



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

August Sundays

2, 9, 16, 23, 30

10:00 a.m.

2nd - Communion

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

August 2

Annual Church Picnic

Silent Auction Begins

August 19

Auction w/Food Stand & Bake Sale
Silent Auction Ends

August 20

SHIFT! – Meal to Grace Place

SAVE THE DATES

September 3

Community Dinner

September 12

FMSC Meal Packing

September 18 & 19

Fall Rummage Sale
w/weekly drop-off times

September 7th

Holiday - Office Closed

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Journey Continues

This September marks nine years since I accepted God's call to serve as your pastor here at Roberts Congregational UCC. As that anniversary approaches, I have found myself reflecting on the journey we have shared together. Looking back over these years, one question has continued to surface in my heart:

What has God been doing among us?

I don't believe the answer is found in any single event or accomplishment. It is found in the story we have been living together.

Over these past nine years we have worshipped together, had water fights, danced the Hokey-Pokey in the sanctuary, reached out to our community through Feel-Good Kits, the Christmas Clothes Line, Santa's Sitters, fellowship dinners, Worship in the Park, Bible and book studies, card clubs, and so many other moments of laughter, service, and joy. Through it all, we have gathered around God's Word, shared our lives with one another, and discovered again and again that God continues to meet His people wherever they gather in His name.

Of course, our story has also included difficult chapters.

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**FUN
FOR
ALL AGES**

**Everyone
Welcome!**



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VBS was a success! Thank you to all who supported, helped, and attended **Step Right Up VBS 2026!** We averaged 56 people in attendance each night, both kids and adults. This year we welcomed 7 brand new VBS friends (and their caregivers), continued to build our relationships with God and with each other, and learned some new skills.

We couldn't do all of this without the love and support of our church family!

RUCCUS IS GOING WEEKLY!

RUCCUS is moving to weekly events! Starting **Wednesday, October 1st**, RUCCUS will be held every Wednesday until the Christmas program (date TBD). We hope you join us this fall to study The Messengers, those who have gone before us spreading God's word and love to the world and how we can do the same!

We start with a **family potluck at 5:30**; please bring a dish to pass and plates, silverware and drinks for your crew. At **6:00 (ish)** we start our family worship where we learn a Bible story together, sing some great songs, and spend time together with God. At **around 6:30** we split into groups for adults, kids, and **new this year RUCCUS youth for grades 5 and up.**

NEW!! **RUCCUS YOUTH**

New this year! The CE team has decided to add a RUCCUS Youth portion of our weekly RUCCUS gatherings. This will be open to anyone **5th grade or older**. While we will continue to have our potluck and family style worship at the beginning of RUCCUS nights, we feel it's time some of our big kids are offered the chance to take a deeper dive into their faith and begin to discuss not just the stories, but why we believe what we do, and how we can apply that to our daily lives. **If that sounds like it might be important to you, well, you're never too old to be a RUCCUS kid and we'd love to have you join us!**

If you have any questions about RUCCUS, please contact Toni Williams at ce@robertsucc.org.

*Continued from page 1.***From the Pastor's Desk...****The Journey Continues**

Like every congregation, we walked through the uncertainty of the pandemic. We experienced the changes that followed as churches everywhere adjusted to a new reality. We have navigated leadership transitions, changing patterns of participation, and the ongoing challenge of discerning what it means to faithfully be the Church in a changing world. We have known seasons of celebration and seasons of grief, moments of confidence and moments when the road ahead seemed less certain. Yet through every one of those seasons, we continued to gather as God's family, encouraging one another, praying together, discerning together, and doing our best to faithfully follow where we believed God was leading us.

I don't believe those challenges define our story, though.

The defining story of these nine years is the faithfulness of God.

Again and again, God met us where we were. He gave us hope when we needed encouragement, wisdom when we needed direction, and one another when we needed community. Rather than allowing difficult seasons to divide us, God often used them to deepen us. We learned that hope is more than optimism. We learned that faithfulness often looks like simply continuing to worship, to love, and to serve—even when the future is not entirely clear.

Throughout these years, our journey has never simply been about keeping a church running. Together, we have been learning to ask a deeper question—not merely, *"What should we do next?"* but, *"Who is God calling us to become?"* Looking back now, I believe that question has shaped us as much as any program, project, or event ever could.

Perhaps that is because the Church is not simply a place we attend.

