



Pentecost

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 24, 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

PRELUDE

I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart
Lux Solis • Jasson Velez, Soloist

Moses Hogan

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #334

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

INVOCATION

All: Holy Spirit, your energy moves in us and through us to face each new day. You breathe life into each of us and into our church. You refresh us like the breeze on a warm afternoon, lending us strength. You challenge us like a strong wind, rousing our attention. Shift our awareness to the wonder of your mystery, wisdom, grace and creation. Direct our hearts to the warmth of Christ's love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Spirit Divine
Sanctuary Choir • Erica Aichholz, Soloist

Nancy Ruth Durance

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

Numbers 11: 24-30

Lyric Ingram

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all God's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

SERMON

All God's People Are Prophets

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

Breath of God
Sanctuary Choir

Marianne Forman

Given for the occasion of Ronnie Bellone's 80th birthday with love by her wife, Jennifer Rainey.



WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR ORGAN CONTRIBUTORS

DOXOLOGY

This special doxology was given by Mark and Emily Williams in 2024 in honor of the congregation's generosity. Today it will be played in honor of all at Naples UCC who contributed to our organ's new electrical system.

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

The Flight of the Bumblebee
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist

N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov;
Arr. by N. Vilenky



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
Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist
Sanctuary Choir
Lux Solis; Jasson Velez, Soloist
Lyric Ingram

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter
Christian Pyles, Production Specialist - Video
Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio

STEPHEN MINISTER: Heather English

WELCOMERS: Leigh and Dave Hindman

USHERS: Becky Lambert (head usher), Kathryn Bettis, Hugh Clark, Kathleen Devitt, Becky Earney, Mary Fisher, Merrilee Hornbuckle and Tom Hornbuckle.

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Louise Brown

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Ray Gangl, Facilities Manager | Janine Rahaim, Fellowship Support

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 by Dr. Daniel Morris. This is the 107th heavenly birthday of our beloved Emeritus Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Woodrow Hasty, sobriquet "Woody," whose cremated remains are in our Memorial Garden and his engraved name plate on the wall. I still feel his presence in our church to this day. His legacy continues of creative and thought-provoking preaching, and the importance of the music ministry carries on.

Volunteers & Donations Needed at the Bargain Box!

Our mission is growing, and we need your help! Volunteers are needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays for hospitality, cashiering, sorting donations, transport, and merchandising.

Donations are also vital to helping us continue serving the community. Your gently used items make a meaningful difference. To volunteer, sign up with Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or contact George La Roche at 239-262-3802.

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! Sunday morning activities for children ages 4 and older take place during worship. Children are invited forward for the **Children's Message** before heading to **Sunday School** with Ms. Jeanne. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. Sunday School continues through May before taking a summer break in June and July. Children's activities resume August 9 with the Backpack Blessing and the start of our new Sunday morning camp, **"Snowball Mountain Challenge!"**

NURSERY CARE — Nursery care for infants through age 4 is available each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203. Please sign in with our nursery staff. Our former nursery space next to the sanctuary is available as a Wiggle Room for families who wish to stay with their child.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Students in grades 6–12 are invited to join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall room 200 for fellowship and meaningful discussion about following Jesus today. Meetings continue through May and resume in August. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS — We have special events for families throughout the school year. If you are interested in more information about any of our education offerings for children and youth, please contact Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education at jeanne@naplesucc.org.

PRAYER LIST

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

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

June 14, 11:15 AM | ACR

A time for visitors to learn, ask questions and meet our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Administrative Conference Room. Walk-ins are welcome!

Joining Sunday Opportunity

Become a member on June 28

We will have both private and public joining on Sunday, June 28. Private joining will occur at 9:30 a.m. and public joining during the 10:00 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.

Memorial Observance

May 24, 11:15 AM | Memorial Garden

Today, in the Memorial Garden, Pastor Mark will be leading a brief Memorial Day sacred observance. As per Naples UCC tradition, the service will include our Naples UCC memorial wreath as well as a musical selection and a prayer. The event will be hosted by our Board of Deacons. All are invited to attend.

Office Closed

Memorial Day - May 25

Our church campus will be closed this Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call (239) 261-5469.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Youth Sunday School

10:15 AM • May 24 | N-200



Pentecost Fellowship Cake

11:00 AM • May 24 | Gathering Place



Memorial Observance

11:15 AM • May 24 | Memorial Garden



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • May 24 | Sanctuary/Beverly Hall

MONDAY



Office Closed - Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY



Walk & Wonder

8:30 AM • May 27 | Baker Park

THURSDAY



Social Soirée

4:00 PM • May 28 | Cooper's Hawk

FRIDAY



Caregiver's Support

2:00 PM • May 29 | N-101



Free Artis-Naples Chamber Concert

2:00 PM • May 29 | Sanctuary

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

How Majestic!

