



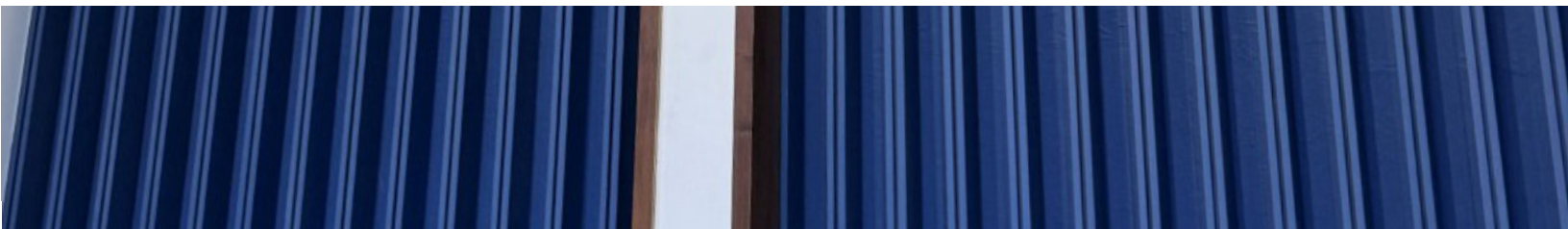
# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 22, 2026 | 9 & 11 AM

An Open and Affirming Congregation

A WISE for Mental Health Congregation

Mission: To love God and all our neighbors as God loves us.





# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Chuck Cassoli, Stewardship Committee

## PRELUDE

*Trio Sonate c minor (Movement I: Andante Moderato)*  
Suzanne Kirton, flute • Andrew Snedeker, oboe

Johann Joachim Quantz

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*OPENING HYMN #252

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

LAND OF REST

## INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

**ALL: God of love and provision, you sustain us with daily bread. With a spirit of Thanksgiving, we offer our lives and our gifts to you, remembering the goodness you provide. Continue to bless our gifts and our lives so that we can become a source of goodness for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our hope. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9 AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11 AM)

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams • Jennifer Rainey, Deacon

**Congregational Response: We, the members of Naples United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. We promise, with God's help, to walk with you in Christian love, to aid you as we can, and to bind ourselves together in the common task of building here upon this earth the realm of God.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

David Schwoebel

Sanctuary Choir • Suzanne Kirton, flute • Andrew Snedeker, oboe

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jim Moseley

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Pamela Jimenez, soloist

Michael Joncas

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.**



## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## SERMON

*Not By Bread Alone*

Rev. J. Dana Trent

## OFFERTORY

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*  
Sanctuary Choir

Timothy Shaw

## \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*When We are Tested*

SLANE

**When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
Food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,  
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
Trading the truth for the power to control,  
Teach us to worship and praise only you,  
Seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

## \*BENEDICTION

## +POSTLUDE

*Trio Sonata in c minor (Movement II: Allegro)*  
Suzanne Kirton, flute • Andrew Snedeker, oboe

Johann Joachim Quantz



If you would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor for a visit with today's Stephen Minister.

The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

Throughout 2026, the ministry of our pianist, Dr. Alexandra Carlson, has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

Today's instrumentalists are graciously underwritten by The Music Gift Fund.

### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

Rev. J. Dana Trent, Distinguished Guest Speaker

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Suzanne Kirton, flute

Andrew Snedeker, oboe

Pamela Jimenez, soloist

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer

Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video

Hunter Reum, Propresenter

Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Marcia Davis

### 9 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Nancy Harper

WELCOMERS: Michele Carney, Mary Lee Turk

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (head usher), Christine Buol, Merilee Hornbuckle, Tom Hornbuckle, Bill Rumpf, Frank Russell, Linda Russell, and Barb Wolf.

### 11 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Craig Johnson

WELCOMERS: Karyn and Geoff Murphy

USHERS: Bill Rumpf (head usher), Mary Fisher, Bruce Flessner, Melanie Flessner, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane, Joe Siderio and Judy Siderio.

