



# 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**

**March**

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

**10:00 a.m.**

*Communion is offered*

*March 1*

*Bible Study following  
worship on Sundays*

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

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

**March 4 & 18**

***RUCCUS Potluck  
& Program***

**March 5**

***Community Dinner***

**March 11 & 25**

***Confirmation Class***

**March 27**

***Red Cross Blood Drive***

**All Month**

***Gerten's Spring Plant  
Sale***

***Match Game Fundraising***

**Upcoming**

***Holy Week***

***Spring Rummage Sale***



## **A Season of Signs — and Shared Strength**

As we continue walking through our Seven Signs Lenten journey, we are watching Jesus reveal the heart of God through moments that point beyond themselves. The signs are never about spectacle alone. They are invitations — invitations to trust, to believe, to grow.

In many ways, our recent small group and CBT conversations feel like part of that same journey.

Lent has a way of slowing us down long enough to ask deeper questions. Not just, “What are we doing?” but “How are we carrying it?” and even, “What is God shaping in us next?”

In every small group listening conversation over these past weeks, I heard something consistent: people who love this church.

I heard gratitude for what has been built here.

I heard protectiveness over what has been entrusted to us.

I heard a desire to ensure that the work of God in this place remains strong —

not just now, but for generations to come.

There were thoughtful questions. There were moments of tension. There were careful conversations about authority, structure, and responsibility. But what stood out most was not disagreement — it was care.

And please know this: what you shared in those gatherings is not being set aside. It is shaping the way we continue discerning together. That is something holy.

In Exodus 18, Moses is doing what many leaders try to do: carry everything himself. The lines grow longer. The weight grows heavier. And Jethro offers wisdom that is both simple and freeing — the work of God is meant to be shared.

Not because Moses lacked faith.

Not because the people were incapable.

But because God's work flourishes when leadership is distributed wisely.

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### **A Season of Signs — and Shared Strength**

Paul echoes that truth in 1 Corinthians 12. The church is a body. No single part defines it. No single part sustains it alone. Strength comes from connection. Health comes from participation.

As we reflect on the signs of Jesus this Lent — signs of provision, healing, and renewal — we are also reflecting on what it means to be a healthy body here in Roberts.

We are not trying to reinvent ourselves.

We are not turning away from what has been faithful.

We are a church family with deep roots. The ministries we celebrate today were shaped by people who gave their time, their energy, their prayers, and their leadership across decades. That legacy matters. What we are discerning now is not a rejection of that inheritance. It is our way of honoring it by ensuring it remains sustainable.

Healthy families grow.

Healthy bodies adapt.

Healthy churches share the work.

The questions that have surfaced are not signs of fracture. They are signs of engagement. They tell me that we care enough to think carefully and move prayerfully. That gives me hope.

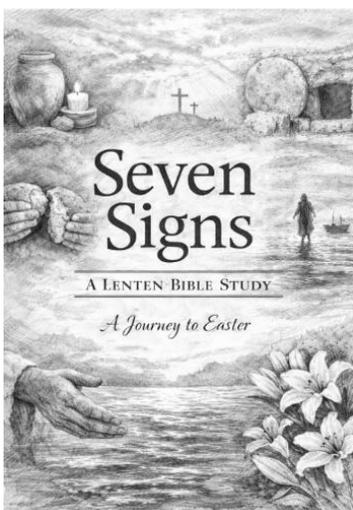
Lent reminds us that growth often begins with honest examination. It reminds us that surrender is not loss — it is preparation for resurrection. And sometimes, what feels like tension is simply the stretching that precedes strengthening.

The journey ahead will require patience. It will require clarity. It will require trust. But what I have seen already convinces me that we have what we need: a congregation that loves one another and desires to serve faithfully.

The signs we study in Scripture point forward. They invite participation. They draw people deeper. May our conversations do the same.

If you have thoughts, hopes, or questions as we continue discerning together, I invite you to share them. Your voice matters. Your presence matters. And the future we are building is one we are building together.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Burt



### *Lenten Bible Study Schedule*

- 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.*

*If you didn’t get a chance to sign up, you are welcome to come anyway – any time!*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – SPARE CHANGE SPECIAL OFFERING**

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, as we reflect on Jesus feeding the five thousand and the promise that there is “*Enough in God’s Hands,*” we will receive a special **Spare Change Offering**.

Over the next few weeks, I invite you to begin setting aside your loose change — the coins in your car, on the dresser, in your coat pockets, or at the bottom of a purse. Each coin may feel small on its own, but together they become something meaningful. This practice is not really about the amount. It is about awareness. It is about training our hearts to notice what we have and to trust that even what seems insignificant can become a blessing in Christ’s hands.

On March 15, you are invited to bring that spare change and for this special offering.

And here is the beautiful part: this offering is not only something we place into — it is something from which we may receive. If you find yourself in a tight place, if you need a little help with groceries, gas, or simply a reminder that you are not alone, you may take from it as well. No explanations. No embarrassment. Just grace.

