



Connections

Roberts Congregational United Church of Christ
July 2021

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

*Scripture basis: We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God ... your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3)*



Wednesday, July 21, 2021
2:00pm to 7:00pm

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From the desk of Pastor Burt



Welcome Home!

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

—Psalms 121:2-4

We are hitting the time of year when the weather has gotten beautiful. In fact, as I write this I am sitting in the back yard taking in the sun and enjoying the sweet melodies of nature. The air is cool and crisp this morning and the birds are back in full force. The squirrels are busy running around and the traffic is just picking up for the morning. It is the time of year when the world just simply seems alive again and our thoughts begin to drift to summer and vacations. It is the time of year when things seemingly slow down at the church as well. There are no major holidays to prepare for. The extra services we see during Advent and Lent are packed away nicely until next year. To that extent it is true things slow down at the church over the summer. It is also true that attendance slows because of vacations and travel on the weekends in the beautiful weather. Giving slows down because of the slower attendance. Yet, the needs are still there!

As our summer lives become busier though, and we enjoy all the goodness God has provided us, there is much at the church that does not slow down. We still reach out to those who are in need, we still hold services each weekend for those who are able to attend. We host our Vacation Bible School. We are still planning some wonderful events and fellowship gatherings. There are still weddings, baptisms, and counseling. In short, vacation season for us does not mean God's work stops or the need of the world around us gets any less. God's promise to care for those in need, ourselves included, does not take a vacation.

As we take our vacations and enjoy the world around us let us also keep in mind God is there not only giving us the wonderful blessings of summer, but also calling us to continue to minister to the needs of others. Help us to maintain those ministries by volunteering your time where asked and helping us maintain the church budget by continuing to give even in your absence. It is so easy to relish in the delights of the season and forget to say thank you through our own actions.

All of us have, or will have, need of the services of the church we love and the God we praise in our lifetime. One way to assure those ministries and services are available for us and others is through volunteering and giving year-round. God blesses us with the ability and time to take vacations, take much needed respites, and enjoy the beauty of creation by never resting and keeping an ever watchful eye on us all. Let us give thanks by stepping in when we are called upon by our God. Peace to you all and may God bless you in your travels and vacations this year!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Burt



**Vacation Bible School - I Wonder...
August 8-11, 2021 6:00-8:00pm**

Hey families! We are just a couple months away from our summer VBS! We can't wait to see how this summer grows your kid's connection with God and with others.

Due to COVID restrictions, we will NOT be offering a meal prior to sessions but will provide a snack during our time together. While we understand it isn't always feasible, we do highly encourage parents to join us for the fun each night as we believe family involvement is a key part of our children's faith journey.

Registration forms are available at the church or can be emailed upon request. The cost will be \$10 per child or \$25 per family of 3 or more children. Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing Toni Williams at drtonidc@gmail.com. See you soon!

Schedule

- August 8 – I wonder what makes my story unique?**
- August 9 – I wonder what gifts God gave me?**
- August 10 – I wonder what I can learn from others?**
- August 11 – I wonder how I can spend time with God?**

Can you count?
Can you read music?
Do you like to have fun?
If so, we need you!

The Bell Choir is currently seeking a few new ringers. Weekly rehearsals start Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30. We will play in church approximately once a month.

No experience is necessary- we will train you!

We are excited to be resuming our regular ringing routine and hope you will join us! For more information, please contact Dawn Budrow at 651-341-4723 or Patti Robertson at 715-531-8611.



Terry Dull 7/03
Jamie Delander 7/05
Steve Mueller 7/07
Wil Ronnander 7/07
Tiana Kristensen 7/08
Derek Ray 7/09
Wendy Gonzalez 7/11
Khristian Steinke 7/11
Lucas O'Connell 7/16
Quinn Robelia 7/16
Joanne Libby 7/17
Carrie Segebrecht 7/17
Jennah Stoffel 7/17
Nancy Waughtal 7/19

Lowell Johnson 7/20
Sonya Jansma 7/21
Doug Ackley 7/23
Darla Ramberg 7/23
Alaina Sain 7/23
Pamela Kamm 7/24
Nicole Vorwald 7/26
Glen Nelson 7/28



**MINUTES FROM REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

June 30, 2021

Dawn Budrow (Moderator), Toni Williams (Christian Education), Lori Jurek (S.H.I.F.T. and Women's Fellowship), Duane Loewel (Deacons), Roger Ray (Trustees), Margie Ricci (Financial), Pastor Burt, and Connie Mueller (Church Clerk).

Due to the number of people unavailable in July, a decision was made to provide updates by June 30th and then meet again in August.

Updates:

Women's Fellowship:

- No meeting in July
- Fellowship will coordinate a bake sale for the auction in August.
- Community dinners will resume in August. Committees will be reviewed and changed as needed.
- The "Incident Clean-up" kit, as required by state legislation, has been assembled and is now located in the kitchen pantry.

