



# 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

3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:00 a.m.

Communion

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ONLINE WORSHIP**

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

**In this Newsletter**

Gerten's Plant  
Delivery & Update

RUCCUS Pizza  
Party

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Drive

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Rummage Sale  
Update

VBS

"Step Right Up"

**SAVE THE DATES**

July 29 Red Cross  
Blood Drive

Annual Church  
Picnic – August 2

Annual Auction  
w/Food Stand –  
August 19

**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
*Sponsored by Women's Fellowship*  
May 7, 2026  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Cole Slaw,  
Cheesy Hashbrown Potatoes,  
Pickles, Assorted Desserts,  
Coffee, Water, & Milk**

*Everyone Welcome!*  
Come Share a Meal With Us!  
*Take Out Meals Available  
Upon Request*

**Adults \$7 | Children \$4  
5 & Under – FREE**

**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL  
UCC; 1001 Birch Drive; Roberts  
Office: 715-749-3225**

**A Friendly Reminder...**

**NO**  
*Church  
Community Dinners*  
**JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST**



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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Pick Up Your Pebble: A Call to Care for What We've Been Given

As we continue to live into our life together as the family of God here at Roberts, I've been reflecting again on something we've talked about before—the call to “pick up your pebble.”

In that message, we considered the idea that God calls us to move mountains... but not all at once, and certainly not all alone. Instead, we are invited—each one of us—to simply pick up our pebble. To do our part. To take hold of one small piece of the work before us. And when we all do that together, something remarkable happens: the mountain begins to move.

That same spirit of shared calling and faithful stewardship is at the heart of something simple, yet important, happening in the life of our church.

**On Saturday, May 16th from 9:00am to Noon, we will be holding an All-Church Cleanup Day.**

This includes not only the interior of our building, but also the grounds around it—gardens, ditches, the shed, and the spaces that surround and support our life together. These areas, just like our sanctuary and fellowship spaces, are a gift. They are places where ministry happens, where people gather, and where the presence of God is experienced in both quiet and community.

Caring for these spaces is one of the ways we live out our gratitude and our responsibility as stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

And here's the good news: this is not a task for a few—it is an opportunity for all.

Many hands truly do make for light work.

Some will come that Saturday morning and give a few hours of their time. Others may not be able to be here at that specific time—and that's okay. To make this accessible for everyone, there will be task sheets available in the Narthex. You are invited to stop in at a time that works for you, choose a task, and take care of it. Once completed, simply sign off so we know it's been done.

One pebble.

That's all it takes.

One task. One moment of care. One act of stewardship.

When each of us picks up just one pebble, we not only care for this place—we care for one another. We support our leadership and honor each other's time by sharing the work that needs to be done. When more of us participate, the burden on any one person becomes lighter, creating space for rest, for family, for time in

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nature, for connection with friends, and for all the other gifts God has given us to enjoy. By each of us giving a little time, we ensure that no one carries the weight alone, and together we strengthen the bonds of this community while making space for ministry to happen more freely.

So, I invite you—however you are able—to be part of this shared effort. Let's care for what we've been given. Let's support one another. And together, let's keep moving the mountain... one pebble at a time.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Burt

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00pm**

**Come Saturday for a little while or stay all morning. You can also find another time within the next 1-2 weeks that works for you during office hours. The sheet with tasks that need to be completed will be left out.**

**Any gift of time and help does not go unnoticed. You are greatly appreciated!**



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

### RUCC BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, May 29, 2026**

**9am to 3pm**

*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.*

*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](mailto:pattirobertson13@gmail.com) or 715-531-8611*

**Download the Blood Donor App | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS**

**Note: Get summer ready! Come to give blood May 18-31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel!**

*More information coming soon!*

**RUCC SPRING RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE**

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way for our Women's Fellowship Spring Rummage Sale. We took in about \$1465.00. What an accomplishment for selling everything for .50 each. Thanks to everyone who donated, who helped set up and sort during the week, who served lunch, who counted the items, to those who packed up and reset the dining room and who made trips to Treasures of the Heart and Goodwill. It could not have happened if not for each of you.

Now start saving for our Fall Rummage Sale on Sept. 18th and 19th, 2026.

See you there,  
Judy Snoeyenbos, Women's Fellowship



**ROBERTS  
UCC  
VBS  
STEP RIGHT UP**

Join us under the Big Top for a joy-filled week of  
laughter, connection, and growing closer to God!

**JUNE 28 TO JULY 1, 2026**

**6:00 to 8pm**

MUSIC, SNACKS, CRAFTS AND  
LOADS OF FUN!!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Contact us: [CE@robertsucc.org](mailto:CE@robertsucc.org)

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON!**



**80**  
*Birthday Party*  
 Please join us to celebrate  
*Nancy Kirouac*  
 Sunday | May 3rd 2026 | 12:00pm-3:00pm  
 Hammond Town Hall  
 1816 County Road E, Hammond, WI  
*Hope you can join us!*

**Come be ALIVE with us  
 at RUCCUS!**  
 ROBERTS **UCC** UNDERSTANDING **SCRIPTURE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME & INVITED**  
 to come and join us as a church family  
 for our last meeting until Fall 2026.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM PIZZA PARTY!**

**6:00 PM RUCCUS**

**FOR MORE  
 INFORMATION CONTACT  
 TONI AT [CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG](mailto:CE@ROBERTSUCC.ORG)**



**Thank you**

SHIFT would like to thank everyone who participated in the Gerten’s Spring Plant sale. Our fundraiser was a HUGE success with over \$3800 in sales!

