



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

July Sundays
5, 12, 19, 26
10:00 a.m.

5th - Communion

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

July 1

VBS
"Step Right Up"
Final Night

July 31

Red Cross Blood
Drive

SAVE THE DATES**August 2**

Annual Church
Picnic

Silent Auction Begins

August 19

Auction w/Food
Stand & Bake Sale
Silent Auction Ends

September 3

Community Dinner

September 12

FMSC

September 18 & 19

Fall Rummage Sale

**And Remember...**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Matthew 28:18-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." — Matthew 28:16-20

Over the past several months, we have spent a great deal of time reflecting on what God is doing among us. We have talked about new things emerging in the life of the church. We have journeyed through Lent together, watching for the signs of God's presence in ordinary moments. We have listened, discerned, and explored how we might better share the work of ministry. We have reflected on stewardship, participation, renewal, and even the importance of slowing down enough to notice the small graces that surround us.

As I look back over these conversations, I find myself noticing a common thread woven through all of them.

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And Remember...

God is here. Not someday. Not once we figure everything out. Not after we complete a transition, fill every leadership position, or accomplish every goal we set for ourselves.

God is here. Present in the conversations. Present in the questions. Present in the moments of uncertainty. Present in the small acts of kindness and service. Present in the laughter shared around tables. Present in the quiet moments when we stop long enough to notice.

Perhaps that is why I find myself drawn to the closing words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. The passage is often called the Great Commission. Most of the attention naturally falls on the command to go, to teach, to baptize, and to make disciples. Those words matter. They have guided the Church for generations.

Yet before we rush to the commission, perhaps we need to linger for a moment with the promise.

"And remember, I am with you always..."

Because that promise changes everything. It reminds us that the work before us has never depended entirely on us. The future of the church does not rest solely on our plans. The ministry we share does not rise or fall on our strength alone. The burdens we carry are not ours to carry by ourselves.

Christ is with us. When we gather for worship. When we serve. When we lead. When we rest. When we celebrate. When we grieve. When we are confident. And even when we are unsure of the next step.

But Christ is not only present in our worship services, meetings, ministries, and church activities. Christ is also present in the ordinary moments of everyday life. In our homes. At work. Around the supper table. While helping a neighbor. While sitting by a campfire. While taking a walk. While caring for family and friends. The same Christ we encounter in worship walks with us through the ordinary rhythms of daily life, reminding us that faith is not something we practice only on Sunday mornings, but something we live every day.

That promise has sustained the Church for two thousand years. It continues to sustain us today.

As we move into this next season together, I hope we continue to pay attention to where Christ is already present among us. I hope we continue to notice the signs of grace that often appear in ordinary places and ordinary people. And I hope we continue to trust that the One who has guided us this far is not finished with us yet.

The months ahead will bring new opportunities, new conversations, and new ways for us to live out our mission of connecting with God as we live by faith, are known by love, and cultivate hope.

But before any of those things comes this simple reminder:

We do not walk alone. Christ is with us. Always.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Burt



July 1st will mark the final night of VBS. A HUGE thank you to everyone who plays a part in VBS. It cannot happen without the help of all!

We will give you a peek into the week in the August Newsletter.



July Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Special Prayer Requests



July 14

Connie & Jerry Mueller

July 21

Melvin & Sally Ireton

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| 03 Adalyn Hoyer
Bruce Riggins
Terry Dull | 11 Khristian Steinke
Wendy Gonzalez |
| 05 Jamie Delander | 16 Lucas O'Connell |
| 07 Steven Mueller
Wil Ronnander | 20 Lowell Johnson |
| 08 Tiana Kristensen | 23 Darla Ramberg
Doug Ackley |
| 09 Derek Ray | 24 Pamela Kamm |
| | 26 Luke 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.



by ShopWithScrip



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.



American Red Cross

Blood Services

RUCC BLOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 2026

9 AM TO 3 PM

Summer donors needed! Please join our **Critical Summer Need**.

Emergency situations are on the rise & fewer active donors puts more pressure on a decreasing blood supply over the next 3 months. 1 hour of your time can help 3 patients in the coming weeks! Beat the Heat with a movie ticket to a summer blockbuster via email PLUS Kwik Trip coupon for a free pint of milk - [Click here to sign-up today!](#)



If you make your appointments by phone, please call
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Contact **Patti** with any questions: pattirobertson13@gmail.com
or 715-531-8611.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org

Donor promotion/giveaway: Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward by email to see a movie on us!



A Friendly Reminder...



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 - 5:00 P.M.

BAKE SALE & FOOD STAND - 4:00 P.M.

