



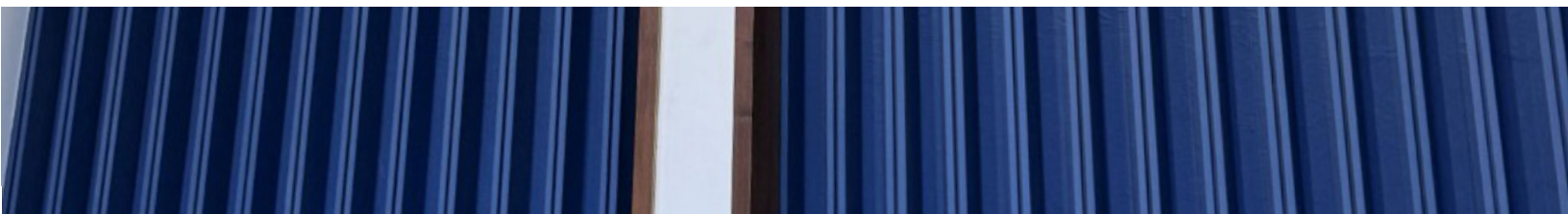
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 11, 2026 | 10 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, Chair of Stewardship Committee

PRELUDE

God is Here
Sanctuary Choir

Glenn Wonacott

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #621

For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE

INVOCATION

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

ALL: O God, you are the Source of all life and the Giver of every blessing. As we gather to praise you, open our hearts to a new awareness of your overflowing generosity, as your grace floods our world and our lives with every good gift. We wait upon you with expectation. Awaken us, Lord, and make us to be more thankful stewards of your gifts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Breath of the Living God
Sanctuary Choir • Miguel Coates, Clarinet • Jason Street, Tambourine

David von Kampen

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer
Erasly Isalgue, Soloist

Albert Malotte



SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' "The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SERMON

God And An Action Verb

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

Breath of God from Trinity
Sanctuary Choir

Marianne Forman

*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 #72

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Larry Shackley

Drs. Alexandra Carlson and Becky Weese-Rumpf, Piano Four-Hands

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist
Sanctuary Choir

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Producer
Clayton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio
Dylan Gozdziwski, Production Specialist - Audio
Lincoln Townsend, Production Specialist - Video

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WELCOMERS: June and John Ballew
USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (Head Usher), Carol Berglund,
Mary Fisher, Tom Hornbuckle, Merrilee Hornbuckle,
Becky Lambert, and Barb Wolf.

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez
SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Jean Fletcher
SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Carole Russell

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager |
Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator and Pastoral Assistant

Throughout 2026, the ministry of our pianist in worship has been graciously
underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This Sunday’s chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.



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.

PRAYER LIST

Condolences to the Tiede family for the passing of Delores Tiede. A Memorial will be held in Tower Point at Arbor Trace, on Saturday October 17, at 2:00 p.m.

Denise Acampa	Richard Gilbert	Sue Lindbloom	Pamela Rose & Family
Cathleen Boeck	Andrew Gillis	Patricia Manzano	Bill Rumpf
Mary Catherine	Doty Gridley	Sam McCullough	Judy Siderio
Thom Carley	Fred Gridley	Trey McGregor	Darrel Siebert
Patricia Cloutier	Walter Grieb	Warren McHale	Robert Stuart
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Ann Culshaw	Patsy Hanson	Gordon Mounts	Kevin Villalobos
Carol Dlouhy	David Hocking	Jack Neller	Neida Villalobos
Jack Downs	Kate Hutchinson	Gerry Nonken	Anwyn Watts
JT Ellis	David Johnson	Shannon Peterson	Linda Wilkinson
Mary Frazier	Bobbie Juster	Kathy Reno	Llewellyn Williams
Leah Gartell	Chloe Honda (Konsker)	Riddle-Somers Family	Atilla Zolzseck
Sally Giglio	Marla Koshgarian	Kinley Roby	

To add or remove a name, please email 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.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet

TODAY, 11:15 AM | NELSON HALL 104

A time for visitors to meet our lay leaders and our ministers. Also learn about our church history and theology. The session includes a question and answer period and provides information about joining when the time is right for you. Refreshments are served. Walk-ins are most welcome.

Joining Sunday

OCTOBER 18, 10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

We will have both private and public joining on Sunday, October 18th, 2026. Private joining will occur at 9:30 a.m. and public joining during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Those wishing to retain their membership with another church are invited to join as Associate Members. For additional information, see **Samantha Santarosa** in the Gathering Place or contact her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Chapel and Steeple Dedication

TODAY, 11:15 AM | GATES CHAPEL

Join us as we celebrate the dedication of our beautifully renovated Chapel and newly refurbished Steeple. With updated sound and livestream capabilities, the Chapel will support worship, learning, and community gatherings for many years to come.



UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit www.NaplesUCC.org to view our full calendar.

TODAY



Chapel & Steeple Dedication

11:15 AM • October 11 📍 Gates Chapel



Informational Meet & Greet

11:15 AM • October 11 📍 104



Section Leader Rehearsal

11:15 AM • October 11 📍 Sanctuary



Lux Solis Rehearsal

1:00 PM • October 11 📍 Beverly Hall

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • October 12 📍 Nelson Hall 104



Pastor Sonja's 6 Week Fall Book Study

1:00 PM • October 12 📍 Nelson Hall 207

TUESDAY



NEW - Mahjong

2:00 PM • October 13 📍 Nelson Hall 101



Social Soirée

4:00 PM • October 13 📍 Mr. Big Fish

WEDNESDAY



Pastor Mark's Fall Bible Study

9:00 AM • October 14 📍 Nelson Hall 207



Golf for Fun!

9:30 AM • October 14 📍 La Playa Golf CC



Men's New Chapter Spirituality Group

10:30 AM • October 14 📍 Nelson Hall 103



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM • October 14 📍 Sanctuary

FRIDAY



Bargain Box Pricing at Naples UCC

11:15 AM • October 16 📍 McSpadden Hall



Caregiver's Support Group

2:00 PM • October 16 📍 Gates Chapel

Next Sunday

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

"Look to the Heart"

I Samuel 16: 1-12

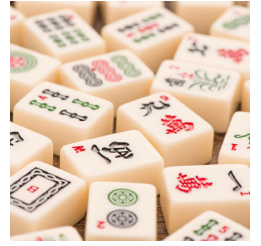
Rev. Sonja Phillips Installation

Liz Teplitsky, flute

Mahjong

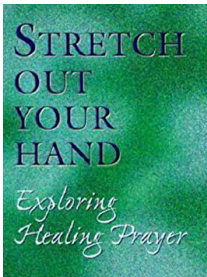
OCTOBER 12, 1:00 | NELSON HALL 104
NEW: OCTOBER 13, 2:00 PM | NELSON HALL 101

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104 and Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Nelson Hall 101. Free, and all are always welcome!



Pastor Sonja's Book Study and Discussion

OCTOBER 12, 1:00 PM | NELSON HALL 207



Six-week Book Study and Discussion: *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* by Tilda Norberg and Robert D. Weber. *Stretch Out Your Hand* offers practical ways for us to consider the varieties of God's healing love for individuals, institutions, and communities. The book provides an honest examination of the many difficult questions about prayer and the role of faith in healing. Through exercises and stories, we will be reintroduced to Jesus' healing ministry and to his vision of the church as a healing community. The book is available for purchase on Amazon. Can't join in person? Join us remotely.

Meeting ID: 85125620759 Passcode: FALLBOOK

Social Soirée

OCTOBER 13, 4:00 PM | MR. BIG FISH

Join Naples UCC friends and family at this month's Social Soirée at Mr. Big Fish. This gathering is a great place to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! **Please sign up in the Gathering Place by October 12** or by scanning the QR code. Call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



Pastor Mark's Bible Study

OCTOBER 14, 9:00 AM | NELSON HALL 207



Join Pastor Mark for a fall Bible study exploring the Letters of John and what they teach us about loving God and our neighbors. John celebrates those who "walk the truth," living in ways that reflect God's character. Together, we'll consider how God's love is more than an idea—it is a virtue we are called to practice in our daily lives.

BOMO and Bargain Box Plan Major Grant

Turning Donations and Volunteer Time into Mission

Our Bargain Box is working with the Board of Mission and Outreach on a major grant for the Collier Children's Advocacy Center ("CAC"). CAC is a critical needs agency in our community serving trauma and abuse of the most vulnerable. Through your generosity and the gift of your volunteer time, the shop is turning donated clothing and household items into meaningful outreach and mission.

Please continue to support this important ministry by donating your own gently used items and by seeking out donations from friends, neighbors, and family members. And if you have a few hours to give each week, your volunteer service is an important part of making this mission possible.

