



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

September

7, 14, 21, 28

10:00 a.m.

*Communion is offered
September 7th*

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

September 4th

*Sesquicentennial
Community Dinner*

September 12th & 13th

Fall Rummage Sale

September 15th

Red Cross Blood Drive

September 17

*All-Church
Potluck & All Church
Game Night for
RUCCUS Kick-Off*

LOOKING AHEAD

October 8th

Confirmation Begins

October 11th

*Feed My Starving
Children*

October 18th

*Community Resource
Fair*



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



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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

**RESERVATION REQUESTED****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#/>**Pre-payment is requested** – Check or cash are accepted. Credit cards are accepted through our website www.robertsucc.org/giving/.**We thank you for pre-payment, and advance reservations. We recognize these are not required for our regular monthly dinners; however, this should help the dinner run smoothly and help reduce line-time).****If you have any questions, please contact a Women's Fellowship Team member or the church office.**Thank you to all those who have generously donated **pies and cranberry salads** for the Sesquicentennial Dinner! Please drop them off in the church kitchen during the following times.**Wednesday, September 3rd: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.****Thursday, September 4th: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.****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 & appreciate 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!!!*



From the Pastor's Desk

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
– Ecclesiastes 3:1*

For years now, I have caught myself making the statement, “It’ll be easier once I am *X* years old.” Always expecting that right around the corner I am going to be hit with a huge dose of wisdom that makes the next season or chapter of life seem simple and easy. So far, it hasn’t happened. Each new chapter has its own new quirks and idiosyncrasies. This has led me to a new approach to looking to the future. It has led me to a very different understanding of the importance of Faith.

When I was still in grade school, a teacher of mine turned me onto a style of book called “Choose Your Own Adventure.” The way it worked was you would read for a bit and then there was a choice to be made with anywhere from 2 to 4 possible choices. Depending on your choice, you were directed to go to a specific page and read on from there. Then at the end of that next section there was another set of choices until you hit a section that had an ending. The possibilities seemed unending as you could always go back to the beginning and make different choices. Wouldn’t it be nice if that was the way life was? If you didn’t like the outcome of the choice you made, you could go back and start all over. That is not how it works though.

Instead, we have a very different scenario. We make choices and have to live with the consequences (good or bad) of those choices. With each chapter and choice, we gain knowledge and experience. That doesn’t mean there won’t be twists and turns in the next chapter. The wisdom we have gained may or may not help with the next set of choices; our mistake is in looking at this as situational. If you are like I am, you live situation to situation. You hope and pray for things to just get a little easier the next time and feel varying degrees of letdown each time it doesn’t happen. Faith asks something different of us.

Faith asks us to look at the past and see where God has been with us. It asks us to look and evaluate where we have followed where God was leading and when we did things our way. It asks us to trust that the author of this grand adventure of life has our best interests in mind when we are asked to follow. Rather than living situation to situation and making choices based on our limited wisdom, it asks us to look at the wisdom of the ages and make the best choice possible of where we see

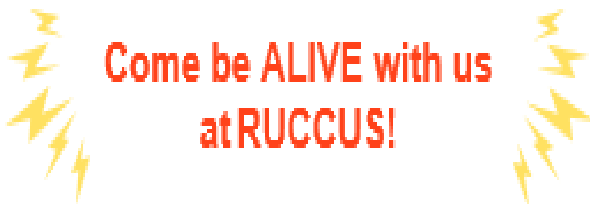
God asking us to follow. It doesn’t promise an easy road. It promises a road which leads to peace and trust. It doesn’t ask us to follow blindly. It asks us to pray and meditate, to consider where God is in our lives at all times and make our choices from there.

It is a grand fallacy to think that following blindly will lead us down the right path. This isn’t heresy, it is just human nature. When we follow blindly it isn’t faith, but foolishness. How can we trust something we do not know, cannot observe, and do not have a relationship with? Our very nature doesn’t allow that and that is when we begin to mix our emotions and desires into our faith. The problem becomes we are not following where God is leading. We are telling ourselves what we want to hear, what someone else has told us is true for us, and eventually this lets us down in a hard way.

