Connections

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

From the Pastor's Desk

What Gift Would You Give God?

"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
-Micah 6:6-8

Have you ever spent time searching for just the right gift for someone you love? Perhaps it was for your spouse, a child, a parent, or a dear friend. You wanted to find something special, something that would communicate just how much that person means to you. So, you began thinking about them. What do they enjoy? What makes them happy? What do they treasure? What matters most to them? What might bring a smile to their face or touch their heart?

Sometimes we listen a little more carefully. We remember things they've said. We notice what excites them, what concerns them, and what brings them joy. And sometimes, the most meaningful gift isn't something they've asked for at all. It's something that tells them, "I know you. I've been paying attention. I understand what matters to you, and I want you to know how much you mean to me."

Now, imagine approaching your relationship with God in that same way. Suppose you wanted to give God a truly special gift. Not because God demanded it. Not because you owed God something. Not because you hoped to earn God's love. But simply because you love God. What would you give?

Perhaps the first thing we should do is ask the same questions we would ask when choosing a gift for anyone else we love. **What does God love? What does God cherish? What brings joy to God's heart? What matters most to God?** And here's where I think something wonderful begins to happen.

When we're searching for the perfect gift for someone we love, we often find ourselves paying closer attention to that person. We listen more carefully. We become more interested in their hopes, their concerns, and the things that matter to them. In other words, the search for the gift actually helps deepen the relationship. Could the same thing happen in our relationship with God?

As we begin asking what God loves and cherishes, we may find ourselves looking more carefully at the life and teachings of Jesus. We may begin hearing familiar passages of Scripture in new ways. We may become more attentive to

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WORSHIP
NOVEMBER SUNDAYS
1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:00 a.m.
Nov. 8th - Communion

ONLINE WORSHIP
https://www.robertsucc.org/media/

November 5
Community Dinner

November 7
"Beautifully Over It" Speaker

November 8
Stewardship Sunday Worship w/Communion followed by Church-Wide Potluck

November 21
Annual Craft Sale & Vendor Fair

November 22
Advent Decorating – All Church Participation Welcome
Christmas Clothesline

November 25
Red Cross Blood Drive

November 26
Happy Thanksgiving
Plates by Kate Take-out Meals
Office Closed

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the people and circumstances around us. We hear the prophet Micah reminding us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. We see Jesus welcoming those who have been pushed aside, caring for those who are hurting, and teaching us to love one another. And slowly, we begin to recognize what matters to God's heart.

Perhaps the gift God would treasure is our willingness to forgive someone. Perhaps it's the compassion we show to a person who is struggling. Perhaps it's our commitment to use the gifts and resources we've been given to make a difference in someone else's life. Perhaps it's making time to pray, to listen, and to grow in our relationship with God. And perhaps it's all these things, offered in different ways throughout our lives.

As November begins, and as we reflect on gratitude and stewardship, I invite you to think about giving from this perspective. Rather than beginning with the question, "What am I expected to give?" perhaps we could begin by asking, "What would I love to give God?" Because stewardship isn't simply about meeting the needs of the church. It's about recognizing everything God has given us and discovering how we might respond with love.

And maybe, as we search for that special gift, we'll discover that something even more wonderful is happening. We're not simply learning what to give God. **We're learning to know God more deeply.** And isn't that, in itself, part of the relationship God has been inviting us into all along?

Yours in the family of Christ,
Pastor Burt

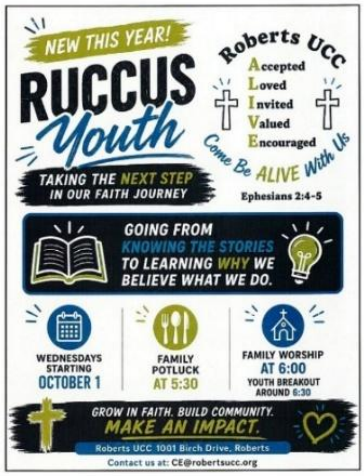


Prayer List

Earl Pechuman	Lowell Johnson	Wanda Hopkins
Kinsley Bruun	Nikki Freeman	Todd Graf
Jason Muller	Krystal Gaustad	June Melloy
Amber Hollo	Tom Hess	James Schnacky
Charlie Kamm	Monika Jensen	

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.



New This Year!! RUCCUS Youth

The CE team has decided to add a RUCCUS Youth portion to our weekly RUCCUS gatherings. This will be open to anyone in **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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sponsored by Women's fellowship

Thursday, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mashed Potatoes
Meatballs & Gravy
Corn, Coleslaw, & Buns
Desserts
Milk, Water, & Coffee

Adults $7 | Children (5-13) $4 | 5 & Under FREE

These award-winning dinners are served at RUCC on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00pm and offer a wonderful opportunity to build connections with one another.

If you have any questions, please contact: Judy Snoeyenbos: jsnoeyen@gmail.com, Lori Jurek: lorijurek@gmail.com, or the church office at the number listed or secretary@robertsucc.org.



Stewardship Sunday
November 8, 2026

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Our yearly Stewardship letters have been mailed. Please look for the letter in your mailbox. If you have not received your letter, please contact the office.