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Ray Gangl, Facilities Manager | John Greer, Assistant Custodian

This week's Chancel Flowers are given by Bill and Pat Frey to the Glory of God in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

## Distinguished Speaker: Rev. J. Dana Trent

LECTURE | TODAY, 3 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

On February 22, Rev. Trent will be joining us in worship for the 9 and 11 a.m. services at Naples UCC, bringing an inspiring sermon to the congregation. Later today, she will present a special lecture that explores the themes introduced in worship in greater depth. Drawing on her memoir *Between Two Trailers*, Rev. Trent weaves scripture with compelling stories of compassion, resilience, and bridge-building. Raised in poverty between two disparate worlds in rural America, her journey powerfully reflects Christ's call to honor and serve the sacred dignity in every person, no matter their background or circumstances.



## Sanctuary Concert Series: Lindsay Garritson

TODAY, 4:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Naples UCC invites you to attend a Sanctuary Concert with Lindsay Garritson performing on the piano. Her featured works are: Sonata in G Major, D894 by Schubert; and Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36 by Rachmaninoff. You won't want to miss this afternoon of beautiful and powerful music!



# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Informational Meet & Greet

**March 15, 10:00 AM | N-104**

A time for visitors to learn, ask questions, and meet our ministers. The Meet and Greet takes place following the 9:00 a.m. service in Nelson Hall, room 104. Please sign up with Samantha in the Gathering Place or contact her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

### Joining Sunday Opportunity

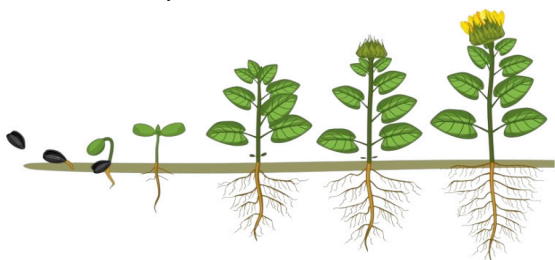
**Let's make it official! Join us March 29**

We will have both private and public joining on Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday). Private joining will occur at 8:30 a.m. and public joining will occur during the 9:00 a.m. service. Those wishing to retain their membership in a northern church are invited to join as Associate Members. For additional information see Samantha in the Gathering Place or contact her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

## 2026

## Stewardship Campaign

After just three weeks, we're thrilled to share that 470 participants have already responded, 75% of our 650 participant goal! Thanks to your generosity, we've also received \$1,612,000 in estimated gifts, which is 70% of our \$2,300,000 budget approved at the annual meeting. If you haven't had a chance yet, please consider adding your commitment before the halfway point of our campaign this week. Every gift, big or small, supports the ministries and programs that make Naples UCC a vibrant and welcoming community. Pledge cards are available in the pews and the Narthex, or you can make your pledge easily online at [NaplesUCC.org/donate](https://NaplesUCC.org/donate). Thank you for your generosity and for helping us continue this important work!



## UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit [www.NaplesUCC.org](http://www.NaplesUCC.org) to view our full calendar.

### TODAY



#### Youth Sunday School

📅 10:15 AM • February 22 📍 N-200



#### 30 Good Minutes: SWFL Interfaith Alliance

📅 10:15 AM • February 22 📍 McSpadden Hall



#### Distinguished Speaker: Rev. J. Dana Trent

📅 3:00 PM • February 22 📍 McSpadden Hall



#### Lindsay Garritson Concert

📅 4:30 PM • February 22 📍 Sanctuary

### MONDAY



#### NUCC Book Club

📅 2:00 PM • February 23 📍 N-207



#### Youth Haven Game Night

📅 7:00 PM • February 23 📍 Youth Haven

### TUESDAY



#### Bad Faith Documentary Screening

📅 3:00 PM • February 24 📍 Beverly Hall



#### Social Soiree - Miller's Ale House

📅 4:00 PM • February 24 📍 Miller's Ale House

### WEDNESDAY



#### Walk & Wonder - Gordon River Greenway

📅 8:30 AM • February 25 📍 Gordon River



#### Men's New Chapters

📅 10:30 AM • February 25 📍 N-101



#### Lent Wednesday Worship

📅 12:00 PM • February 25 📍 Sanctuary



#### Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

📅 7:00 PM • February 25 📍 Sanctuary

### THURSDAY



#### Our Friends from Minneapolis

📅 2:00 PM • February 26 📍 N-207



#### Aging Well

📅 4:00 PM • February 26 📍 McSpadden Hall

### FRIDAY



#### Blood Drive

📅 1:30-4:00 PM • February 27 📍 Portico

## Next Sunday

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Mark Williams**

*"Go Before You Know"*

Genesis 12: 1-4

Zachary De Pue

Rachel Ostler

## Children and Youth Ministry



**SUNDAYS** — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! Regular Sunday morning activities for children 4 years and older take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Children are encouraged to come forward for the **Children's Message**, then go to **Sunday School** with Ms. Jeanne. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events.