Thank you for helping transform our time and what we have into what our community needs through this mission of care, connection and community outreach. Most importantly, consider signing up in the Gathering Place for a special sorting event at church on **Friday, October 16 and come to the exciting BOMO presentation to CAC on Sunday November 22!**

WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

Children and Youth Ministry



SUNDAYS — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! Coloring activities and worship resources are available each week on the family table in the Narthex.

NURSERY CARE — Nursery care for infants through age 4 is available beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall 203. Please ask a deacon for directions.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL — Join us in worship for the **Children's Message** and a special scavenger hunt! There will be no Sunday School today. Children's Sunday School will resume next week.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday morning gatherings for students 6-12th grade resumes next Sunday in Nelson Hall 201 after worship. We will gather for fellowship and to discuss our growing faith. Join us for **"Echo the Story"**, an opportunity to explore the Christian story so far.

Naples UCC Golf for Fun

OCTOBER 14, 9:30 AM | LA PLAYA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB



The end of summer is the perfect time to get back on the course! Join us for a fun day of golf. \$70 per person includes 18 holes and a cart. Thanks to Bob and Candi Nordland for making this possible! **Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays or contact John at 732-598-2796 or Ron at 239-860-8034 by text.**

Men's New Chapters Spirituality Group

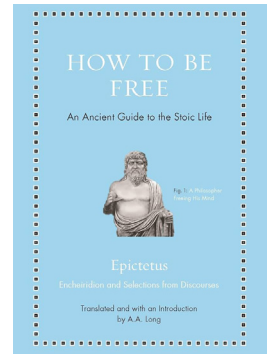
OCTOBER 14, 10:30 AM | NELSON HALL 103

Men's New Chapters resumes meeting weekly on Wednesdays beginning October 14 at 10:30 a.m. This study, conversation, and fellowship group offers an opportunity to explore life, faith, and the human experience together.

This month, the group will read and discuss *How to Be Free* by Epictetus.

Join us on October 14 for thoughtful conversation about our human condition and journeys of faith. Coffee and snacks will be available at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Rich Kirschner at rdkirschner@gmail.com.



Bargain Box Pricing at Naples UCC

OCTOBER 16 & 30, 10:00 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join us for a hands-on Bargain Box volunteer opportunity on October 16 and October 30 at 10 a.m. in McSpadden Hall at Naples UCC. We're inviting church members **to help price and tag donated items before they make their way to the Bargain Box.** Volunteers will work together to sort through donations, determine appropriate prices, and place price tags on items so they are ready for shoppers.

It's a simple but important part of preparing donations for the store—and a great way to connect with others while helping support the many community organizations that benefit from the Bargain Box.



Sign up required: Sign up online by scanning the QR code, or reach out to George De La Roche at george@naplesucc.org or call him at 239-262-3802, in-person sign-ups are also available at the Gathering Place with Samantha Santarosa.

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Bargain Box THRIFT STORE
& BOUTIQUE

Caregivers Support - Guest Speaker

OCTOBER 16, 2:00 PM | NELSON HALL 103



**ALZHEIMER'S
SUPPORT
NETWORK**

We will welcome **Karen Rodino from the Alzheimer's Support Network of Naples for a special program.** Karen will provide Emergency Plan Packets for caregivers to complete at home. These can be invaluable if you unexpectedly find yourself unable to care for your loved one for a day, a week, or longer. She will also provide a File of Life for everyone to place on their refrigerator, giving paramedics important information in case of an emergency. Remember, the Alzheimer's Support Network is available to anyone caring for a loved one with a debilitating disease.

Bargain Box Focus Donation Drive

OCTOBER 18, 9:00 AM | PORTICO

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Bargain Box THRIFT STORE & BOUTIQUE

Join us before the worship service for our monthly Focus Drive on October 18 at 9:00 a.m. We are deeply grateful for your steadfast support and the many ways our community helps us thrive. For October we are collecting **Kitchenware & Dining, Small Appliances, Home Decor & Accent Furnishings, Linens & Home Textiles**. Please bring your items to the drop-off table located in the Portico. We are also looking for volunteers to join our team—we would love your help! Thank you for your continued generosity.

Rev. Sonja's Installation

OCTOBER 18, 10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Join us as we celebrate the installation of Rev. Sonja Phillips as our Minister of Congregational Care. This special service is a joyful celebration of her ministry and the gifts she brings to the Naples UCC community. **Following the service, be part of a special fellowship time with cake in the Gathering Place!**



Movie Mondays!

OCTOBER 19, 3:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join us for our monthly movies, featuring films with a religious or spiritual focus!

