



Connections

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

WORSHIP

Sundays

February

1, 8, 15, 22

10:00 a.m.

Communion is offered

February 1

ONLINE WORSHIP

<https://www.robertsuc.c.org/media/>

February 4

**RUCCUS Potluck
& Program**

February 5

Community Dinner

February 11 & 25

Confirmation Class

February 16

**S.H.I.F.T! - Gerten's
Spring Plant Sale Website**

Opens

February 18

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 19

**S.H.I.F.T! Prepares &
Delivers Meal to Grace
Place**

February 22

Lent Bible Study Begins

Lenten Season Begins



Lenten Bible Study and Devotional

Lent invites us to slow down.

Not slow down so that we can accomplish more, but slow down so that we can pay attention—to God, to ourselves, and to the quiet ways grace is already at work in our lives. Too often, we approach Lent as a season to complete or endure. This year, I am inviting us to experience it as a journey to receive.

Throughout this season, our congregation will be walking through **Seven Signs**: A Lenten Bible Study alongside a companion Daily Lenten Devotional.

Both are shaped around the Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John — moments John intentionally calls signs because they point beyond themselves.

The Bible study is intentionally relational rather than lecture based. It is designed to be experienced together through Scripture, conversation, listening, prayer, and shared reflection.

The daily devotional supports that shared journey, offering brief Scripture, reflection, and prayer each day.

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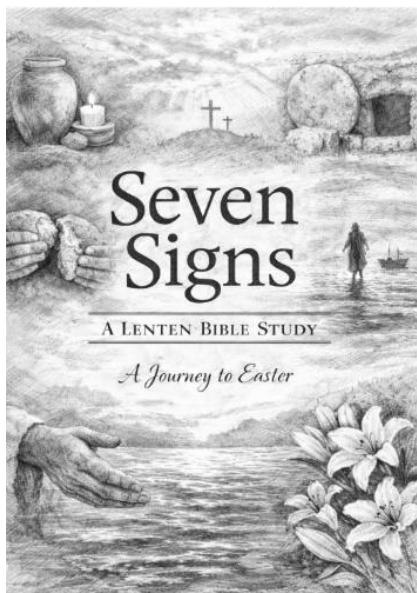
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Lenten Bible Study Schedule

- Sunday, February 22 – Transformation: Water into Wine
- Sunday, March 1 – Faith Across Distance
- Sunday, March 8 – Restoration and Hope
- Sunday, March 15 – God’s Abundance
- Sunday, March 22 – Courage in the Storm
- Sunday, March 29 – Seeing with New Eyes
- Sunday, April 12 – Resurrection Hope (Final Gathering)

The study will begin each week after service, approximately 11:00 a.m.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex where you can indicate whether you would like to participate in the Bible Study, receive the Daily Devotional, or both. You may also email Pastor Burt directly at pastor@robertsucc.org.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Burt



PRAYER LIST

Earl Pechuman	Lowell Johnson	Wanda Hopkins
Kinsley Bruun	Nikki Freeman	Todd Graf
Jason Muller	Krystal Gaustad	

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 to everyone who attended the January 18th, 2025, annual meeting, where we reviewed 2025 and looked ahead into 2026.

If you did not receive an Annual Report or Addendum via email, there are extra copies available at church.

Please check with the office if you did not get yours via email.





ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED
to come and join us as a church family.

January – May
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month

Next RUCCUS
February 4th
5:30 PM POTLUCK MEAL
6:00 PM RUCCUS

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

**F O R M O R E
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GERTEN'S GREENHOUSE SPRING PLANT SALE
coordinated by SHIFT!

You're invited to shop for your spring plant needs through our online fundraising site beginning February 16th. Simply visit <http://www.gertensfundraising.com/> and Enter ID #744 to order from a large selection of available options.

SHIFT! will receive **30%** of all sales and 20% from all gift cards purchased. The proceeds will be used to support our community outreach ministry programs.

Deadline for placing orders is 10 PM on **Thursday, April 2nd**. Order early for best availability!

All products will be delivered directly to the church on **May 4th**. A SHIFT team member will call you when things are ready for you to pick up!

If you have any questions or would like assistance placing an order, contact Lori Jurek at 715-220-7432 or (lorijurek@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

**SHARE A LOVED ONE OR CELEBRATE
SOMETHING SPECIAL WITH THE
CONGREGATION**

There are still openings...Choose a date for a special person or special event to be remembered, to be honored, or to be celebrated. You can either sign up at church, call the office, email secretary@robertsucc.org or go to: <https://m.signupgenius.com#>! Your name along with your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin of your chosen date to be shared with the congregation.