It is a people God is continually forming.

My pastor's heart is filled with encouragement as I realize that, for this family of God, it has never primarily been about the programs we have done or the building we have maintained. It has always been about the people.

I think about relationships that have grown, faith that has deepened, children who have been nurtured, lives that have been touched, and a congregation that has continued to seek Christ together through every season.

For me personally, one of the greatest privileges of these past nine years has been being invited into the lives of so many individuals and families. Together we have celebrated births, baptisms, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and countless other moments of joy. We have also stood together beside hospital beds, gathered in funeral homes, prayed through uncertainty, and shared the weight of grief. Those moments are sacred. Thank you for trusting me to walk beside you through both the joys and the heartaches of life. Those experiences have shaped me every bit as much as I hope I have been able to encourage you.

At the same time, you have embraced not only me, but my family as well. You have celebrated with us, prayed for us, encouraged us, and walked alongside us during our own seasons of joy, challenge, and change. Ministry has never felt like a one-way relationship. It has truly been a shared journey, and for that I will always be deeply grateful.

Looking toward the future, I find myself less inclined to ask what we will accomplish next than to imagine what God will continue to do in and through us. There are still neighbors to love. There are still children to nurture in faith. There are still lives to touch. There are still disciples to grow. And there is still a community that needs the hope of Christ.

So perhaps the most important question before us is the same question that has quietly been shaping us all along:

Where is God leading us next?

I don't know exactly what the next chapter will hold. None of us do. But I do know this: the same God who called us together nine years ago continues to call us forward today. The same God who has been faithful through every season has not finished writing our story.

As we begin our tenth year together, my prayer is not simply that we will continue doing what we have always done, but that we will continue listening for God's voice, trusting God's leading, and embracing the opportunities He places before us. If these past nine years have taught us anything, it is that God's faithfulness is never exhausted, and His work among us is never complete.

As we step into whatever comes next, may we continue to be the people God is shaping us to be—people who **Connect with God, Live by Faith, are Known by Love, and Cultivate Hope**. Those words are more than our mission statement. They are the story God has been writing among us, and I believe they will continue to guide us into the future He is preparing.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of walking this journey with you. Looking back fills me with gratitude. Looking ahead fills me with hope. And I look forward—with faith, love, and great anticipation—to discovering where God will lead us next, together.

Yours in the Family of Christ,

Pastor Burt



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 QUILTS

We have two beautiful handmade quilt donations.

One is a patriotic quilt in celebration of America's 250th Birthday.

They are both displayed in the church narthex.
Stop by and take a look.

In addition to two hand-made quilts, so far there is an autographed Packers football, and Ticket Packages to the Bell Museum, Science Museum of Minnesota, and the Minneapolis Institute of Art!



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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 it is 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.



CALLING ALL BAKERS

Once again, we are seeking donations for the ***Auction Bake Sale***. Please consider doing some baking - snack mixes, bars, pies, cookies, breads or preserves. Please have them plated or bagged, we'll mark the prices. The sale starts at 4PM so if you could drop off your donations prior to that we'd appreciate it.

If you have questions please contact Judy Snoeyenbos,
715-410-1909 or
jsnoeyen@gmail.com.

Thank You~

Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ Council Report July 2026

No meeting was held

S.H.I.F.T.

No meeting, checking account has been established

Women's Fellowship

No meeting

Starting in September the dinners will run from 4:30 to 6:00

CE

VBS was fantastic 28 kids, several new ones this year

CBT

No meeting

Pastor Burt

VBS average of 54 in attendance

Leaders have decide to not hold meeting for a couple of months, but their work continues

In the next couple of months more information about how people can become involved along with creating opportunities through events, conversations and shared experiences.

No report from Deacon and trustees

**Submitted by
Laura Logas**

Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Prayer Requests

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 1

Dean & Glenda Hansen

August 4

Angie & Tony Nelson
Jerry & Sheryl Johnson

August 5

Meghan & Pete Ament

August 17

Bill & Judy Snoeyenbos

August 19

Dennis & Mary Thorsen

August 27

Christie & Rick Risberg

August 30

Dick & Pat Colbeth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02 | Emmett Fern