**NURSERY CARE** — Nursery care for infants through 4 years old is available each Sunday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203 (the building across the Gathering Place). Please sign in with our nursery staff. Our former space located next to the sanctuary is still available to you as a Wiggle Room. Feel free to utilize that space if you wish to stay with your child.

**FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS** — Splash is taking a break from our regular weekly schedule to enjoy some special upcoming events. All families with children and youth of all ages are welcome to join us for these monthly offerings. **Next up will be our Family Game Night on Wednesday, March 18 from 5:30 – 7 p.m.** Come for games, fellowship, and a casual dinner together. Bring your friends! Watch for more RSVP information as we get closer to the date.

**ANWYN** — We continue to be grateful for the miraculous healing Anwyn has experienced so far. There is still a long road ahead, and we continue to support the entire Watts family in our prayers. If you'd like to send a word of encouragement, please send it to Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Anwyn Watts - Room #5019, 3100 SW 62nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33155

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Students 6-12th grade are invited to meet each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall room 200 for our Sunday morning gathering. Come enjoy fellowship time with friends as we explore discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus today.

## PRAYER LIST

**CONDOLENCES:** We extend condolences to the family of Andrew & Jeanne Snedeker on the passing of Andrew's father, the Rev. Dr. Rodney Snedeker, who was a retired UCC pastor.

Merrikay Bailey	Fred Gridley	Shannon Peterson
Lilibet Bana	Walter Grieb	Kathy Reno
Mary Catherine	Kate Hutchinson	Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Thom Carley	Jamie Jacquart	Darrel Siebert
Karin Ciesla	David Johnson	Greg Smith
Patricia Cloutier	William Jones	Jack Studley
Thomas Coates	Bobbie Juster	Grace Studley
Jeff Cutts	Marla Koshgarian	Colton Thibodeau
Gene Dewey	Kris Kirschner	Joanie Toren
Jack Downs	Tony Loring	Jen Walker
Eugene Fowler	Patricia Manzano	Anwyn Watts
Laurie Fowler	Bob McLennan	Ben Wigginton
Jill Golle	Gordon Mounts	Ken Yamashita
Sally Giglio	Betty Mounts	Atila Zolcsak
Jim Gilmore	Jack Neller	
Janet Goodhart	Gerry Nonken	
Doty Gridley	Ryan Pehrson	

To add or remove a name, please email [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

Names stay on the list for four weeks. To keep your loved one's name on the list longer, please reach out with an email.

# 30 Good Minutes: SWFL Interfaith Alliance

TODAY, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

For today's 30 Good Minutes, Rev. Dr. Mark Williams will be interviewing Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing, a member of Naples UCC and President of the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida, a local affiliate of the national Interfaith Alliance. The organization brings together people of diverse faiths and traditions to work on behalf of shared values, including the belief that all people are sacred and entitled to equal rights and dignity, and the conviction that inclusive religious freedom requires the separation of church and state. The Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida sponsors interfaith worship services and supports the interfaith vigils that have been held outside the Everglades detention camp every Sunday since August 3. The organization also educates the community about Christian Nationalism and advocates before decision-making bodies such as the school board, city council, county commissioners, and state legislature. NUCC friends are always welcome to join!

## NUCC Book Club

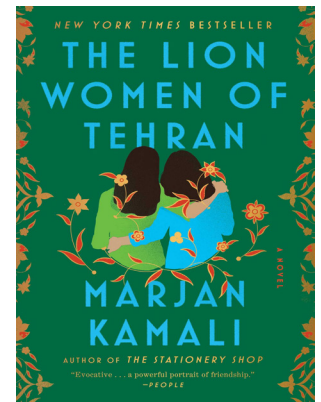
FEBRUARY 23, 2 PM | N-207

This month's book will be ***The Lion Women of Tehran*** by Marjan Kamali. The discussion will be led by Nancy Kaegi. All are welcome, even if you have not read the book!