The miracle in John 6 was not only that bread multiplied. It was that a community learned there was enough when what they had was shared.

Let this be a small, tangible way for us to live that trust together.



**ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED**

to come and join us as a church family.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM POTLUCK MEAL**

**6:00 PM RUCCUS**

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

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION CONTACT TONI AT  
CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Come join the RUCCUS crew

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

*As we present **Stations of The Cross** and learn more about Jesus’ steps on His journey to our salvation.*

**Join us at 5:30pm** for family style potluck.

*(Please bring a dish to pass, your own silverware, plates, and drinks.)*

Stations will start around **6:00pm**.

**We welcome you to join us for this moving spiritual experience.**

**OPEN WEEKLY**

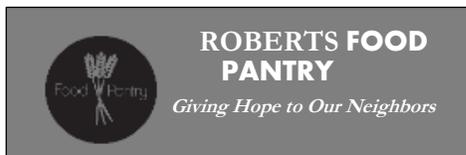
**Tuesday & Thursday**

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, ketchup, mustard, shower gel, laundry & dish soap.

We also accept brown paper and white plastic bags.

**MATCH GAME 2026**

We will once again be conducting a match game fundraiser. Culminating with a pizza party and game/contest

**11:10 AM**

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**(after the worship service)**

Generous benefactors have pledged up to \$8,000 to match contributions from the rest of the congregation. So, any dollar you contribute will count as two dollars towards our goal of \$16,000.

We hope you will contribute and we especially hope you will join us for the party on April 19<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be very entertaining. Pizza, chips, beverages, and dessert will be provided. (Dietary needs can be accommodated if given advanced notice.)

**We are also looking for volunteers to be Match Game panelists or contestants. Adults only please.**

If any questions, please call or text Roger at 715-410-8393 or email [shuttheovenoff@gmail.com](mailto:shuttheovenoff@gmail.com).



**GERTEN'S GREENHOUSE SPRING PLANT SALE**  
*coordinated by SHIFT!*

You're invited to shop for your spring plant needs through our online fundraising site **NOW OPEN**.

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**

**10:00 p.m. - Thursday, April 2nd.**  
Order early for best availability!

All products will be delivered directly to the church

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**

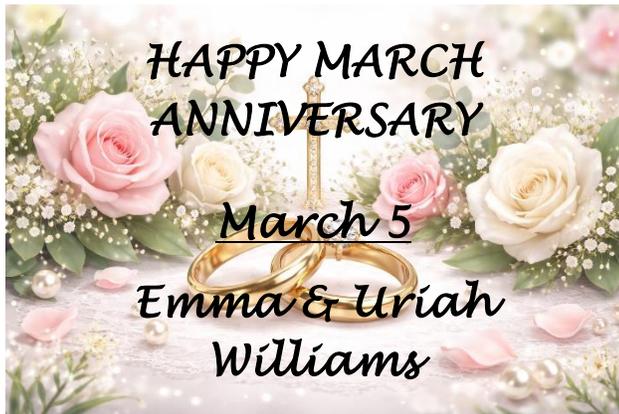
A SHIFT team member will call you when things are ready for you to pick up!

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

Thank you for your support!



- 01 | Gracie Delander
- 02 | Whitney Adrian
- 03 | Faron Fuller
- 06 | Archer Anderson
- 07 | Chris Bohl
- 08 | Mary Thorsen
- 09 | Jeff Hinkel
- 10 | Logan Nelson
- 12 | Mary Grupe
- 13 | Pat Colbeth  
Daryl Jones
- 17 | Avery Rogers
- 20 | Sally Fields  
Rick Risberg
- 25 | Cheryl Cowles
- 26 | Brita Lindquist
- 27 | Betty Schultz
- 29 | Michelle Hansen
- 30 | Cheryl Lindquist



*Montana Lynn was welcomed into God's family on February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Parents: Shellby & Hunter Hurlburt  
 Sponsors: Luke Budrow & Kamryn Newton  
 Grandparents: Kurt Hurlburt, Nancee Hurlburt, Lynn Jacobs, & Tabatha LaVoi

*Upcoming March Baptism:* *Kaiden Hueman*

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 26**

Please mark your calendars for Confirmation! The students have been working hard on their faith journey and would love to have the support of the congregation on this blessed time in their lives.

Toni Williams, Christian Education



**PRAYER LIST**

- |                               |                 |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Earl Pechuman                 | Lowell Johnson  | Wanda Hopkins |
| Kinsley Bruun                 | Nikki Freeman   | Todd Graf     |
| Jason Muller                  | Krystal Gaustad | June Melloy   |
| Family & Friends of Bill Cave |                 |               |

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.***

**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER**

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

**General Fund Financial Summary as of January 31, 2026**

<b>Statement of Activity</b>		<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>	
Income/Contributions	\$ 16,501.67	<b>Assets</b>	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 3,005.80
Fundraising Income		Other Bank Accounts	4,870.28
Interest	0.18	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,501.85</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,882,518.36</b>
Expenses	22,822.69	<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Transfers from other accounts		Accrued Expenses	\$ -
<b>Net Activity</b>	<b>\$ (6,320.84)</b>	Bank Mortgage Balances	527,925.32
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>677,925.32</b>
		Equity	1,204,593.04
		<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,882,518.36</b>