05 | Jenny Korn

06 | Donna Hadley
Lilyana Steinke

08 | Levi Johnson

10 | Jacque Nelson

11 | Connie Mueller

12 | Dean Hansen

13 | Luke Budrow

15 | Jean Johnson

17 | Elijah Williams

18 | Al Bohl

19 | Asher Robertson

20 | Tim Ronnander

21 | Glenn Hall

22 | Brenda Poulin

23 | Beth Rogers

24 | Mary Fern

28 | Nicole O'Connell

29 | Cody Ronnander

30 | Brynley Dittman
Carter Dittman

31 | Bill Schultz



Please Keep Us in
Your Prayers

Earl Pechuman

Kinsley Bruun

Jason Muller

Amber Hollo

PRAYER LIST

Lowell Johnson

Nikki Freeman

Krystal Gaustad

Tom Hess

Wanda Hopkins

Todd Graf

June Melloy

James Schnacky

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 June 30, 2026

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	\$	18,802.52
Interest		<u>0.44</u>
Total Income		18,802.96
Expenses		26,455.71
Transfers from other accounts		<u>-</u>
Net Activity	\$	(7,652.75)

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

General Accounts	\$	10,807.16
SCRIP Account		2,030.03
Memorial Accounts		19,311.82
Fixed Assets	\$	<u>1,855,473.62</u>
Total Assets	\$	1,887,622.63

Liabilities & Equity

Accrued Expenses	\$	-
Bank Mortgage Balances		520,927.61
Member Mortgage Balances		<u>150,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities		670,927.61
Equity		<u>1,216,695.02</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	<u><u>1,887,622.63</u></u>

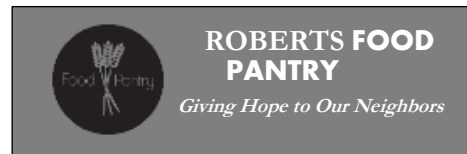
Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

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, Brownie mix, dish soap, laundry detergent, cake frosting, and paper products.



OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays

6:30pm – 8:00pm

715-749-3478

We also accept brown paper & white plastic bags.

Thank you, for providing us with egg cartons! We are well stocked!



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

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18 & 19

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, September 18th Unless otherwise marked, all items are .50 cents each!

Saturday, September 19th Stuff a big garbage bag for \$2.00!

----- DROP OFF DATES

Monday, September 14th from 4pm – 7pm

Tuesday, September 15th & Wednesday, September 16th from 1pm – 5pm

Thursday, September 17th from 9am - 1pm

If you have items to drop off, please make sure they are clean, in 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



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COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Dinners Now Served 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Roasted Turkey & Baked Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Dressing, Vegetable,

Dinner Rolls

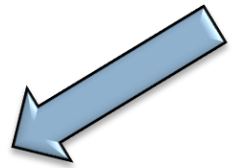
Desserts

Adults: \$7.00 | Children: \$4.00 | Under 5: FREE

Take Out Meals are Available Upon Request

All are Welcome!

(You don't have to be a member here to enjoy a meal with us.)



Please note the end time of the dinners has changed.

Thank you!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVE. PACK. CHANGE LIVES.

♥ TOGETHER, WE CAN END HUNGER. ♥

JOIN US!
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

SATURDAY, SEPT 12TH, 2026

EAGAN, MN
Feed My Starving Children
990 Lone Oak Rd, Suite 136
Eagan, MN 55121

9:30 TO 11:15 AM

MEET AT CHURCH 8:15 AM TO CARPOOL

★ **Contact**
Roberts United Church of Christ
FOR SIGN UP! ♥
✉ EMAIL: ce@robertsucc.org

FUN FOR ALL AGES
Kids as young as 5 can help!

A JOB FOR EVERYONE
All abilities. All contributions matter.

BIG IMPACT. ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.
One meal at a time.

♥ SIGN UP TODAY & JOIN US! ♥





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10am Worship w/Holy Communion 11am Annual Church Picnic <i>Silent Auction Opens</i>	3	4 6pm Deacons Meeting	5	6 <i>Council Reports Due</i>	7	8
9 10am Worship	10 6:30pm SHIFT! Meeting	11 6pm CE Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 10am Worship	17	18 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	19 4pm Food Stand & Bake Sale Open 5pm Auction 7:30pm Silent Auction Closes	20 5pm Shift Prepares & Delivers Meal to Grace Place <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22
23 10am Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10am Worship	31	1 6pm Deacons Meeting	2	3 3:30pm WF Meeting 4:30pm Community Dinner <i>Council Reports</i>	4	5



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