I am not saying we do not need guidance and shouldn’t listen to what others say. I am not saying there are not times we don’t have to step onto a path we cannot see the end of. I am saying that Faith is about the long game. It is about taking the experience of our ancestors, our friends, Scripture, and our own experience of the past and truly working through it to see where God is leading us specifically. There are many tools for doing this and we need to find the ones which work for us. Rather than waiting for tomorrow to be easier, we need to work at developing this connection and relationship to build trust in where God has taken us so far and see where we may have strayed and been led away from what God had intended for us.

Peace can be found in that trust and relationship. Like any good relationship though, it takes work and being able to take responsibility for our part in it. The seasons will continue to change. Our wisdom can help, but it is only a part. Let’s journey together to see where God is calling us all, individually and as a church family!

--Pastor Burt



ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

5:30 PM **POTLUCK MEAL**

6:00 PM **GAME NIGHT**

COME JOIN US FOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT!!

ALL ARE WELCOME

All are invited to come and join us 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



3rd Annual Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended the outdoor worship and 3rd Annual Roberts UCC Picnic on August 3rd!

The weather was perfect, the service was inspiring, and we had a great time of food, games and fellowship!



Saturday

October 11th

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Eagan Feed My Starving Children Site

We have **29** Openings

(Early Sign-up is helpful)

If you would like to carpool, we will meet at church at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up through Signup Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EABA92AA3FAC61-58247608-feed#/> (Please note in the comment section if the volunteer is an adult or child – thank you.)

Contact Michelle Hansen with questions or if you need help signing up.

(715) 377-8887 or Email: shell_329@hotmail.com

There is also a sign-up sheet at church.

Reach out to Michelle Hansen any time during the year to be added to a list, and an email will be sent to help us set dates.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Roberts Congregational
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1001 Birch 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>

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

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

Give blood 8/29 to 9/21 for 1 of 4 mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design,
ltd. Qty! *(Please see any flyer located throughout the church to scan the code.)*

	<h1>FREE</h1> <h2>ROBERTS AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR</h2>	
	<h3>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH</h3>	<h3>11AM - 3PM</h3> <p>FREE LUNCH SERVED: HOT DOG & CHIPS</p>
<p>*RESOURCE INFORMATION *COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS *FREE RESOURCES & GIVEAWAYS</p> <p>BUSINESSES - NON-PROFITS - ORGANIZATIONS & MORE</p>		<p>HOSTED BY:</p> <p>ROBERTS UCC 1001 BIRCH DRIVE ROBERTS, WI</p>

ROBERTS COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

This free, family-friendly event will serve as a one-stop location where community members can learn about valuable services, get connected to resources, and engage with organizations working to make our area stronger, healthier, and more supportive for all.

Your help is needed to make this event a success. Help is needed for set-up, clean-up, and a few greeters to hand out bags and welcome people. There is a sign-up clipboard in the Narthex.

Please let Megan Frye know if you have any questions:

Cell: 715-441-6501

Email: communityresourceucc@gmail.com

SHIFT!

Could use **empty Ice Cream pails with lids**. If you have any, they can either be given directly to Lori Jurek or they can be placed in the kitchen pantry.

Thank you!

C O N F I R M A T I O N**WELCOME BACK NIGHT**

October 8, 2025 – 6:00pm



**C O N F I R M N O T
C O N F O R M**



01 | Dave Hatch
Lori Morris
Sue Wille

02 | Earl Pechuman

03 | Audrey Ackley

05 | Toni Williams

07 | Tricia Dull
Terra Jansma

08 | Steven Hansen

10 | Dennis Nelson

11 | Glenda Hansen

15 | Christie Risberg

16 | Renee Gullixson
Annika Hansen

18 | Zachary Williams

20 | Silas Rogers

21 | Mary Schultz

26 | Jenny Muller

27 | Kiley Ament
Brandon Dull

**September 7**

James & Lynn Cave

September 10

Brandon & Shelly Dull
Jeff & Trudy Hinkel

September 14

David & Michelle Hansen

September 16

Nicole & Tom O'Connell
Tim & Tracy Ronnander

September 18

Cynthia & Steven Hansen



Earl Pechuman
Lowell Johnson
Rodney Korn
Sheryl Johnson

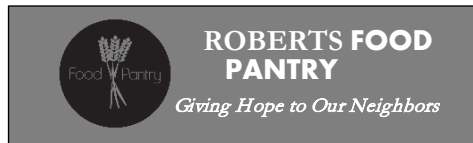
Terry McKinley
Wanda Hopkins
Kinsley Bruun
Todd Graf

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.



Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Wednesdays

9:00am – 11:30am

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

Pantry Needs: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Jell-O Gelatin, & Fruit Juice

Brown Paper and White Plastic Bags are always accepted.

COUNCIL REPORT
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
August 7, 2025

Those in attendance were: Brett B., Tony J., Pastor Burt, Toni W., Lori J., Laura L

Brett did the opening

Review report from last month - motion to approve by Toni and 2nd by Tony

Deacons

No meeting

Letter was sent out to community organizations for the Oct 18 event, can hold up to 20 organizations

Brett and Megan will handle the services while Pastor Burt is on vacation

SHIFT

Will be serving at Grace Place

Food stand for the auction

Feel good kits are ready for the school year

Megan Frye will coordinate the craft sale during the 150th celebration

Nancy and Dianne will be setting up a historical display for the event

Trustees

Lite for the cross is being switched over to led

Floor waxing will be done after the big dinner

50/50 board during the dinner

Pastor

On vacation August 11 through the 25th

Got Office 365 up and running

Speaker issue has been taken care of

Good turnout for the church picnic

Working on an Ecumenical Service for the 150th celebration

Women's Fellowship

Discussed the dinner concerned about the numbers

Bake sale for the auction

Rummage sale on September 12 & 13

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August 7, 2025

Christian Education

Picnic went well, good turnout

Discuss possible having the service outside more often during the summer months.

Christmas program is Dec 13th

RUCCS to start September 17th with family night.

Toni W said the clothing swap was small but was asked to keep doing it maybe twice a year.

New Business

Food Pantry met with Greg and Michell Radtke about doing a tractor parade drive for the food pantry during the Christmas on Main event.

No meeting in September but reports are due to Laura by the 3rd.

Next meeting is October 2nd

Toni will do the opening

Motion to adjourn by Brett

Laura Logas, church clerk

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of July 31, 2025

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 20,913.89	Assets	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 9,679.06
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	7,347.64
Interest	0.34	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	20,914.23	Total Assets	\$ 1,891,668.98
Expenses	25,559.52		
Transfers from other accounts		Liabilities & Equity	
Net Activity	\$ (4,645.29)	Accrued Expenses	\$ -
		Bank Mortgage Balances	536,121.31
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	686,121.31
		Equity	1,205,547.67
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,891,668.98



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.

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.

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




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: <http://robertsucc.org/giving>. Hit the give now button and use your PayPal account or credit/debit card.



**2025 ANNUAL
CHURCH
AUCTION
5:00pm**

AUGUST 20th

SOLD!

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



**CONNECT BY
PHONE**

APP AVAILABLE

**SEE LORI JUREK FOR
HELP OR QUESTIONS**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with this year's auction. Below is a break-out of the results.

Bake Sale 290
Food stand 259
Raffle 405

Auction 9,479
Other donations 475.50

Total 10,908.50

**If you have questions
regarding your 2nd Quarter
Giving Statement, please
contact the office.**

*We give because God
gave first*



Dates & times may change. Please check the church calendar on our website for any changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 6pm Deacons Meeting	3 5pm Council Reports Due 6pm – 7:30pm Pie & Salad Drop Off (Kitchen)	4 8:30am-12:30pm Pie & Salad Drop Off (Kitchen) 4:30pm Robert's Community Sesquicentennial Dinner	5	6
7 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	8 4pm – 7pm Fall Rummage Sale Drop-Off 6:30pm SHIFT Meeting	9 1pm – 5pm Fall Rummage Sale Drop-Off 6pm CE Meeting	10 1pm – 5pm Fall Rummage Sale Drop-Off	11 9am – 1pm Fall Rummage Sale Drop-Off	12 8am – 6pm Fall Rummage Sale (lunch available)	13 8am – 10:30am Fall Rummage Sale
14 10am Worship	15 12pm – 6pm Red Cross Blood Drive	16 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	17 5:30pm All-church potluck 6pm All Church Family Game Night – RUCCUS Kick-off	18	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
21 10am Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10am Worship	29	30	1 5:30pm All Church Family/RUCCUS Potluck 6pm All Church Family RUCCUS	2 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:30pm Council Meeting	3	4



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