Orders will be delivered to the church on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. A SHIFT team member will contact you when your plants are ready to be picked up.

Thanks again! We greatly appreciate your support!



**MATCH GAME 2026 UPDATE**

A very special THANK YOU to **everyone** who participated in whatever way in the Match Game fundraising event. You are appreciated.

*More information will be coming in next month’s newsletter.*



- 02 | Gail Cotterman
- 03 | Wayne Hadley
- 06 | Marilyn Hayes
- 07 | Rachel Ackley
- 08 | Melissa Delander
- 09 | Eric Fisher  
Kevin Robelia  
Roene Frederick

- 10 | Krew Logas
- 13 | Uriah Williams
- 15 | Roxanne Nelson  
Saige Logas
- 17 | Duane Loewel
- 20 | Haylie Hansen  
Liz Croes



- 21 | Jeff Haas
- 22 | Patti Robertson
- 24 | Andrew Korn
- 25 | Cindy Schultz
- 26 | Ann Ostendorf
- 29 | Riley Hansen



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

**PRAYER LIST**

- 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.***



On Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the people listed below joined our congregation:

Cathy & Dan Boehm  
 Kay Debban  
 Melanie Gullixson  
 Sally & Melving Ireton  
 Angie & Tony Nelson  
 Lindy & Kayla Neubrand

*Welcome New Members*

If you haven't met them yet, introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

## *2026 Confirmation Students*

Thank you for supporting and celebrating the confirmation students at the April 26<sup>th</sup> worship service.

**Amelia Dull** – Child of Chris & Megan Dull  
**Delila Johnson** – Child of Justin & Danielle Johnson  
**Levi Johnson** – Child of Justin & Danielle Johnson  
**Avery Rogers** – Child of Dan & Beth Rogers

The students worked hard and are grateful for the support of the congregation on this blessed time in their life. Way to go students and parents!

As a congregation, please continue to pray for and support them.



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.

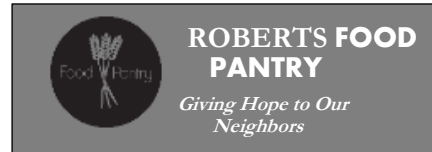
If questions, please ask **Dianne Loewel**,  
 651-343-7614 or [gmaloewel@gmail.com](mailto:gmaloewel@gmail.com).

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

**Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ  
Council Report - Revised  
April 2026**

**No in person meeting held for April  
No reports from Deacons or Trustees  
S.H.I.F.T.**

Next meeting will be April 13

Gerten's plant sale is done delivery is May 4

Agreed to do food stand at the auction

Will seek approval from Trustees to open a checking account so that we can more easily and accurately track our finances

Will provide dinner for Grace Place on April 16

**Women's Fellowship**

Rummage sale is April 17 and 18

Fall rummage sale is September 18 and 19

Held a discussion about shortening the hours of community dinners to be from 4:30 to 6:00, agreed to revisit the idea before dinners resume next fall

**CE**

Stations of the Cross went well

Last night for RUCCUS is May 6, will have a pizza party

VBS is June 28-July 1

Confirmation is April 26 CE will provide cake and snacks for fellowship

**Pastor report**

Provided Pastoral care for the month of March

Church participation is up from last March

Ten new members joined the congregation

Continue to work with the CB team

Preparations for Holy week and Easter

**Submitted by:**

Laura Logas

Church Clerk



**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.

**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER**

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

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

<b>Statement of Activity</b>		<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>	
Income/Contributions	\$ 33,159.14	<b>Assets</b>	
Facility Use Income		General Accounts	\$ 11,911.80
Fundraising Income		SCRIP Account	1,488.91
Interest	0.37	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	33,159.51	Total Assets	\$ 1,888,042.99
Expenses	21,924.63	<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Transfers from other accounts	(3,196.02)	Accrued Expenses	\$ -
Net Activity	\$ 8,038.86	Bank Mortgage Balances	524,942.39
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	674,942.39
		Equity	1,213,100.60
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,888,042.99



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 – 10am Worship with Holy Communion	4 <i>Gerten’s Plant Delivery</i>	5 6pm Deacons Meeting	6 - 5:30pm RUCCUS Pizza Party 6pm RUCCUS 6:30pm Bell Choir	7 - 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner <i>Council Reports Due</i>	8	9
10 10am Worship <i>Happy Mother’s Day</i>	11	12 6pm CE Meeting	13	14	15	16 All Church – Spring Clean-up Day
17 10am Worship	18	19 6:30pm Trustees	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23
24 10am Worship	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	26 6pm CBT Meeting	27	28	29 9am – 3pm Red Cross Blood Drive	30
31 10am Worship	1	2 6pm Deacons Meeting	3	4 3:30pm WF Meeting 6pm Council Meeting	5	6



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