On Sunday November 8th, our worship time will include Holy Communion. We will celebrate our gifts after worship by enjoying a church-wide potluck.

Hope to see you there!



The Christmas Clothesline will be up, and tags will be available by:

Sunday, November 22nd

Wrapped or bagged gifts are due back to church:

December 13th

(Please place the tags on the outside of your wrapped or bagged gift.)

Thank you for the generous support you've always shown this ministry!

Nancy Kirouac
(651) 269-6103
Nlkirouac@me.com







🎄 SAVE THE DATE & SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS CHEER! 🎄

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

SHOP• CRAFT • GIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ROBERTS UCC CHURCH

BACK BY POPULAR DMAND!
KIDS' CRAFT SALE AREA!

More information & registration

Please contact **Danielle Johnson**
jdd.johnson08@gmail.com
or Jane Bond jhn.bond@gmail.com**.**



Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner PREPARED JUST FOR YOU!

Purchase your pre-made Thanksgiving Dinner, ready for pick-up on Thanksgiving morning 10am – 12pm (Order by: November 20th.)

By Plate by Kate

$15.00 Per Person Includes:

- *Roasted Turkey & Sliced Ham*
- *Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*
- *Green Bean Casserole or Broccoli with Cheese Sauce*
- *Dressing*
- *Dinner Rolls & Butter*
- *Pie (Pumpkin or Apple)*

LOOKING FOR MORE OPTIONS?

- *Sweet Potatoes*
- *Homemade Mac and Cheese*
- *Cheesy Hashbrowns*
- *Cranberry Sauce*

Pick up at: Roberts UCC; 1001 Birch Dr.; Roberts, WI

To Place Orders or for Extra Included Items and Option(s) Pricing

Contact Katy Kapaun @ 715-222-8153



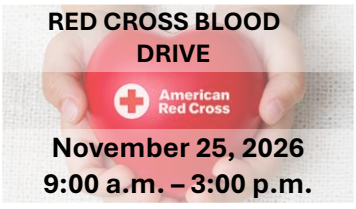
Tired of Writing Checks?

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. For this option, there is a short form to complete. The form can be obtained from the office or found on the church website. If you do not have website or internet options, please contact the office secretary@robertsucc.org and we would be happy to get one to you. You can also see Patti Robertson.

ONLINE – Another option is 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.



Every 2-3 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood & the only way hospitals have access to blood products is through the generosity of donors. 1 hour, 1 donation can help up to 3 patients in need in the coming weeks!

Click here to join our lifesaving mission!

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

The QR code can also be used to schedule.

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

Download the Blood Donor App RedCrossBlood.org

FALL RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE



A huge thank you to all the people who helped with our Fall Rummage Sale. We made $1,241.88 selling .50 cent items and lunch. Thanks to all who donated, sorted all week, and shopped with us on Friday and Saturday morning. A special thank you to those who helped clean up and drive our leftovers to Goodwill and Treasures of the Heart. These sales couldn't happen without volunteers.

Women's Fellowship

Please log on https://www.raiseright.com/ to find instructions for setting up an account with *RaiseRight* to benefit Roberts Congregational UCC. Our Participant code is **24AA8C4E36429**.

There are many effortless ways to earn funds for our church. Please go to the *RaiseRight* site and explore.

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.

Now Available – Earn 5% on local dining with rebates from local restaurants. **How it Works -** it's as easy as "set it and forget it"—simply link a credit or debit card once, and you'll earn 5% every time you use it to dine at 20,000+ participating restaurants nationwide. All rebates are electronically deposited into our Roberts UCC SCRIP bank account.

RaiseRight also offers a **Mobile App**.

If questions, please ask **Dianne Loewel**, (651) 343-7614 or 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 generosity in serving our community.

Your prayers & support mean so much to so many!

For those who wish to donate, we are low on:
Paper products, laundry soap, dish soap, cake frosting, Jell-O, canned chicken, and pudding.

ROBERTS **FOOD PANTRY**

Giving Hope to Our Neighbors

OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesdays
9:00am – 11:30am	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!

November 1

Analeigh Gonzalez

November 2

Missy Gooding
Jean Lindus

November 11

Chloe Adrian

November 12

Brianna Rolling



November 14

Jane Bond
Leroy Lindquist

November 17

Suzie Lange

November 21

Avery Adrian

November 24

Kelly Hueman

November 26

Brett Budrow
Joe Schultz

November 28

Tracy Ronnander

November 29

Megan Frye

November 30

Lori Jurek

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

RUCC WILL BE THERE & HAVE AN ACTIVITY – WE'D LOVE YOUR PRESENCE & PARTICIPATION!



Sunday
November 22nd
11:00 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Please come for a fun way to participate in decorating our church.

5TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Sunday, December 13th
11:00AM

Shop for your holiday treats from a large selection of cookies and bars!

Boxes provided – you choose the kind & quantity.

Goodies sold at $ 8.00/pound.

Sponsored by SHIFT!

BAKERS NEEDED!

SHIFT is looking for volunteers to bake & donate cookies for the upcoming Christmas Cookie Sale on December 13th.

