



Connections

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

WORSHIP

Sundays

April

5, 12, 19, & 26

10:00 a.m.

Communion is
offered on Easter,
April 5th

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

April 1

RUCCUS Potluck
Stations of the
Cross

April 2

Maundy Thursday
Worship
Gerten's Plant Sale
Website Closes

April 3

Ecumenical Service

April 8 & 22

Confirmation
Service Practice

April 9th

Community Dinner

April 13 – 18

Spring Rummage
Sale & Drop-off

April 19

Match Game &
Pizza Party

April 26

Confirmation
Sunday

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND

7:00PM WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00PM ECUMENICAL SERVICE
AT CROSS LUTHERAN

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH

SUNRISE & 10:00AM
WORSHIP W/HOLY COMMUNION



SPRING PLANT SALE

coordinated by SHIFT!

Hurry – Deadline to Order

10:00 p.m. - Thursday, April 2nd

Simply visit <http://www.gertensfundraising.com/> and Enter ID #744 to order from a large selection of options.

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

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!



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A Season of Faithful Movement: Where We Are and Where God Is Leading Us

Church Family,

There are moments in the life of a congregation when you can feel something shifting—not in a disruptive way, but in a Spirit-led way. A deep, steady movement. Not away from who we are, but more fully into who God is calling us to be.

I believe we are in one of those moments right now.

Over the past year and beyond, the Church Board Team has been faithfully doing the quiet, often unseen work of listening, praying, discerning, and building. This has not been quick work, nor has it been easy. It has required honest conversations, thoughtful reflection, and a willingness to ask not just *what we have always done*, but *what God is calling us into next*.

And I want to say this clearly: **I am deeply grateful.**

Grateful for the members of the Church Board Team who stepped forward.

Grateful for those who participated in small group conversations.

Grateful for each of you who have shared your thoughts, your hopes,
and even your concerns along the way.

And I want to offer a **specific and heartfelt thank you** to both the Church Board Team *and* our current church boards. Because what has been happening behind the scenes is something truly meaningful.

These groups have not worked in isolation. They have worked **together**—walking alongside one another, engaging in real conversations, and at times wrestling with the hard questions:

- How do we move forward in a way that is faithful and effective?
- How do we structure ourselves to best support ministry?
- How do we do this *well*, without losing what already matters deeply to us?

There has been a shared commitment not just to efficiency, but to **faithfulness and respect**—respect for the ministries already in place, respect for the people who have poured themselves into those ministries over the years, and respect for the identity of who we are as a church.

Together, they have been helping us do something incredibly important:

Clarify who we are... so we can faithfully become who God is calling us to be next.

This has been holy work.

At its heart, this work has been about one central question:

How do we structure ourselves in a way that allows more people to live into their calling, while also creating space for spiritual growth, rest, and renewal?

That question has led us toward a model that seeks to:

- **Streamline how we lead and make decisions**
- **Expand opportunities for participation in ministry**
- **Align our structure more closely with our mission**

As a reminder, our mission remains our anchor:

To connect with God, as we live by faith, are known by love, and cultivate hope.

This new direction is not about changing who we are. It is about **freeing us to live more fully into who we already are.**

The vision that has emerged centers around a **Leadership Board supporting active Ministry Teams**, where:

- Leadership provides guidance, accountability, and support
- Teams carry out the ministries where real life and connection happen
- People can step in based on **passion, gifting, and season of life**

This approach reflects what many of you have already expressed:

- A desire to be involved without overwhelming long-term commitments
- A longing to use your gifts in meaningful, flexible ways
- A need for both **service and spiritual renewal**

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And perhaps most importantly—it reflects a belief that **ministry belongs to all of us**, not just a few.

What We Are Seeing Already

Even before full implementation, we are already seeing signs of life:

- Deeper participation in conversations about identity and mission
- Growing clarity around how our ministries connect to “ALIVE”
- A renewed sense of shared ownership in the life of the church

This is exactly what we hoped for. Because this has never been about creating a perfect system. It has been about creating a structure that **helps people come alive in their faith**—Accepted, Loved, Invited, Valued, and Encouraged.

