



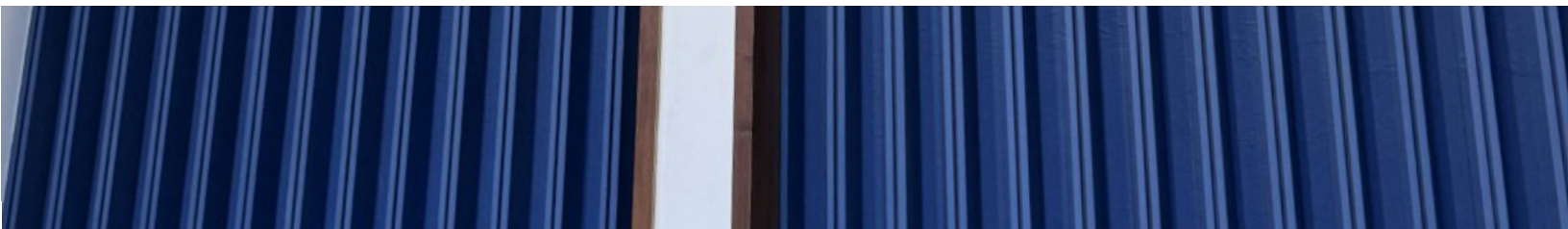
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 3, 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

PRELUDE

Après un Rêve

Fauré

Egor Antonenko, Cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Moseley

*OPENING HYMN #544

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9 AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Vocalise

Rachmaninoff; Arr. Tanner Wilemon

Stephanie O'Neill, Angelina Sozio, Tori Hyman, Soloists • Egor Antonenko, Cello

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE

Ezra 3: 10-13

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord because the foundation of the house of the Lord had been laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.



SERMON

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Rev. Jim Moseley

OFFERTORY

A Glad New Song
Sanctuary Choir

Gwyneth Walker

LORD'S SUPPER

At this table all are welcome guests of Jesus, our host. It is our tradition to hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together here. Our offering includes individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free bread. Please place your cup in the pew back, as it will be collected after the service. The choir received Communion before worship.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Spiegel im Spiegel

Arvo Pärt

Egor Antonenko, Cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #10

Sing a New Song

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Libertango

Piazzolla

Egor Antonenko, Cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

RETURN TO ONE SERVICE

MAY 17, 10 AM | SANCTUARY

As our congregation shifts into the rhythm of summer, Naples UCC will return to one worship service **starting May 17** when we will gather at **10 a.m.** Whether you're a year-round member, a seasonal neighbor, or visiting, all are welcome to join us. For those of you that have returned up north, be sure to stay connected with us by joining for worship online through our website. Stay up-to-date on the life of the church throughout the summer by joining our email list. If you don't already receive our weekly Eblast, please sign up through the church website at naplesucc.org or by calling the church office at (239) 261-5469.



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.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
Rev. Jim Moseley, Interim Minister for Congregational Care
Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Sanctuary Choir
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano
Egor Antonenko, Cello

Stephanie O'Neill, Soloist
Angelina Sozio, Soloist
Tori Hyman, Soloist
Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Producer
Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio

NURSERY CARE: Sara Both

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray & Sara Nonken

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Joe Rickard

9 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Jean Lemmon

WELCOMERS: Jane Barry and Roger Nolan

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (head usher), Carol Berglund, Sandy Button, Hugh Clark, Bill Durrell, Becky Earney, Bill Rumpf, Katy Serr and Hank Temple

11 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Louise Brown

WELCOMERS: Lauree and Gary Personette

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (head usher), Becky Cutts, Becky Earney, Mary Fisher, Becky Lambert, Sally Pendleton, Terry Pendleton and Bill Rumpf.

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

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.

Chancel Flower Dedication

We have available dates for our Chancel Flower Dedications! A wonderful opportunity to celebrate, honor, or remember a loved one. We will feature your message in the Sunday bulletin and on our livestream. For up-to-date availability, or if you have any questions, please contact Sara Both, at sara@naplesucc.org, or call (239)261- 5469. We hope you will participate in this thoughtful tradition!

Anthem Dedication

Did you know that you can donate an anthem in memory or in honor of a loved one? Every time the anthem is sung, the dedication will appear with the anthem in the bulletin. To learn more about donating an anthem today, please contact our Director of Music, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf by email at becky@naplesucc.org. It is the gift that keeps on giving!

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet
TODAY, 10:15 AM | N-103

A time for visitors to learn, ask questions and meet our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 9:00 a.m. service in Nelson Hall, room 103. Walk-ins are welcome!

Joining Sunday Opportunity
Let's make it official!

Join us Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

We will have both private and public joining Sunday, May 10. 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 Santarosa in the Gathering Place or contact her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Last Call For Lost & Found

Have you misplaced something? We have several unclaimed items waiting to be reunited with their owners. If you are missing glasses, eyeglass cases, sweaters, jackets, or other personal belongings, please stop by the Church Office this week to claim them.

Any items remaining after next Sunday will be donated to The Bargain Box. For inquiries, please contact Sara Both at the church office.