October's featured film is ***I Can Only Imagine (2018)***. The film follows Bart Millard from a difficult childhood with a distant father to finding hope, faith, and his voice through music. Inspired by real events, it explores themes of family, forgiveness, redemption, and faith, with heartfelt performances by the MercyMe band. Starring Dennis Quaid.

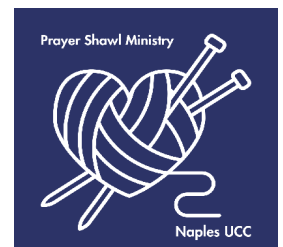
Popcorn and cool drinks will be provided free of charge. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and film!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

OCTOBER 20, 1:00 PM | PARLOR

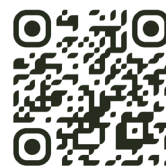
Please join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet beautiful prayer shawls and lap blankets for those who need a warm hug from God. Lessons & supplies are available or bring your own project to work on. Everyone is welcome to participate in this caring ministry. **Contact Janet Goodhart at (610) 420-7196 for questions.**



Habitat Build Day!

OCTOBER 24, 8:00 AM | LAS PALMAS
4170 BROKEN BACK RD. NAPLES, FL 34119

Join fellow Naples UCC members for a purposeful and fun day. No experience is needed and all abilities welcome!. First time volunteers, please register by scanning the QR code or sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays.



To volunteer or for more information: Contact Judy Varty at 440-725-7720.



Music Gift Fund Sunday

OCTOBER 25, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY



Join us for Music Gift Fund Sunday, a joyful and entertaining celebration led by our talented choir section leaders. Your support directly funds our gifted musicians who enrich our worship. To contribute, please call the church office or visit: **NaplesUCC.org/music**

Your generosity helps make every Sunday worship service a rich and inspiring experience at Naples United Church of Christ.



Oktoberfest

OCTOBER 25, 5:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Willkommen! Grab your lederhosen—or simply bring your appetite—and join us for Naples UCC's first-ever Oktoberfest! Enjoy an evening of traditional German food, music, fellowship, and plenty of fun as we celebrate friendship, community, and a little German Gemütlichkeit right here at Naples UCC!

Tickets: Adults: \$28 per person Children under 12: \$10 per person

Please make your reservation early and include payment with your sign-up.

We hope you'll join us for this special evening of good food, good friends, and good fellowship!

Have you been to Germany?

Share your pictures with us so we can display them at the event!
bianca@naplesucc.org

NEXT Magazine is Here!

Your copy should have arrived in the mail. If you didn't receive one, please pick up a copy at the Church front desk or **email Bianca Bellido at Bianca@naplesucc.org to request a copy be mailed to you.**

Inside, you'll find upcoming events, programs, worship opportunities, music, groups, and more—all in one place to help you plan for the year ahead.

The magazine is also available online! Scan the QR code to check it out.



Naples UCC Bingo!

OCTOBER 27 5:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Get ready for an evening of Bingo, laughter, and plenty of fun! Enjoy classic Bingo along with festive holiday patterns, plus popcorn, snacks, and drinks. **Free and open to everyone of all ages!** Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled night of fellowship and holiday cheer!



Youth Haven Game Night

OCTOBER 26, 6:30 PM | YOUTH HAVEN CAMPUS



Naples UCC volunteers create a memorable evening while interacting with the Youth Haven kids. Volunteers assist with running children's games throughout the evening.

If you would like to volunteer, contact **Michele Carney** at mcarney@shcmg.com or register in the Gathering Place on Sunday. Michele will contact you about volunteer opportunities and training.

All Saints' Sunday

SUBMIT DATES BY MONDAY OCTOBER 26

In recognition of All Saints' Sunday, Naples UCC is requesting submissions of those who passed away since All Saints' Sunday last year (Nov. 2025 to this year). Please call the Church office at (239) 261-5469 or email **Samantha Santarosa** at Samantha@naplesucc.org with your submissions. These names will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, November 1. We thank you in advance for your submissions by Monday, October 26.

Stewardship Status (as of 10-7-2026)	
Pledges	
Pledges Made	\$1,996,157
Pledges Paid Year to Date	\$1,531,043
Remaining to be Paid on Pledges	\$465,114
To Meet Giving Budget	
Pledge Giving Year to Date	\$1,531,043
Non-Pledged Giving Year to Date	\$222,324
Total Giving Year to Date	\$1,753,367
2026 Giving Budget	\$2,300,000
Giving Needed to Meet Budget	\$546,633



If you prefer to pledge or give online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device. Questions about your estimated giving? Please contact the church office at (239) 261 - 5469.



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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.

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