**COMMUNITY DINNER**

*Sponsored by Women's Fellowship*

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Adults: \$7**  
**Children (5-13): \$4**  
**Under 5: Free**

**Hot Beef Sandwiches**  
**Cheesy Potatoes**  
**Caesar Salad**  
**Desserts**  
**Beverages**

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**A CHRISTMAS CLOTHESLINE THANK YOU**

**Dear Members of the United Church of Christ,**

On behalf of St. Croix County's Adult Community Support Services Team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for going above and beyond to make this Christmas truly special for our clients. Many of those we serve lack natural supports or the financial means to afford even necessities, such as a new warm winter coat and groceries. For them, the holiday season can often feel lonely and stressful.

Your generosity brought joy, warmth, and light into their lives. It was truly heartwarming to see the smiles on their faces and the excitement in their eyes as they opened their gifts. Our clients, and our entire team are deeply thankful for your continued support throughout the years. We could not ask for a better community partner.

**Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those we serve,**

**St. Croix County's Adult Community Support Services Team**



**American  
Red Cross**

Blood  
Services

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**

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.



Scan to schedule

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) or call 715-531-8611

*Give blood*

Every 2 seconds  
someone in the U.S.  
needs blood.

**American Red Cross**

**Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email & successful  
donations get A1C testing!**  
[rcblood.org/March](http://rcblood.org/March)



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](mailto:gmaloewel@gmail.com).

**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**February 5, 2026**

**Those in attendance** were: Lori J, Roger R, Toni W, Pastor Burt, Brett B, and Laura L.

**Meeting was called to order**

**Toni W did the opening**

**Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and Toni motioned to approve and Brett seconded it**

**Deacons**

Annual meeting to be held later in the year so all reports can be ready

New members on Palm Sunday

Megan in charge of ordering palms and Easter lilies

Visitation team is getting positive feedback

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

No meeting

Plant sale with begin February 16<sup>th</sup> and end on April 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery will be May 4<sup>th</sup>

Serve at Grace Place on the 19<sup>th</sup>

**Trustees**

Met with accountants

Church auction is set for August 19<sup>th</sup>. will ask Women's Fellowship to do the bake sale and

S.H.I.F.T to do the food stand

Finances are tight, will be doing the Match Game on April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Fellowship**

Spring rummage sale is April 17-18

Fall rummage sale is September 18-19

Donate \$1000 to the Match Game

**CE**

RUCCUS is up and running again

On April 1 they will be doing the Stations of the Cross

March council meeting the confirmands will present their ideas for community service projects

VBS is set for June 28-July 1

Confirmation is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>

**CBT**

Small group meetings are going well, getting positive feedback

**Pastor**

Completed the Lenten Bible Study: Seven Signs-A Journey to Easter Through the Gospel of John

Shared things from the small group meeting about the changes in the constitution and by laws

Couple of baptisms coming up

New members joining on Palm Sunday

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**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2026**

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**New Business**

Stock the pews with envelopes for giving  
Possible pie auction  
Considering another clothing swap  
Change of meeting time from 6:30 to 6:00, motion made by Brett and seconded by Toni

**Brett will do the opening next month**

**Toni motioned to adjourn**

**Submitted by  
Laura Logas**



**EASTER  
LILIES**

**Lilies can be ordered  
“In honor of” or “In memory of”  
your loved ones.**

Please fill out an order form at church,  
contact Megan Frye, or the office. \*

**Deadline for ordering is  
Sunday, March 15th**

Please see Megan Frye if you have any  
questions.

**Individual Plants are  
\$16.00 each.**

*Easter lilies decorate our church for  
Easter. We encourage you to take your  
plant(s) home after the 10am service.*



**TIRED OF WRITING CHECKS?**

We offer an easier way to  
donate without having to write  
checks (*especially if you are out  
of town or cannot come to  
church*).

**ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER  
& ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE**

We offer EFT – The withdrawal date is the 15<sup>th</sup>  
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.



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10am Worship w/Holy Communion 11am Lent Bible Study - Week 2	<b>2</b> 10am Bill Cave Visitation 11am Bill Cave Funeral 12pm Funeral Luncheon	<b>3</b> 6pm Deacons Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>5</b> 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner 6pm Council Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10am Worship 11am Lent Bible Study – Week 3  <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6pm CE Meeting	<b>11</b> 6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10am Worship w/Baptism 11am Lent Bible Study – Week 4 <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS Program 6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10am Worship 11am Lent Bible Study – Week 5	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6pm CBT Meeting	<b>25</b> 6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9am – 3pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10am Palm Sunday Worship 11am Lent Bible Study – Week 6	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS “Stations of the Cross” 6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 6pm Council Meeting 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 10pm Deadline to order Gertens plants/flowers	<b>3</b> Good Friday	<b>4</b>



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