Free-will donations (usually \$15/date) have been given in the past. This has been helpful in offsetting the cost of bulletin expenses. If you choose to donate, please do so prior to your chosen sponsorship date. If paying by check, please make payable to RUCC, noting "bulletin sponsorship" in the memo line. **T H A N K Y O U ~**





COMMUNITY
Dinner

Thursday, February 5, 2026
4:30pm – 6:30pm

MENU: Lasagna, lettuce salad, French bread, relish tray, assorted bars, & beverages

Adults: \$7 Children (5-13) \$4 Children (under 5) FREE

Everyone is Welcome! (Take Out Meals Available Upon Request)

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship
Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
1001 Birch Drive; Roberts, WI 54023
715-749-3225



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 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 (*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.

RaiseRight also offers a **Mobile App**.

There are so many possibilities and a simple way 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.

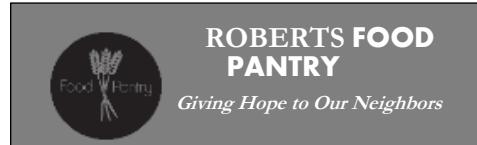


02 Pete Ament	21 Carol Dull
13 Dave McKenna	Roger Ray
15 Delila Johnson	25 Barb Haas
17 Leslie Dull	27 Axl Korn
19 Shelly Dull	Ken Fern
20 Laurene Ray	28 John Vorwald



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

715-749-3478



Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries? The Food Pantry is available to help.

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

The pantry accepts donations.

We are currently low on Canned chicken, canned mandarin oranges, canned pineapple, laundry soap, & dish soap.

We also accept brown paper and white plastic bags.



Thank you to those who picked up your giving statements from church. Any remaining statements were mailed out on January 27th.

If you have any questions regarding your statements, or did not receive one, please contact the office at: secretary@robertsucc.org or 715-749-3225.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of December 31, 2025

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 22,224.13	Assets	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 9,326.64
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	4,399.93
Interest	0.15	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	22,224.28	Total Assets	\$ 1,888,368.85
Expenses	17,605.06		
Transfers from other accounts		Liabilities & Equity	
Net Activity	<u>\$ 4,619.22</u>	Accrued Expenses	\$ -
		Bank Mortgage Balances	529,453.04
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	679,453.04
		Equity	1,208,915.81
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,888,368.85



We offer an easier way to donate without having to write checks for those who are out of town or cannot come to church.

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 or complete the ACH form on the church website and get it to the office.

You can also give directly through our website, <https://robertsucc.org>. In the menu, select "Giving," then "Give Now." It will take you to the donations page or go directly to: <http://robertsucc.org/giving> Where you can use your PayPal account or credit/debit card.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER COMMITTEES FOR 2026

Women's Fellowship meetings are open to all and held at 3:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.
The monthly Community Dinner follows from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR: Committee Members are asked to reimburse Chairperson \$20 each toward grocery expenses beyond any food donated.

Women's Fellowship will reimburse Chairperson for remaining expenses as needed.

All (hot) main entrees are to be dished up from the service window. Sides can be on a self-serve table.

Each committee determines its menu and needs to take home everything they bring. Nothing should be left in the refrigerator.
If you cannot serve at your appointed time, please notify your chairperson. If you are not listed and would like to serve, please contact one of the Executive Committee members.

Serve dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Plan food for 50-75 people

Note: All food must be made at the church –STATE LAW!!

January 8, 2026

Nancy Kirouac **Chairman
Mary Grupe (\$ donation)
Carol & Terry Dull
Roene Frederick (\$ donation)
Mandy Clay
Megan Frye
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz

February 5, 2026

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Jacque Nelson
Sheryl Budrow
Dawn Budrow
Toni Williams
Laurene Ray

March 5, 2026

Dianne Loewel *Co-Chair
Katy Kapaun *Co-Chair
Audrey Ackley
Jean Johnson
Chris Bohl
Laura Logas

April 9, 2026

Margie Ricci *Co-Chair
Mary Thorsen *Co-Chair
Laurie Monteith
Danielle Johnson
Jane Bond
Kelly Hueman

May 7, 2026

Judy Snoeyenbos **Chairman
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz
Cheryl Cowles
Lori Jurek
Toni Williams
Laurene Ray

June, July & Aug 2026**September 3, 2026**

Katy Kapaun *Co-Chair
Dianne Loewel *Co-Chair
Laura Logas
Wanda Hopkins
Trudy Hinkel
Elizabeth Croes
Kay Debban

October 1, 2026

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Nancy Kirouac
Darla Ramberg
Toni Williams
Beth Rogers
Deb Phillips
Duane Loewel

November 5, 2026

Michelle Hansen *Co-Chair
Laurene Ray *Co-Chair
Pat Colbeth
Glenda Hansen
Suzie Lange
Nancee Hurlburt
Mary Jo Ball
Sally Mahlstadt