If you are unable to come in person, join us by Zoom!

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Passcode: book



## Youth Haven Game Night

FEBRUARY 23, 7 PM | YOUTH HAVEN

Join Naples UCC volunteers from 7 to 8 p.m. to create a memorable evening coordinating children's games and interacting with Youth Haven kids. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. **Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday** or contact Michele Carney, at [mcarney@shcmg.com](mailto:mcarney@shcmg.com). (Youth Haven, 5867 Whitaker Rd, Naples, FL)



## Aging Well - Understanding the Unthinkable: Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention

FEBRUARY 26, 4 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, and February is recognized as American Heart Month, a time to raise awareness and focus on heart health. The Aging Well Series, in partnership with an expert led panel from Cardiology, Neurology, and Nutrition at NCH, will explore how to recognize warning signs, understand risk factors, and take action early. Participants will learn to identify commonly overlooked symptoms, better understand the impact of aging, hormones, and lifestyle, and gain practical steps to reduce risk and advocate for their health. Registering helps to ensure that the program exceeds the minimum attendance requirement. **Scan the QR code to register for this informational event!**



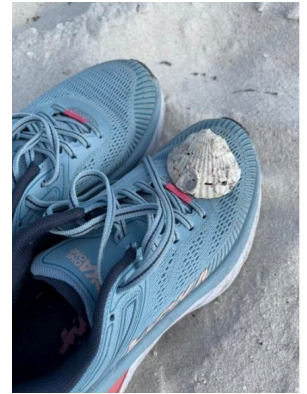
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## Walk & Wonder

FEBRUARY 25, 8:30 AM | GORDON RIVER GREENWAY

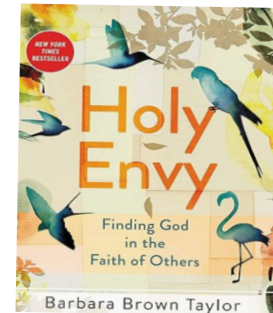
Join members and friends for fellowship, prayer, and walking in nature. The Walk and Wonder group eagerly welcomes family members, friends and especially newcomers to the Naples UCC community. On Wednesday, February 25 enjoy a walk along the boardwalks, paved trails and mangrove forest of the Gordon River Greenway. Use the Golden Gate Parkway entrance off Goodlette-Frank Road. Meet the group at the picnic tables at 8:30 a.m. Anticipate our return to the parking lot by 10:00 a.m. Contact Merrill Noble at [mwnoble56@gmail.com](mailto:mwnoble56@gmail.com) if you have questions, plan to attend for the first time or would like to carpool from the church.



## Men's New Chapters

FEBRUARY 25, 10:30 AM | N-101

Men's New Chapters meets regularly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout the program season. The group is reviewing **Holy Envy** by Barbara Brown Taylor. All men are welcome! Contact Rich Kirschner for details or for the Zoom link if you are unable to attend in person at [rdkirschner@gmail.com](mailto:rdkirschner@gmail.com).



## Lent Wednesday Worship

WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 25, 12 PM | SANCTUARY

DISCUSSION | FEBRUARY 25, 12:30 PM | N-103

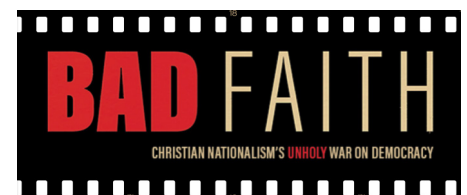
Each Wednesday during the season of Lent, join Rev. Dr. Mark Williams and Music Director, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf for a special noontime worship series entitled "Lessons on Faith, Service, and Justice from the Prophets." The worship sermon series is inspired by Richard Rohr's book *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*. The topic is "Digest Your Tears", Ezekiel 2: 9-10; 3: 2-3. Following each service, come gather with Pastor Mark and the Naples UCC Justice committee in N-103 for a brown-bag lunch discussion on the topic for the day.

## Bad Faith Documentary Screening

FEBRUARY 24, 3-5 PM | BEVERLY HALL

Naples UCC is partnering with the Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida to sponsor a screening of the documentary *Bad Faith*. Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing will lead a time of reflection with Rev. Dr. Rich Wolf after the showing.

