donation items you may have. Thank you.

ROBERTS COMMUNITY SESQUICENTENNIAL DINNER

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

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



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/).

Roberts Congregational UCC Fellowship Hall

RESERVE NOW

Sign up by one of the following:

Email: secretary@robertsucc.org, call the office 715-749-3225

Use this link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-56804438-roberts#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-56804438-roberts#/)

Fill Out:

The "Reservation Form" on the last page of this newsletter. (Please specify "eat-in or take-out.") Forms can either be mailed to the office or dropped off at church.

We thank you for pre-payment, and advance reservations. We realize this is slightly different than our usual monthly dinners. This will be the best way due to our seating limitations and the number of people expected.

If you have any questions, please contact a Women's Fellowship Team member or the church office.

Women's Fellowship is looking for those willing to make pies and cranberry salad for the Sesquicentennial Dinner.

For the Cranberry Salad Recipe, contact:

Lori Jurek –

lorijurek@gmail.com

or Judy Snoeyenbos –

jsnoeyen@gmail.com

There are also signup sheets in the church narthex.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS - BAKERS - CANNERS AND 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!!!



ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

5:30 PM **POTLUCK MEAL**6:00 PM **GAME NIGHT**

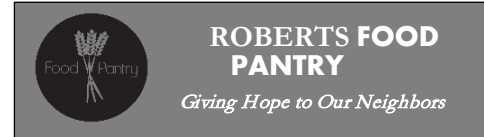
COME JOIN US FOR
FAMILY GAME NIGHT!!

ALL ARE WELCOME

*Come and join us as a church family. Please
bring a dish to pass, beverages, and
plates/utensils for your group or family.*

**Wednesday
September 17th**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG



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

OPEN WEEKLY

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

715-749-3478

**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.

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.

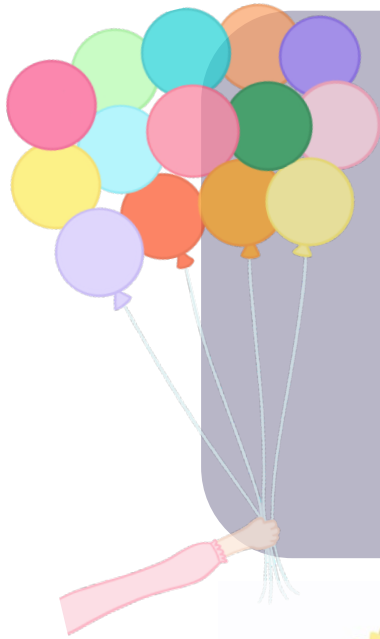
Here's how it works:

- **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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 Emmett Fern	13 Luke Budrow	22 Brenda Poulin
05 Jenny Korn	15 Jean Johnson Sharon Johnson	23 Beth Rogers
06 Donna Hadley Lilyana Steinke	17 Elijah Williams	24 Mary Fern
08 Levi Johnson	18 Al Bohl	28 Nicole O'Connell
10 Jacque Nelson	19 Asher Robertson	29 Cody Ronnander
11 Connie Mueller	20 Tim Ronnander	30 Brynley Dittman Carter Dittman
12 Dean Hansen	21 Glenn Hall	31 Bill Schultz

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**August 1**

Dean & Glenda Hansen

August 19

Dennis & Mary Thorsen

August 4

Jerry & Sheryl Johnson

August 20

Lowell & Sharon Johnson

August 5

Pete & Meghan Ament

August 23

Mark & Mandy Clay

August 15

Russell & Connie Cox

August 27

Rick & Christie Risberg

August 17

Bill & Judy Snoeyenbos

August 30

Pat & Dick Colbeth

**July 13, 2025****Loretta Sloane Larson*****Welcome to God's Family!*****CONGRATULATIONS****Parents***Luke Edward & Hailey Erin Larson***Grandparents***Mark & Lyn Larson**Joe & Cindy Schultz***Sponsors***Beth & Dan Rogers*

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.

COUNCIL REPORT
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
July 2025

No meeting was held report is done off of minutes from boards.

Trustees

Funds are low; Tony did a video to be seen in the live and on-line services
Projects will be put on hold for building projects
Looking into changing the cross outside over to LED lighting
Roger has started to move the bricks from the back to the front of the church
Discussed a fundraiser for during the 150th celebration
Dishwasher is finally fixed

Pastor

Looking at a two week vacation in August
ALIVE ideas
 Invite a friend to church
 Host a meal for groups (SCC School support staff) or other non-profits
 Loved program of pulling together cards, visits, possible small group family style dinners where we connect families together who do not know each other

CBT

Continue to write a new draft of our bylaws

CE

VBS VBS VBS

SHIFT

Made donations to the general fund, food pantry, and the SCC Backpack Program
Run the food stand for the auction
Serve at Grace Place on August 21

Women's Fellowship

Kitchen license paid
Hold a bake sale for the auction
Will need pies and cranberry salad for the celebration dinner
Rummage sale has been set for September 12 & 13

Deacons

Come up with ideas for supporting ALIVE
One deacon to take a month and get volunteers for helping with the tasks for church services
Working on visiting teams

Submitted by
Laura Logas



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 & ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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.

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.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of June 30, 2025

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 25,429.85	Assets	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 14,324.35
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	7,347.08
Interest	0.15	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	25,430.00	Total Assets	\$ 1,896,313.71
Expenses	12,180.43		
Transfers from other accounts		Liabilities & Equity	
Net Activity	\$ 13,249.57	Accrued Expenses	\$ -
		Bank Mortgage Balances	537,413.29
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	687,413.29
		Equity	1,208,900.42
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,896,313.71



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, Reloadable, and E-gift cards are available.

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 gmalowel@gmail.com.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12-6pm Back to School Clothing Swap Drop-Off	2 8am-1pm Back to School Clothing Swap
3 10am Worship w/Holy Communion Followed by 3 rd Annual Church Picnic	4	5	6	7 3:30pm WF Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	8	9
10 10am Worship	11 6:30pm SHIFT Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 10am Worship	18	19 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	20 4pm Food Stand & Bake Sale 5pm Church Auction <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 5pm SHIFT – Meal to Grace Place	22	23
24 10am Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10am Worship	1 September <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	2 6pm Deacon's Meeting	3	4 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm 150 th Community Dinner 6:30pm Council Meeting	5	6

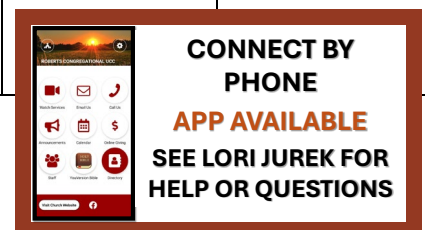


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Thursday, September 4, 2025

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