December 3, 2026

Patti Robertson **Chairman
Sharon Pizzi
Lori Gulich
Judy Snoeyenbos
Laura Logas
Lori Jurek

January 7, 2027

Nancy Kirouac **Chairman
Mary Grupe (\$ donation)
Carol & Terry Dull
Roene Frederick (\$ donation)
Mandy Clay
Megan Frye
Betty Schultz
Mary Schultz

February 4, 2027

Lori Jurek **Chairman
Jacque Nelson
Sheryl Budrow
Dawn Budrow
Toni Williams
Laurene Ray

Executive Committee

President: Judy Snoeyenbos 715-410-1909
Vice President: Lori Jurek 715-220-7432
Secretary: Nancy Kirouac 651-269-6103
Treasurer: Judy Snoeyenbos 715-410-1909

On-Call List (Will serve additional months if needed.)

Lori Jurek
Dianne Loewel
Laura Logas
Connie Mueller
Judy Snoeyenbos
Mary Thorsen
Laurene Ray

ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2026

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

Lori did the opening

Minutes from December meeting were reviewed and Tony motioned to approve and Lori seconded

Pastor

Pastoral care tracking for the past month, for the past year, and the average worship attendance

It included a summary of the past year

Deacons

Work on filling board positions

Discussed the plans for Lent

Connie will work on worship volunteers for the days through Easter

Annual meeting coming up

Several people have expressed an interest in joining our congregation

S.H.I.F.T.

Cooking sale netted \$547; we had 31 different kinds of cookies

Trustees

Roof is leaking

Working on getting a new counter as Laura is stepping down

Still having struggles with the accounting system, Tony and Dianne will meet with them

Women's Fellowship

2026 committees are set

Decided to charge each team member \$20 for the meals, if not enough collected the women's fellowship will reimburse the committee chair

CE

Christmas program was a success

RUCCUS will resume January 21st with a potluck and game night

In March the confirmands will present community service ideas to the council

CBT

Set with bylaws to present to the congregation at the annual meeting

Small group meetings will be held on Jan 25 and 29th; February 1 and 8th

If congregation approves it will be a gradual transition

New Business

Discussed holding the annual meeting later in the year as most of the reports are not available

Next meeting is February 5 @ 6:30

Toni will do the opening

Submitted by

Laura Logas, church clerk

Spring Fundraisers Ahead — But We Need Your Help Today

As we look ahead to the spring months, we are grateful for the many fundraisers and opportunities for shared support that are on the horizon. These efforts are a meaningful part of how we sustain the ministry and mission we share together as a congregation.



At the same time, the quieter winter season brings with it ongoing expenses that remain very present in the life of our church. Heating, utilities, and the daily costs of maintaining our shared space continue even as the snow lingers. Because of this, there is a real and immediate need as we move through these weeks together.

If you are able, we invite you to prayerfully consider making an additional contribution at this time. This invitation is offered in gratitude, not obligation. Every gift—large or small—helps sustain the ministry we share and supports the work God has entrusted to us as a community of faith.

Scripture offers this encouragement:

“Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

These words remind us that faithfulness is often lived out in steady, quiet ways—through continued generosity, care for one another, and trust that God is at work even when the season feels long.

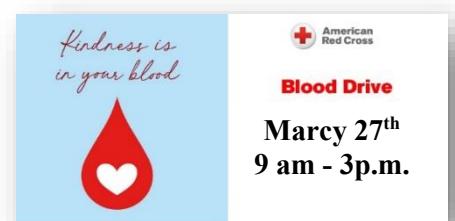
Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and the many ways you continue to show up for one another and for this congregation. Together, we move forward trusting in God's provision, confident that the seeds we plant now will bear fruit in the season to come.

In Gratitude and Shared Ministry,
Your Trustees



Next Blood Drive at Roberts UCC

“Donors are needed to prevent delays in lifesaving care. The Red Cross is currently facing a severe **blood** shortage.”



TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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

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

Contact **Patti** with any questions:
patti robertson13@gmail.com or call 715-531-8611



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Worship w/Holy Communion 11:15am Small Group Meeting	2	3 6pm Deacons Meeting	4 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	5 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner 6:30pm Council Meeting	6	7
8 10am Worship 11:15am Small Group Meeting	9 6:30pm SHIFT Meeting 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	10 6pm CE Meeting 6:30pm CBT Meeting	11 6pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	12	13	14
15 10am Worship	16 Gerten's Spring Plant Sale Website Opens	17	18 Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	19 5pm SHIFT Prepares & Delivers a Meal to Grace Place	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21
22 10am Worship w/Baptism 11am Lent Bible Study Begins – Transformation	23	24	25 6pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bell Choir	26	27	28
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