Christian Education

- Vacation Bible School (August 8 – 11 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.)
 - o Ice cream truck does not fit into schedule, will do root beer floats instead.
 - o Darla and Bugla will be there on Tuesday night at 7
 - o VBS volunteer training on July 31, from 9-11 A.M.
 - o Need someone for photography
 - o Assignments for VBS: Michelle/head activities; McKenzie/head snack and lesson time; Pastor Burt/lead small group discussion and closing prayer; Toni/opening prayer, Bible lesson, closing activity; Beth and Danielle/cover the "think tank" for the very little ones and those who need a break.
 - o Summer Sunday School: Picnic at the park on August 22 at 4?
 - o Possible lesson on 5th commandment
 - o Danielle will talk to John about using the pavilion
 - o Toni will create a flyer about the event to distribute at VBS and will also get something in the newsletter.
 - o First day of Sunday School: September 19
 - o Next meeting on July 29 at 6 P.M. at the church. Danielle will lead devotions.

Deacons:

S.H.I.F.T

- Served a meal at Grace Place on June 17th. Meals have been requested, by Grace Place, to be dropped off curbside at this time.
- Will have a food stand at the church auction.
- Voted to donate \$100.00 to Christian Education to cover the cost of the ice cream truck for VBS.
- No meeting in July.
- The next meeting will be August 2. It is earlier than normal to avoid a conflict with VBS. It will be hosted by Nancy Kirouac.

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**MINUTES FROM REGULAR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OF
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

June 30, 2021

Treasurer:

Trustees:

- Maintenance items addressed: emergency exit lights should be LED, floors cleaned in August, parking lot will have cracks fixed and will try to seal next year, furnace checked in August, lights changed to LED, contact McGee regarding the cross above the west entry door and to also get a quote on a new church sign, cleaning all carpets.
- Clean-up day went well. Two items need to be done yet: painting the shed and checking the metal trim around the church.
- Discussed the patio doors. Replacing with doors containing glass for the purpose of more visibility of the patio. Also redoing the base under the patio blocks.
- Discussed member loans coming due Oct. 1.
- No July meeting. Will handle everything that might come up via e-mail.
- Approved Church Use Requests for August 16th and September 25th.
- Next meeting: August 17th.

Pastor:

Next Meeting: August 5 at 6pm

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Mueller, Church Clerk

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In the first quarter of 2021, RUCC earned \$33.69 from the Foundation! If you haven't signed up yet, visit our website or contact Lori Jurek for instructions on how to participate! Thank you!

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Roberts UCC Mission

“To CONNECT WITH GOD, as we LIVE
BY FAITH, are KNOWN BY LOVE, and
CULTIVATE HOPE.”



WOW!!!

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generosity in helping us reach our goal to continue providing ministries throughout our communities.

We were able to exceed our \$10,000 goal by over \$2,500!

We hope you will be able to join us for our next social/fundraising event on August 18th at 5:00 p.m. for our annual church auction.

~ Margie Ricci and Laurene Ray

HUDSON BOOSTER DAYS

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THURSDAY, JULY 1ST

4:00pm - 11:00pm Carnival (\$2 Rides)

FRIDAY, JULY 2ND

12:00pm - 11:00pm Carnival
 4:00pm - 1:00am Beer Garden
 4:00pm - Midnight Food Stands *BIG GUYS BBQ ROADHOUSE, NE-NE'S TACOS, and SCHWAN'S ICE CREAM*
 5:00pm - 10:00pm Bingo (Next to the band shell)
 5:00pm - 8:30pm Live Entertainment By: "The Chubs"
 9:00pm - 12:30am Live Entertainment By: "Shalo Lee Band"
 6:00pm - Close Pull Tabs
**NO COVER CHARGE FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT*



SATURDAY, JULY 3RD

Noon - 11:00pm Carnival
 Noon - 1:00am Beer Garden
 Noon - Midnight Food Stands *BIG GUYS BBQ ROADHOUSE, NE-NE'S TACOS, and SCHWAN'S ICE CREAM*
 1:00pm - 9:30pm Bingo (Next to the band shell)
 1:30pm - 2:30pm Live Entertainment By: "Hillbilly Science Show"
Fun for kids of all ages
 3:00pm 22nd Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest
Hosted by RJ's Meats and Groceries
 5:00pm - 8:30pm Live Entertainment By: "FireWater Gospel Choir"
 9:00pm - 12:30am Live Entertainment By: "Rhino"
 6:00pm - Close Pull Tabs
**NO COVER CHARGE FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT*
AT DUSK FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!
 Over the St. Croix River
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SUNDAY, JULY 4TH

Noon - Close Carnival
 Noon - 11:30pm Beer Garden
 Noon - 11:30pm Food Stands *BIG GUYS BBQ ROADHOUSE, NE-NE'S TACOS, and SCHWAN'S ICE CREAM*
 1:00pm - 10:00pm Bingo (Next to the band shell)
 3:30pm - 7:00pm Live Entertainment By: "Audio Circus"
 7:30pm - 11:00pm Live Entertainment By: "Bigly"
 6:00pm - Close Pull Tabs
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Unique opportunity to help yourself and help the Church.