Volunteer bakers are asked to donate four dozen cookies or treats of one kind.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Goodies can be dropped off in the church office either of the following days

Friday, December 11 from 8:30am to 12:30pm OR
Saturday, December 12 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

*Note: Please bring your cookies to the office **not** the Kitchen!*

THANK YOU!



FEEL GOOD KITS SUPPLIES NEEDED!

SHIFT recently distributed two dozen ***Feel Good Kits*** to local schools. With additional requests from other schools being made, we are running low on many of the items used to fill the bags. There is a collection basket in the narthex if you'd like to contribute any of the following items:

Men's or Ladies' Deodorant
Chapstick/Lip Balm
Travel-sized hand lotion
Toothpaste
Pocket packs of Kleenex
Sturdy combs/brushes
Dental Floss

As always, thank you for supporting this ministry project! Questions may be directed at Nancy K. nlkirouac@me.com and Lori J. lorijurek@gmail.com

Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
Council Meeting
Oct 1, 2026

Those present were: Lori J, Toni W, Roger R, and Pastor Burt

Toni did the opening

Reviewed reports from June through September, motion made by Toni to approve and seconded by Roger

Deacons

Pastor Burt updated us; they are working on stewardship, advent, and the visitation team Sally Ireton has volunteered to lead that group

S.H.I.F.T.

Serving Grace Place this month, talked about the cookie sale, and feel good kits

Trustees

Kim is up for a review

Fall clean up Oct 10 9-11

Katie rent

Women's Fellowship

Spring rummage sale is set for April 9 and 10 2027

Pest control done

License fee paid

CE

RUCCUS being held weekly

Doing two trunk or treats, asking for candy donations

Chili cook-off and bake sale set for Oct 25

Christmas program is Dec 12 at 11:00

Having a table at Christmas on Main

CB

Review documentations

Pastor

Going through a lot of gas cards, will ask congregation to donate some

Vacation Nov 9-23

Stewardship Sunday is Nov 8

Next meeting is November 5 @ 6:00

Lori will do the opening

Motion made by Roger to adjourn

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 September 30, 2026

Statement of Activity

Income/Contributions	$	12,600.37
Interest		0.26
Total Income		12,600.63
Expenses		20,870.26
Transfers from other accounts		-
Net Activity		(8,269.63)

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
General Accounts	$	5,273.99
SCRIP Account		2,313.17
Memorial Accounts		16,940.87
Fixed Assets	$	1,855,473.62
Total Assets	$	1,880,001.65

Liabilities & Equity

Accrued Expenses	$	-
Bank Mortgage Balances		516,559.74
Member Mortgage Balances		150,000.00
Total Liabilities		666,559.74
Equity		1,213,441.91
Total Liabilities & Equity	$	1,880,001.65



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

It's time to start thinking about decorating our facility for the Holiday Season. Flowers can be ordered ***in honor of*** or ***in memory of*** your loved ones.

Please fill out the information below and place your order in the basket at the back of the church *(Or mail to the church address in the newsletter).*

Deadline for ordering is December 6th

Please see Megan Frye if you have any questions.

6" Poinsettia with foil wrap - $14



In Honor of:

_____

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Quantity: _____

In Memory of:

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Quantity: _____



Dates & times of worship, meetings, and events could change. Please check the website www.robertsucc.org for the "real time" calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **10am** Worship *Daylight Savings Time Ends*	**2** **6:30pm** CBT Meeting	**3** **6pm** Deacons Meeting	**4** **5:30pm** RUCCUS Potluck **6pm** RUCCUS **6:30pm** Bell Choir	**5** **3:30pm** WF Meeting **4:30pm** Community Dinner **6pm** Council Meeting	**6**	**7** **8am – 12pm** Speaker: "Beautifully Over It" **11am – 12:30pm** Main Connections Miniature Horses w/Santa & Mrs. Claus
8 **10am** Worship w/Holy Communion **11am** *Stewardship Sunday Celebration All-Church Potluck*	**9**	**10** **6pm** CE Meeting	**11** **5:30pm** RUCCUS Potluck **6pm** RUCCUS **6:30pm** Bell Choir	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 **10am** Worship	**16**	**17** **6:30pm** Trustees Meeting	**18** **5:30pm** RUCCUS Potluck **6pm** RUCCUS **6:30pm** Bell Choir	**19**	**20** *Newsletter Deadline*	**21** **9am – 2pm** Annual Craft Sale & Vendor Show
22 **10am** Worship **11am** Advent Church Decorating by All Christmas Clothesline Begins	**23**	**24**	**25** **9am – 3pm** Blood Drive **5:30pm** RUCCUS Potluck **6pm** RUCCUS **6:30pm** Bell Choir	**26** **8am – 12pm** Plate by Kate Thanksgiving Meals to go **Thanksgiving Day** ***Office Closed***	**27**	**28**
29 **10am** Worship	**30**	**1** **6pm** Deacons Meeting	**2** **5:30pm** RUCCUS Potluck **6pm** RUCCUS – Christmas Program Practice **6:30pm** Bell Choir	**3** **3:30pm** WF Meeting **4:30pm** Community Dinner **6pm** Council Meeting	**4**	**5**

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