



Connections

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

WORSHIP

June Sundays

7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 a.m.

7th - *Communion*

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

June 28 – July 1

VBS

“Step Right Up”

VBS Registration
form

VBS Schedule &
Information

SAVE THE DATES

July 29

Red Cross Blood
Drive

August 2

Annual Church
Picnic

August 19

Annual Auction
w/Food Stand & Bake
Sale

September 3

Community Dinner

September 12

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**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!!!**

**VBS Schedule & information (p. 5).
Registration form & direct
registration link (p. 7).**

Contact us: CE@robertsucc.org



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Don't Waste a Day of Small Things

"Who dares despise the day of small things..."
— Zechariah 4:10a (NIV)

Summer has a way of inviting us to slow down. School schedules loosen. Vacation plans emerge. Even the pace of life can feel just a little different. And perhaps that is a gift we need more than we realize.

We live in a world that constantly pushes us toward the big things — bigger accomplishments, bigger schedules, bigger pressures, bigger expectations. So often we carry the weight of responsibility, deadlines, stress, and the constant noise of technology and information without ever truly setting any of it down. We become so busy managing life that we stop noticing life itself.

Yet Scripture asks us a powerful question:

"Who dares despise the day of small things?"

Or perhaps we might hear it this way:

Do not overlook the small things.

Do not rush past the quiet gifts.

Do not waste a day of small things.

Sometimes renewal does not come through dramatic moments. Sometimes God restores us through the simple and ordinary things we have forgotten how to notice.

A walk through the woods.

The sound of wind through the trees.

A campfire conversation.

Fishing at the lake.

Sitting quietly on the porch.

Building something with your hands.

Playing an old childhood game with children or grandchildren.

Turning the phone off for a while and simply being present.

I sometimes think about the simple things my grandmother used to have us do as kids — little games with buttons and string, wandering outside to build forts from branches and ferns, spending hours creating something from almost nothing at all. At the time they seemed small and ordinary. Yet years later, those are often the moments we remember most clearly. They carried rest. Joy. Presence. Connection.

Maybe that is part of what our souls are longing for.

Not more noise.

Not more pressure.

Not more rushing.

But small moments where we breathe again.

Moments where we reconnect with creation, with one another, and with God.

And perhaps this summer we need to remember that rest does not only come through long vacations or getting away somewhere far from home. Sometimes we need to take small vacations from the burdens themselves.

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A daily break from the pressure to produce.
An evening without screens.
A quiet walk after supper.
An afternoon spent outside instead of constantly catching up.

Maybe even choosing one day each week to stop striving for a while and simply fill the day with small things that bring life, joy, peace, and presence.

Because the truth is, many of us are trying to carry more than is humanly possible.

We were never created to live at a constant pace of exhaustion.
We were not meant to spend every waking moment achieving, solving, producing, or pushing harder.

Sometimes faithfulness looks like resting.
Sometimes wisdom looks like slowing down.
Sometimes healing begins when we give ourselves permission to simply be present again.

So, this summer, do not waste a day of small things.

Notice the breeze.
Listen to the laughter.
Sit by the fire.
Build the fort.
Take the walk.
Watch the sunset.
Put the phone down once in a while.

And allow yourself to rediscover the quiet gifts God has been placing around you all along.

Because sometimes the soul is healed not through grand moments...
but through small graces we finally slow down enough to notice.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Burt



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|----------------------------------|---|
| July 31st | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| August 19th | Annual Auction Food Stand Bake Sale |
| September 12th | Feed My Starving Children Carpool & Meal Packing |

A Friendly Reminder...



June Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Special Prayer Requests

June 2

Dylan & Kelly Hueman

June 4

Beth & Dan Rogers

June 5

Jane & John Bond

June 8

Cathy & Dan Boehm



June 9

Audrey & Doug Ackley

June 14

Burt & Toni Williams
Cheryl & David Lindquist

June 21

Bob & Margie Ricci

June 30

Cindy & Joe Schultz
Karl & Tiana Kristensen

01 | Beau Bayer
 Meghan Ament

02 | Reanna Gullixson

06 | Adelaide Korn

09 | Quinn Rogers

10 | Conner Hansen

11 | Charlotte Hansen

12 | Fran Hall



14 | McKenzie Budrow

17 | Carol McKinley

18 | James Cave

20 | Judy Snoeyenbos

21 | Patty Johnson

23 | Marcy Sain
 Olivia Adrian

26 | Carol Morgen

27 | Joe Sain

29 | Gloria Myer

30 | Barrett Larson



Earl Pechuman
Kinsley Bruun
Jason Muller
Amber Hollo

PRAYER LIST

Lowell Johnson Wanda Hopkins
Nikki Freeman Todd Graf
Krystal Gaustad June Melloy
Tom Hess

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.



Roberts United Church of Christ - 1001 Birch Drive, Roberts

Vacation Bible School June 28-July1, 2026 6:00-8:00pm

**Cost: \$10 per child or
\$25 per family of 3 or
more**

**Registration Due:
June 14, 2026**

what to know

Check in will be at 5:45 each night and we ask guardians to sign their children in and out.

We highly encourage guardians to consider joining us for the fun each night as we believe family involvement is a key part of our children's journey of faith.

contact

CE@robertsucc.org

Hey families! We are just weeks away from our summer VBS! We can't wait to see how this summer grows your kid's connection with God and with others. Before we get there, we wanted to make sure you had all the most up-to-date information.

Registration forms are available at the church, can be emailed upon request or filled out online [at this link](#). There is also a form on page 9 of this newsletter. Please let us know if you have any questions by shooting us an email. See you soon!

schedule

- June 28 – Potluck kickoff at 5pm – bring a dish to share and plates, silverware, and drinks for your family.
- June 28 at 6pm– Use the gifts God gave you!
- June 29 at 6pm– Show God's love to someone new!
- June 30 at 6pm– Thank God for forgiveness!
- July 1 at 6pm – Share God's story with everyone!

stuff to bring

- bottle of water.
- secure shoes (avoid sandals and slippers).
- change of clothes and towel for water games.

stuff not to bring

- food, unless they are for health reasons.
- water balloons, guns, other water toys.
- skateboards, roller skates, roller blades. . . okay, if it has wheels, don't bring it.
- cell phones, handheld gaming devices, and other electronics.
- anything that resembles a weapon.

****Scholarships available upon request.****

****Parent attendance required for children not fully potty trained**

****Snacks will be provided each night, but meals will not be served other than Sunday's potluck.****



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 *RaiseRight* site and explore.

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

MATCH GAME 2026 UPDATE



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

We promised you an update. After last minute giving was calculated, along with the donor matches into the total, the final amount raised was

\$22,557.12

TIRED OF WRITING CHECKS?



We offer easier ways to donate without having to write checks. These are helpful options, especially if you are out of town or cannot come to church.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER & ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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.

ONLINE - 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 credit/debit card or PayPal account.



Step Right Up Vacation Bible School June 28th - July 1st 2026 6:00-8:00pm

Child's Name (one form per child): _____

Grade completed ('25-'26 year): _____ Age: _____ Shirt size: _____

Guardian's Name(s): _____

Home address: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Food allergies: _____

Other allergies/medical concerns: _____

Person(s) who may pick child up from VBS:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Vacation Bible School (VBS) leaders have permission to photograph/video minor designated above for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

A parent or guardian will be required to stay with any child not fully potty trained.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your child more about God and give them the opportunity to have fun at the same time that they learn!

Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Complete and mail this form:

Roberts UCC Vacation Bible School 2026

1001 Birch Drive, Roberts, WI

or use the direct link: <https://forms.gle/DLaFPLZ79FNe1VS37> to register online.

(Please use 1 form per child.)