*Bad Faith* is a documentary that explores the rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States and its impact on democracy. The film combines archival footage and investigative reporting to expose the political machinery behind Christian Nationalism and its authoritarian vision. It features religious leaders, historians, journalists, state senators, activists, sociologists, and a former Trump administration official—many of whom actively challenge Christian Nationalism. **Scan the QR code to register for this insightful screening!**





# Blood Drive

FEBRUARY 27, 1:30 - 4 PM | PORTICO

Join us at Naples UCC for a blood drive and help make a life-saving impact in our community. A single donation can save up to three lives! Donors are asked to please eat beforehand, hydrate with water, and bring a photo ID. To sign up or for more information, contact Bob at 239-631-9771 or robertmorsesr@icloud.com or **sign up in the Gathering Place**. We hope you'll join us in sharing the gift of life.



## Cans for Communion

MARCH 1, 9 & 11 AM | PORTICO

This month's collection will focus on **CEREAL and PEANUT BUTTER**; however all donations are welcome. If you prefer, checks made payable to Grace Place are always appreciated. Please remember to check expiration dates if donating items from your pantry. There will be no collection for April 1 because of Easter and Grace Place school closures.

Grace Place recently pivoted from a community food pantry to donating food directly to families served by their educational programs. Grace Place volunteers are distributing donations as evenly as possible among families, two times each month. Therefore, any "bulk" or BOGO donations that can be easily "split" are especially helpful. Please drop off your items or checks before either service under the Portico. Grace Place and the families they serve thank you for your generous participation in this worthy program.

## 30 Good Minutes: Emerging Young Leaders

MARCH 1, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Hope for the Future: Emerging Young Leaders! Andrea Bedoya, a 2020 FGCU graduate, has traveled four continents in a wide range of global service and will be interviewed by John Bachman. Andrea will also talk about the SWFL Model United Nations Scholarship competition for high school students.



## Our Friends from Minneapolis

FEBRUARY 26, 2 PM | N-207

Three members of Naples UCC, all residents of Minneapolis, will share their reflections on the current ICE crackdown in their home city. Stories of their families, friends, and the community at large will inform our understanding of the impact on the fabric of the place they call home. Please sign up in the Gathering Place after church services. Seating is limited to 35.



## Social Soiree

FEBRUARY 24, 4 PM | MILLER'S ALE HOUSE

Join Naples UCC friends and family at this month's Social Soiree at Miller's Ale House located at 6320 Hollywood Blvd., Naples, FL at 4:00 p.m. This gathering is a great time to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! **Please sign up in the Gathering Place by February 22**, or call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

# WISE Group Monthly Meeting

MARCH 3, 11 AM | N-104

Please join us for our monthly WISE meeting (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) on Tuesday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Nelson Hall. We welcome anyone who would like to share the mental health experiences of their family or community—and those who simply wish to listen as others share their stories. Our group supports one another through sharing, prayer and learning as we seek to become more informed about the mental health crisis in today's world through book studies and professional speakers. We are lifted up by our time together and invite you to join us.



In addition, at our 11 a.m. Educational Programming, speaker Emily McDonagh, MSW, LCSW, will be covering eating disorders and related conditions. All are welcome to attend this session.

## Harry Chapin Food Packing

MARCH 4, 7:30 AM | HARRY CHAPIN

Join Naples UCC volunteers for a fun day and help a worthy cause at the same time. This food bank packing shift is from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register at <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/754780826> or **sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays.** For more information contact Mike Conrad, at [mikeconrad21@gmail.com](mailto:mikeconrad21@gmail.com).



## Caregivers Support Group

MARCH 6, 2 PM | N-101

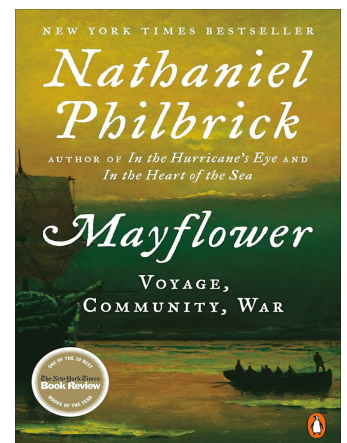
The Caregiver's Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. Whether you're a caregiver, a past or future one, or seeking resources, all are welcome. Church membership is not required, and discussions remain private. For more info, contact Joan Millon at [joanmillon6@gmail.com](mailto:joanmillon6@gmail.com).