Psalm 8

Welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips

JUNE 7, 10 AM | SANCTUARY

On Sunday, June 7, we are excited to welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips as she begins her ministry as Minister of Congregational Care at Naples UCC!

While Pastor Sonja's formal Installation Service will take place on October 18, we look forward to warmly welcoming her on her very first Sunday with us. Following worship on June 7, please join us in the Gathering Place for a summer-themed reception! All are invited to celebrate and welcome Pastor Sonja to the Naples UCC family!



**Naples UCC Financial Results
April 2026**

	April 2026		Year to Date		
			This Year		Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue					
Current Year Giving	161,785	161,000	997,407	943,000	914,564
Other Revenue	8,407	17,517	74,704	68,568	72,406
Total Revenue	170,192	178,517	1,072,111	1,011,568	986,971
Expenses					
Facilities & Utilities	\$16,931	\$14,024	\$58,314	\$67,914	\$62,037
Financial & Insurance	57,946	35,923	97,409	71,390	81,407
Christian Education	2,578	887	14,349	15,498	3,730
Membership & Social	2,233	1,940	10,376	7,759	4,189
Deacons & Special Events	888	1,191	4,590	5,165	4,841
Ministers	44,016	33,646	153,306	139,584	88,027
Support Staff	69,136	70,446	298,140	276,744	244,933
Staff Services	17,675	20,253	70,511	78,222	72,763
Office & Technology	5,958	9,384	39,936	37,535	45,636
Music	9,596	8,195	40,276	58,382	37,976
Mission & Ministry Outreach	750	811	9,427	19,661	6,298
Total Operating Expenses	\$227,707	\$196,700	\$796,634	\$777,854	\$651,835
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	(\$57,514)	(\$18,183)	\$275,477	\$233,714	\$335,135

Bargain Box

Sales	37,929	31,040	177,224	140,549	139,372
Expenses	24,714	23,603	96,921	91,413	92,383
Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)	\$13,215	\$7,437	\$80,303	\$49,136	\$46,989

Note : The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$49,114 in April and \$164,549 year to date.
Bloom lease rental income, net of final real estate agent commission, is \$21,904 year to date.

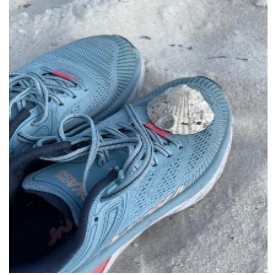
Nelson Hall Update

Thanks be to the awesome generosity of our congregation, \$78,500 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 that will help move this project through the finish line, contact Rev. Dr. Mark Williams (239) 261-5469. Pastor Mark can answer any questions about the project or about capital giving. Naming/memorial opportunities are still available. So much ministry at Naples UCC 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!

Walk & Wonder

MAY 27, 8:30 AM | BAKER PARK

The Walk and Wonder group eagerly welcomes family members, friends and especially newcomers to the Naples UCC community. Enjoy the variety of walkways and picturesque views of the Gordon River at Baker Park. The Park is located on Riverside Circle off Goodlette-Frank Road just north of downtown Naples. Park in the upper parking lot. Meet the group at the top of the stairs between the two playgrounds at 8:30 a.m. Anticipate our return to the parking lot by 10:00 a.m. Contact Merrill Noble at mwnoble56@gmail.com if you have questions, plan to attend for the first time or would like to carpool from the church.



Social Soirée

MAY 28, 4:00 PM | COOPER'S HAWK

Join Naples UCC friends and family at this month's Social Soirée to Cooper's Hawk, located at 11905 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL at 4:00 p.m. This gathering is a great place to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! Please sign up in the Gathering Place by May 27, or call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions.



Free Artis–Naples Chamber Concert

MAY 29, 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us for a free Chamber Music Concert presented through Artis–Naples on Friday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Reserved tickets are required and may be obtained online by scanning the QR code or by calling 239-597-1900. Please plan to arrive early.



Donate Backpacks & School Supplies to Grace Place

DEADLINE TO ORDER SUPPLIES - JUNE 17

Our church community has a wonderful opportunity to make a difference through the Grace Place Backpack initiative! Our goal is to provide durable backpacks, along with essential school supplies, to support 25 children served by Grace Place. Participation is simple.

Scan the Amazon QR code provided with the camera on your phone to access the preselected items. All supplies will be shipped directly to Naples UCC, where they will be assembled on June 23 and delivered to Grace Place on June 24. Please consider ordering quickly. Place your Amazon order no later than June 17. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Cans for Communion Summer Break

Thank you for your generous support of "Cans for Communion" Thanks to your donations, we had a wonderful season of collections supporting families at Grace Place. *Please note that collections will pause for the summer and resume in October.



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.

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