Heading North? Stay Connected!

Wherever you are, you can remain part of the Naples UCC community. Join us for our live-streamed services, follow us on social media, and subscribe to our weekly e-blast on our website: www.naplesucc.org.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Cans for Communion

9 & 11 AM • May 3 Portico



Informational Meet & Greet

10:15 AM • May 3 N-103



Youth Sunday School

10:15 AM • May 3 N-200

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • May 4 N-104

TUESDAY



Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM • May 5 Parlor

WEDNESDAY



Men's New Chapters

10:30 AM • May 6 N-101



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM • May 6 Sanctuary/Beverly Hall

SUNDAY



Pastor Jim's Last Sunday

9&11 AM • May 10

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

The Mother of Laughter

Genesis 18: 1-15

Askar Salimdjnov, Violin

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS — All children and youth are invited to our Summer Jam on Sunday, May 17. We'll honor our graduating seniors, celebrate the upcoming summer, and the end of another school year. We'll also have a preview of our new program year beginning in August! Parents, please join us following the worship service for our final Family Café of the school year. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship upstairs in Nelson Hall. Sunday school continues through the month of May, then we'll take a summer break for June and July. All families are invited to worship together during this time (nursery care for children up to age 4 is always provided).

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Students 6-12 grade are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for fellowship and meaningful discussion about following Jesus and what that means today. We gather in Nelson Hall room 200. All are welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello	David Hocking	Gerry Nonken
Merrickay Bailey	Kate Hutchinson	Gary Pint
Lilibet Bana	Jamie Jacquart	Margaret Pint
Cathleen Boeck	David Johnson	Ryan Pehrson
Nikos Carli	William Jones	Shannon Peterson
Karin Ciesla	Bobbie Juster	Kathy Reno
Patricia Cloutier	Kris Kirschner	Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Thomas Coates	Chloe Konsker	Darrel Siebert
Parce Dewey	Marla Koshgarian	Joanie Toren
Precilla Dewey	Sue Lindbloom	Anwyn Watts
Jack Downs	Patricia Manzano	Ben Wigginton
Laurie Fowler	Nancy Maxwell	
Sally Giglio	Trey McGregor	
Andrew Gillis	Bob McLennan	
Jim Gilmore	Gordon Mounts	
Doty Gridley	Betty Mounts	
Fred Gridley	Diane Myers	
Walter Grieb	Jack Neller	

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.

Mahjong

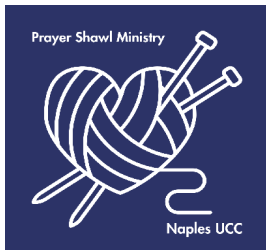
MAY 4, 1 PM | N-104

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. in Nelson Hall. Free, and all are always welcome!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

MAY 5, 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.

Men's New Chapters

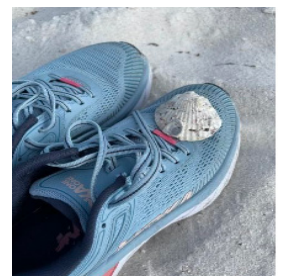
MAY 6, 10:30 AM | N-101

Please note that Men's New Chapters will hold its final meetings of the season on May 6, 13, and 20. Following these sessions, the group will take a summer break and resume meeting in October. Discussions will focus on readings related to church, life, and spirituality. If you have not received the reading materials or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Rich Kirschner at rdkirschner@gmail.com.

Walk & Wonder

MAY 13, 8:30 AM | PELICAN BAY SOUTH BERM

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, May 13 enjoy a walk along the Pelican Bay Berm beginning at the Naples Grande to the Butterfly Garden near the Commons Tram station. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Anticipate our return to church by 10:00 a.m. Contact Merrill Noble at mwnoble56@gmail.com if you have questions or plan to attend for the first time.



Caregiver's Support Group

MAY 15, 2:00 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. Bring a friend who may benefit! For more info, contact Joan Millon at joanmillon6@gmail.com.



Keep the Heart of the Bargain Box Beating This Summer!

A mission of the Naples United Church of Christ
Bargain Box THRIFT STORE & BOUTIQUE

3906 TAMIAMI TRL E, NAPLES, FL 34112

As the season winds down, our mission is picking up speed—and we need you to help us keep up the momentum. We are looking for friendly faces to join our team for shifts on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Hospitality & Cashiering:** Be the face of the shop! Welcome customers and manage the register.
- **Donation Transport:** Help move "new-to-us" treasures from the NUCC shed to the Bargain Box.
- **Curation & Sorting:** Help us inspect, organize, and prep incoming donations.
- **Display & Merchandising:** Get creative! Help stage and style items to make the sales floor shine.

Donations: Our Summer Lifeline

Your gently used items are the pulse of our store. Every donation ensures we can continue serving our community throughout the summer months.

Ready to jump in? If you have a few hours to spare and a willing heart, we'd love to meet you. Please sign up with **Samantha in the Gathering Place** to get started!