## Pastor Mark's Book Discussion "Mayflower: Voyage, Community, War"

MARCH 5, 9 AM | N-104

Join Rev. Dr. Mark Williams for a book discussion in advance of our guest speaker. He will be reviewing *Mayflower: Voyage, Community, War* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Rev. Dr. Rich Kirchherr will be a guest preacher at Naples UCC worship services on March 8. His engaging and practical style of teaching and preaching will offer insight into church history.



# Women's Stories

MARCH 5, 1 PM | N-101

The next series of "Women's Stories" formerly Women Engage, starts on March 5. We will have another 3-week session guided by J. Dana Trent's story as told through her book, *Between Two Trailers* (2024), a *We Are Wake Tech* podcast (November 19, 2024) and another podcast, *Grace Enough* (Episode 258) with Amber Cullum. Links to the podcasts will be included in the upcoming Friday e-blasts. J. Dana Trent will be giving a lecture at 3 p.m. this afternoon in McSpadden Hall, providing insights into her memoir. This is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know her story.

All of the resources present Dana's experience in different formats. Choose the format(s) that work best for you or join us to enjoy the discussion and fellowship. The resources will guide each weekly discussion, but the conversation will follow the group's interests and comments. This is a unique opportunity to connect with other women in our church community and gather to listen and engage through shared experiences.

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## Habitat for Humanity Build Day

MARCH 7, 8 AM | HABITAT DEVELOPMENT

Join fellow Naples UCC members for a purposeful and fun day. No experience is needed and all abilities welcome! Come from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. First time volunteers, please register at <https://vhub.at/nucc/> or sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays. For more information contact Judy Varty at [judyvarty@gmail.com](mailto:judyvarty@gmail.com). (10405 Majestic Circle, Naples)



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## 30 Good Minutes: Our Labyrinth

MARCH 8, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

In this 30 Good Minutes, Allison McCarthy will be interviewing Heather English, who is a member of Naples UCC. In September 2025, Heather traveled to Chartres, France to experience the 13th century labyrinth built into the floor of the Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Chartres. In addition to walking the labyrinth, she participated in a 2-day Labyrinth Facilitator Training Program offered by Veriditas, a worldwide organization based in the US that supports the labyrinth movement. Built in 2013, the beautiful labyrinth at Naples UCC is a replica of the eleven circuit Chartres labyrinth. Heather will re-introduce the labyrinth and share some guidelines for a walking meditation as well as the stages of walking the labyrinth. During Lent, she will facilitate two labyrinth walks at 11 a.m. prior to the Lenten Meditation on Wednesday, March 18 and March 25.

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## New Social Committee Forming!

Naples United Church of Christ is launching a brand-new Social Committee — and we're looking for members! While we'll build on the foundation of several tried-and-true favorite activities, this new group is all about fresh ideas, new energy, and creative ways to connect with one another and engage our wider community in a positive, welcoming spirit. As our church continues to grow, we're excited to invite new faces and new voices to help imagine what comes next. If you enjoy fellowship, fun, and bringing people together, we'd love for you to be part of it. The first meeting is anticipated to be in early March. Please contact Colleen Clark by February 27 to sign up. Phone: 614-264-6506 or email [Colleen.lora@gmail.com](mailto:Colleen.lora@gmail.com)





# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Traditional Church  
for Progressive People

Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. Our Core Values are: Open and Affirming, Mission-Driven, Powerful Worship, Continuing Generosity, Caring Ministry, Hospitable Fellowship.

We are an **Open and Affirming Congregation**, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, including persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status, and faith background. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are proud to be one of more than 4,500+ congregations in the United Church of Christ community.

We are glad you are here! You can dress comfortably and in a manner that makes you feel at ease. Whether it's casual attire or dressed-up, we're happy to welcome you just as you are. Please know that we livestream our Sunday morning worship services and subsequently post video recordings on our website and on the internet, including social media, for later viewing. By attending a service, you acknowledge and consent to appearing in these broadcasts, recordings and postings.

## STAFF

### Minister

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