What Comes Next (Clear Steps Forward)

As we move into this next phase, here are the **actionable steps ahead for us as a church family**:

1. Continued Communication & Clarity

- Ongoing newsletter updates and teaching moments in worship
- Clear explanations of roles, teams, and structure
- Open space for questions and feedback

2. Strengthening Team Formation

- Current ministries begin using the **Team Structure Framework**
- Identification and support of **Team Leaders**
- Ensuring each ministry has what it needs to thrive

3. Leadership Structure Development

- Continued refinement of the **Leadership Board (Council) model**
- Clarifying responsibilities, communication pathways, and support systems
- Training and equipping leaders for this next phase

4. Congregational Engagement

- Invitation for participation in emerging and existing teams
- Opportunities to serve based on gifting, passion, and availability
- Continued listening to the voice of the congregation

5. Constitutional Alignment

- Finalizing governance structure details
- Preparing updates for congregational review and approval
- Ensuring alignment with our covenant and mission

This is not a rushed process. It is a **faithful process**—one step at a time, together.

One of the things I have been most encouraged by is this:

This work has not been driven by urgency or anxiety...but by **faith, hope, and love**. We are not restructuring because something is broken. We are doing this because **God is still calling us forward**. And we believe that by creating space—space for people to serve, space for people to grow, space for people to rest—we will become an even stronger, more vibrant expression of Christ’s body in this place.

So here is my invitation to you:

Stay engaged. Stay prayerful. Stay open. And when the time comes...**Step in**. Not because you have to, but because you are called. Because this next chapter of Roberts UCC will not be built by a board...it will be built by a **people living out their faith together**.

With gratitude for each of you, and hope for what God is doing among us,
Pastor Burt



**Come be ALIVE with us
at RUCCUS!**

ROBERTS UCC UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED

to come and join us as a church family.

April 1st & April 15th

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 1st

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 9, 2026

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

*BBQ Sandwiches, Baked Beans,
Assorted Salads, & Desserts
Milk & Coffee*

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

Take out available upon request

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

FRIDAY & SATURDAY APRIL 17 & 18

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, April 17th Unless otherwise marked, all items are .50 cents each!

Saturday, April 18th Stuff a big garbage bag for \$2.00!

DROP OFF DATES

Monday, April 13th from 4pm – 7pm

Tuesday, April 14th & Wednesday, April 15th from 1pm – 5pm

Thursday, April 16th 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



MATCH GAME 2026

**WITH OUR VERY OWN HOST
 JEAN "RAYBURN" JOHNSON**

We are once again conducting a match game fundraiser. Culminating with a pizza party and game/contest on
April 19th – 11:10 a.m. (following 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. 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.



GOD'S APRIL CHILDREN

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 02 Laura Logas | 17 Debbie Phillips | 25 Dick Colbeth |
| 03 Dianne McKenna
Jerry Vasfaret | 18 Maddy Dull | 26 Dawn Budrow
Ryan Hansen |
| 07 Skyler Henley
Alex Ray | 19 Brielle Hansen
Dylan Hueman | 27 Ceola Lindquist |
| 08 Roxie Hatch | 20 Noah Steinke | 28 Ashlyn Hueman |
| 09 Sheryl Johnson | 21 Tim Myer | 29 Nancy Kirouac |
| 11 Callie Robelia | 22 Margo Schultz | 30 Anna Lindquist |
| | 23 Dan Rogers | |



Kaiden Hueman was welcomed into God's family on March 22nd

Parents: Kelly & Dylan Hueman
 Sponsors: Alex & Trenton Rossow
 Grandparents: Nick Hueman, Tina & Steve Jette
 Nancy & Dominick Tufano, Leigh & Brian

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



- Earl Pechuman
- Kinsley Bruun
- Jason Muller
- Amber Hollo

PRAYER LIST

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Lowell Johnson | Wanda Hopkins |
| Nikki Freeman | Todd Graf |
| Krystal Gaustad | June Melloy |

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.

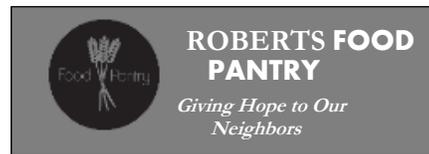
If you, or anyone you know, would like to be added to the prayer list, please let us know. If you have added someone to the prayer list, please keep us updated.