For the last 10 years the church has paid an attractive rate of interest on funds members and friends have loaned to the church to reduce the size of the mortgage. The church pays less interest than on our mortgage loan and you earn substantially more interest than offered by financial institutions on CD's and savings accounts.

The church will pay 3% simple interest for 5 years. Interest is paid quarterly.

In 5 years, you will have the option to cash out your investment or renew it for another 5 years. Early withdrawal is permitted in the event of an emergency. The next opportunity will start October 1st, 2021. Minimum amount is \$20,000, increasing from there in increments of \$5,000.

Please contact Roger Ray at (715) 246-5239
if you are interested or have any questions.



- ♥ Laura & Charles Hahr – 7/9 – 27 Years!
- ♥ Joe & Marcy Sain – 7/13 – 8 Years!
- ♥ Jerry & Connie Mueller – 7/14 – 48 Years!
- ♥ Brian & Sue Wille – 7/29 – 10 Years!



*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- Hebrews 11:1*

Jesus often talked of becoming like children and in my experience, they have a marvelous faith in things hoped for and unseen. They do not get all caught up in being "realistic!" The world has not yet taught them the cynicism many of us have as adults. They play in God's creation as if it is still as perfect as Eden with their eyes wide open to the glory and wonder all around them. A cloud becomes a bunny rabbit. The blanket fort becomes a palace. Mac & cheese becomes a royal feast. Empty cups and dolls become a tea party of elegance. Wouldn't it be nice to be that carefree again?

Why shouldn't we be? Kids have not yet forgotten to not sweat the little things. Maybe it's time we remember the same things: to stop and view creation in awe and wonder; to see our dwellings, our palaces, as places to grow and play with friends; to view each meal as a blessed feast given to us to share with family; to make the most of our empty cups with those around us in elegant parties celebrating the moment. Maybe we need to see things in faith that the next moment will be taken care of rather than worrying about trying to change every "little" aspect of our lives.

How much different would life be if we were to revel in the wonder, beauty, and greatness of the moment around us rather than dwelling on the past or trying to control the future? How much easier would it be to be faithful if we were to see the abundance of gifts around us right now which we had no part in making happen? Faith is not so much about learning how to have it as it is about remembering to stop and allow it to happen.

May you stop today and see the bunnies in your storm clouds and the feast in your noon-day meal. May your empty cups be filled with celebration with those whom you are surrounded by. May God's Creation become a palace of life where your faith is remembered and lived out. Peace be with you all!



If you have placed someone on the prayer list, please update us on how they are currently. If you would like to add or remove someone, please contact the office at secretary@robertsucc.org or (715) 749-3225.

Those currently on the Prayer List:

Bobbie Kuhnke	Danielle Anderson	Carol Moenke	Brian Wille
Tracy Grabau	Earl Pechuman	Mary Frederick	Linda Jourden
Linda Hall	Dean Hansen	Renate Koch	Friends & Family of Spence Porter
Terry McKinley	Walt Lamson	Donna Lamson	Friends & Family of Marcia Graf

- Those serving on active Military duty.
- Those serving our state & community in Law Enforcement

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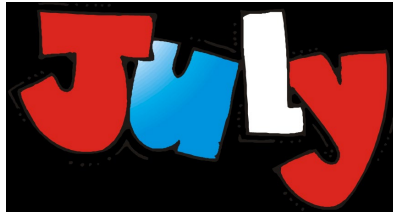
This year, due to restrictions, we are using Signup Genius as our Bulletin Sponsor Sign Up sheet. Dates listed below are the currently available Sundays to sponsor the bulletin. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$15 per Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring the bulletin on a date available, please let the office know so we can get you signed up.

~July 25th ~Aug 1st ~Aug 29th ~Sept 12th ~Dec 12th ~Dec 24th 4:30pm service

**If you have signed up for a Sunday, simply send payment to the church office and we will get the records update. Thank you for your support!

Women's Fellowship is excited!!!

We would like to announce that we are resuming our monthly dinners on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Dinner is served between 4:30 and 6:30pm. Please join us for our first (in person) dinner in over a year.



July 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6pm Council Meeting	2	3
4 10am Worship with Holy Communion 	5 <i>Office Closed for Observance of 4th of July</i>	6 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	7	8	9	10
11 SCRIP Due 10am Worship	12 6:30pm SHIFT	13	14	15	16	17
18 10am Worship OUTDOORS PPRC	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22	23	24
25 SCRIP Due 10am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31