THE FOOD STAND WILL BE OPEN DURING THE AUCTION

Will be adding a SILENT AUCTION this year.

Bidding sheets for silent auction items will be set up in the narthex by **August 2nd**.

Silent auction will **close at 7:30 August 19th**.

Winning bidders need not be present.

Seeking donations by day of sale of new and gently used items, fresh produce (fruits, vegetables, eggs, butter, meat, etc.), handmade items, and anything else that is sale worthy.

Donated items can be dropped off in the fellowship hall during most normal business hours any time prior to sale.

Please call or text Roger Ray at (715) 410-8393, or email shuttheovenoff@gmail.com to arrange donations that need special attention or assistance unloading. Please, no used electronics or furniture without contacting first.

Hoping you will join us for an evening of laughs and fellowship.

**Thank you,
Roger Ray**



AUCTION QUILT

In celebration of America's 250th Birthday, we will have a patriotic handmade quilt up for auction. It will be displayed in the narthex after VBS concludes.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
MEAL PACKING EVENT
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
9:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.



THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3RD
COMMUNITY
DINNER



ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START SAVING ITEMS YOU MIGHT WANT TO DONATE OR TO PLAN YOUR DAY TO SHOP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
(WITH LUNCH)
8 A.M. – 6 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
8 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

← MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON →

Thank You
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your giving makes a difference.

IN PERSON	ONLINE	EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)	BY MAIL
Place your gift in the offering basket.	Give securely online at robertsucc.org/giving/	Funds withdrawn monthly on the 15th. Fill out a form in the office.	Send your gift to: 1001 Birch Drive PO Box 116 Roberts, WI 54023

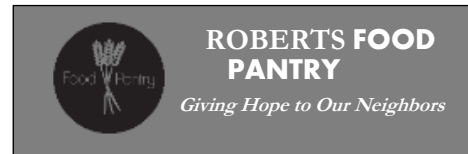
Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

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 canned chicken, 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 Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026**

Those present: Lori J., Brett B., Toni W., Roger R., and Pastor Burt

Opened with the Lord’s Prayer

Deacons

Nice service at Good Neighbor Day’s
June 21st will be having ice cream sundaes and root beer floats after church

S.H.I.F.T

Next meeting will be 6/8/2026
Dinner at Grace Place on the 18th
Patty R is helping to set up the bank account
Food stand at the auction

Trustees

New copier has arrived
Paying for garbage now
Anticipate there will be repairs as things get older

Women’s Fellowship

Purchased new cart for the kitchen
No meetings during the summer

CE

VBS, VBS, VBS
Carnival games at the church picnic

CBT

Finding interactive ways to communicate with the church family and the community

Pastor Burt

Setting up the new computers
VBS
CBT working on training stuff

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Get the visitation team off the ground

Offered his services to Cross for emergencies

Participated in a structured development program focused on leadership, organizational effectiveness, personal sustainability, financial stewardship, and strategic ministry

New Business

Pest treatment has been done

Roger refinished the picnic tables

Lion’s club asked for help with GND parking

Suggestion to do the pancake breakfast for GND again

No meeting for July, August, and September, reports are to be submitted to Laura

Next in person meeting is October 1st

Submitted by Laura Logas

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

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

General Fund Financial Summary as of May 31, 2026

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 17,300.15	Assets	
Interest	<u>0.49</u>	General Accounts	\$ 18,459.91
Total Income	17,300.64	SCRIP Account	1,812.68
Expenses	12,766.26	Memorial Accounts	19,210.70
Transfers to other accounts	<u>-</u>	Fixed Assets	\$ <u>1,874,642.28</u>
Net Activity	\$ 4,534.38	Total Assets	\$ 1,914,125.57
		Liabilities & Equity	
		Accrued Expenses	\$ -
		Bank Mortgage Balances	522,116.67
		Member Mortgage Balances	<u>150,000.00</u>
		Total Liabilities	672,116.67
		Equity	<u>1,242,008.90</u>
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ <u><u>1,914,125.57</u></u>



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 (JUNE) 10am Worship 5pm Potluck 6pm VBS Begins	29 6pm VBS	30 6pm VBS	1 6pm VBS	2 6pm Council Reports Due	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 10am Worship w/Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10am Worship	13	14 6pm CE Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 10am Worship	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 10am Worship	27	28	29	30	31 9am – 3pm Red Cross Blood Drive	1
2 10am Worship w/Holy Communion 11am Annual Church Picnic	3	4 6pm Deacons Meeting	5	6 6pm Council Reports Due	7	8



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