Gratitude For Pastor Jim

MAY 10, DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME | GATHERING PLACE

Pastor Jim's final Sunday with us will be May 10. Following both services, he will be in the Gathering Place to greet and spend time with everyone—an opportunity to share your appreciation and well wishes in person.

In honor of his ministry, the church will be making a meaningful gift to Friends of the Everglades, reflecting a cause close to his heart. Those who would like to contribute are invited to donate to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

You are also encouraged to write a note or card of gratitude. These can be brought with you that Sunday or sent to the church office, and we will ensure they are delivered to Pastor Jim.



Mother's Day Offering

MAY 10 | 9 & 11 AM SERVICES



BABY BASICS

of Collier County

Because every baby deserves the basics

This Mother's Day, as we give thanks for the love, sacrifice, and strength of mothers, we're also invited to put that love into action. Our Mother's Day special offering supports Baby Basics of Collier County—a lifeline for hardworking families with young children who don't qualify for government cash assistance but still struggle to make ends meet.

For many, even something as essential as diapers can become an overwhelming expense. Without a steady supply, babies can suffer from discomfort and health issues, and parents are forced into difficult choices—like buying food or keeping their child clean and dry.

Through Baby Basics, more than 600 babies each month receive the diapers they need across 14 sites in Collier County. This support eases financial stress and helps families focus on other essentials. In fact, 97% of families say they are better able to meet their basic needs because of this program. Still, the need is greater—an estimated 1,500 babies in our community qualify for assistance.

This ministry is about more than diapers. It offers dignity, encouragement, and a reminder that no family is alone.

This Mother's Day, we invite you to give generously. Your offering will help care for babies and support families right here in our community.



Mother's Day Offering - 2026

Nelson Hall Summer Renovation Update

Thanks to the awesome generosity of our congregation, \$73,500 has been raised toward our renovation of Nelson Hall this summer. The total cost of the renovation project is \$105,000. We are getting closer to our goal!

If you are interested in making a gift toward this project, contact Pastor Mark through the church office. Pastor Mark can answer any questions about the project or about capital giving. Naming/memorial opportunities are still available. So much ministry at NUCC happens in Nelson Hall—children's ministry, educational programming, mission efforts, fellowship events, and community outreach.

We all look forward to renewed ministry space that will bless our church's ministry for many years to come!

Welcome to the Team, Bianca!



Bianca joins the Naples UCC team as our new Communications Specialist. Based here in Naples and brings more than nine years of experience across marketing, communications, and design within nonprofit and educational settings. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a specialty in Marketing and has advanced training in graphic design, photography, and art direction.

She is bilingual in English and Spanish, with a strong background in communications strategy, fundraising, social media, and creative content. In her recent work, Bianca has helped organizations grow their visibility and deepen their connection with the community. Her creativity, strategic mindset, and passion for mission-driven storytelling will be a wonderful asset to Naples UCC.

Bianca officially joined us this week—please join us in extending a warm welcome! As she gets settled, she'll be connecting with staff and the congregation to build relationships and learn more about the life of our church. Her Naples UCC email is bianca@naplesucc.org.

Summer Jam

MAY 17, 9 AM | NELSON HALL

Get ready for a joyful "Summer Jam", a celebration for our children on Sunday, May 17! We'll honor our graduating seniors, celebrate the end of an amazing school year, and get a first look at all the exciting things coming in our new program year this fall.

Parents, don't miss our final Family Café right after worship—come enjoy refreshments, laughter, and connection together in Nelson Hall as we wrap up the season.

Sunday School continues through May before we head into our summer break (June–July). During the summer months, families are encouraged to worship together—nursery care is always available for children up to age 4.

Graduation Recognition

MAY 17, 10 AM | SANCTUARY

We look forward to honoring this year's graduates on Sunday, May 17 during the worship service. If you have a graduate who will be present with you that day and would like to have them recognized, please submit their name to Samantha Santarosa at samantha@naplesucc.org by May 10, or you can call the church office at (239) 261-5469.

Pentecost

MAY 24, 10 AM | GATHERING PLACE



Come celebrate Pentecost with us on Sunday, May 24—a joyful day when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church!

Wear red if you can as we fill the sanctuary with color and energy, and stay after worship for a special Pentecost cake in fellowship. A sweet way to keep the celebration going and enjoy time together.

NEXT - Programming Submissions

DEADLINE JULY 1

As we prepare our upcoming NEXT publication, we invite all committee chairs to share their program updates, events, and plans for the coming season. This is a great opportunity to help the congregation stay connected and informed about all that's ahead.

Please submit your content through the shared form. No later than July 1 to ensure inclusion in the publication. We look forward to highlighting the exciting work happening across our church! Contact Bianca if you need assistance.



NEXT - Programming Submissions 2026-2027

Take Home A Piece of History!

As we update our chapel, several original wooden pews are available for adoption. Pews are roughly 15 ft long with removable cushions. Must be able to pick up.

If you would like to take home a piece of Naples UCC history, please contact Susan Konsker at skonsker@me.com or 631-921-4150.





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 broadcastings, recordings and postings.

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