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

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

Your prayers & support mean so much to so many!

We are low on **pasta & rice side dishes, canned chicken, laundry & dish detergent.**



OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays

6:30pm – 8:00pm

715-749-3478



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.



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 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.

**Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
Council meeting minutes
March 5, 2026**

Those in attendance: Lori J, Brett B, Toni W, Pastor Burt, and Laura L

Meeting was called to order By Lori

Brett did the opening

Reviewed February meeting minutes, Brett made a motion to approve and Toni seconded it

Deacons

Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. on April 2

Good Friday service will be held at Cross Lutheran Church

New members on Palm Sunday, deacons will provide cake for fellowship

Burt will do some training for the visitation team, continuing with the card ministry

Sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m.

Pastor Burt will be taking some vacation

S.H.I.F.T.

Provide food for Grace Place on February 19th thinking about doing a signup genie for Grace Place meals, to get more people involved

Feel good kits are stocked well

Gerten's flowers will be delivered on May 4

Will do the food stand for the auction

Would like to manage their own expenses

Trustees

Match game fundraiser on April 19th

Nice donation from outside of the church

Women's Fellowship

Rummage sale is April 17-18

Bake sale at the auction

Will not be doing fellowship on April 19th due to the Match Game

Christian Education

Crosses for kindness or acts of love placed on a cross

Church picnic is set for August 2nd

Not doing Feeding My Starving Children until things settle down in cities

Sunday morning craft corner is a huge success and growing

CBT

Defining essential teams

Pastor

A second offering will be done on March 15, spare change offering

Have someone helping with the computers

Will be taking some time off

Confirmands presented a fundraiser idea to benefit Safe Haven Foster Shoppe, it will be held on October 25, 2026. It will be a chili cook-off and bake sale, will also get a list of items that they may be in need of. Motion was made by Laura to approve this event and seconded by Brett.

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Council meeting minutes
March 5, 2026**

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There will not be a meeting held for April or May, reports will be due to Laura by April 9th and May 7th.

The next in person meeting will be June 4, opening to be done by Toni

Motion to adjourn made by Toni and seconded by Brett

Submitted by

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 February 28, 2026

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 18,684.47	Assets	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 3,872.94
Fundraising Income	4,500.00	Other Bank Accounts	5,520.63
Interest	0.16	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	23,184.63	Total Assets	\$ 1,888,109.64
Expenses	22,317.49	Liabilities & Equity	
Transfers from other accounts		Accrued Expenses	\$ -
Net Activity	\$ 867.14	Bank Mortgage Balances	526,580.23
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	676,580.23
		Equity	1,211,529.41
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,888,109.64



Dates & times could change. Please check the website for the “real time” calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm Stations of the Cross by RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	2 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 10pm Gerten’s Plant Sale Ends (<i>Website Closes</i>)	3 Good Friday 7pm Ecumenical Worship Service (<i>Cross Lutheran Church</i>)	4
5 7am Easter Sunrise Worship 10am Easter Sanctuary Worship Holy Communion at Sunrise & 10am	6	7 6pm Deacons Meeting	8 6pm Confirmation Service Practice	9 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner <i>Council Reports Due to Laura L.</i>	10	11
12 10am Worship 11am Lent Bible Study – Week 7	13 4-7pm Rummage Sale Drop-off 6:30pm SHIFT! Meeting	14 1-5pm Rummage Sale Drop-off 6pm CE Meeting	15 1-5pm Rummage Sale Drop-off 5:30pm RUCCUS Potluck 6pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	16 9am – 1pm Rummage Sale Drop-off 5pm SHIFT Prepares & Delivers Meal to Grace Place	17 8am – 6pm Spring Rummage Sale (<i>Lunch available</i>)	18 8 – 10:30am Spring Rummage Sale
19 10am Worship 11:10am Match Game Pizza Party	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	22 6pm Confirmation Service Practice	23	24	25
26 10am Worship <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	27	28	29 6:30pm Bell Choir	30	1	2

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