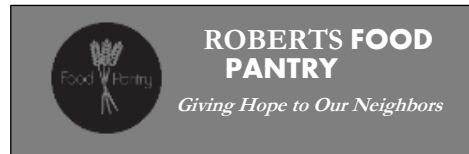
Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

The Food Pantry is available to help.

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

Your prayers & support mean so much to so many!

We are low on pasta sides, brownie mixes, dish soap, and laundry detergent.



OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday

Wednesdays

9:00am – 11:30am

6:30pm – 8:00pm

715-749-3478

We also accept brown paper & white plastic bags.

A while ago we requested egg cartons, and **thank you**, you provided the pantry with many!

We are no longer in need of them.

**Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
Council Report
May 2026**

No in person meeting was held the below is the result of notes sent to the clerk

Deacons

No report given.

S.H.I.F.T

Gerten’s delivery was on May 4th, it was the biggest we have had, we are grateful for all of the support.
Next meeting will be June 8th.

Women’s Fellowship

Spring rummage sale went smoothly, huge thanks for all the contributions and volunteers.
We will not be holding meetings or have dinners for June, July, and August
Kitchen carts will be replaced before the dinners start up in the fall
Next meeting is September 3rd.

CE

VBS planning is under way
Annual church picnic is Sunday August 2nd after worship
Discussed the possibility of doing outdoor RUCCUS movie nights this summer

Trustees

New copier has been leased
2 new computers for the office are being purchased
Spring cleanup is set for May 16 from 9-12
In need of volunteers for counting the offering on Sunday, to change the message on the sign, and someone to take charge of the Raise Right program

Submitted by

Laura Logas

Thank You! ♥

Many hands make light work. Together we make a difference!

To everyone who came out for the May 16th Church Cleanup Day and to those who continue to complete maintenance tasks throughout the week.

Your gifts of time, energy, and care make our church a beautiful place to worship, serve, and grow together.

Your service does not go unnoticed. ♥

Grateful for You! ♥

Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our church family! ♥

ANNUAL PICNIC

Come join us for

- Games
- Food
- Fun

Sunday, August 2nd 11:00 am

Watch for future emails, bulletins, and newsletters for further information regarding the Annual Church Picnic.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of April 30, 2026

Statement of Activity

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| Income/Contributions | \$ | 28,956.24 |
| Interest | | <u>0.47</u> |
| Total Income | | 28,956.71 |
| Expenses | | 25,412.98 |
| Transfers to other accounts | | <u>(530.00)</u> |
| Net Activity | \$ | 2,013.73 |

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

| | | |
|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| General Accounts | \$ | 13,925.53 |
| SCRIP Account | | 1,566.66 |
| Memorial Accounts | | 19,172.00 |
| Fixed Assets | \$ | <u>1,874,642.28</u> |
| Total Assets | \$ | 1,890,134.47 |

Liabilities & Equity

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| Accrued Expenses | \$ | - |
| Bank Mortgage Balances | | 523,580.61 |
| Member Mortgage Balances | | <u>150,000.00</u> |
| Total Liabilities | | 673,580.61 |
| Equity | | <u>1,216,553.86</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$ | <u><u>1,890,134.47</u></u> |



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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 31 9am Worship in the Park @ Roberts Good Neighbor Days | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 6pm Council Meeting | 5 | 6 |
| 7 10am Worship w/Holy Communion 11am Deacons Meeting | 8 6:30pm SHIFT! Meeting | 9 6pm CE Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 10am Worship | 15 6:30pm CBT Meeting | 16 6:30pm Trustees Meeting | 17 | 18 5pm SHIFT! @ Grace Place | 19 | 20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> |
| 21 10am Worship <i>Father's Day</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10am Worship 5pm Potluck – VBS Begins 6pm VBS | 29 6pm VBS | 30 6pm VBS | 1 6pm VBS | 2 6pm Council Meeting | 3 | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> |



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