



# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 7, 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

## WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister for Congregational Care

## PRELUDE

*Chanson de Matin*

E. Elgar

Elizabeth Klein Teplitsky and Mark Teplitsky, Flutes • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*OPENING HYMN #71

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*I Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir • Elizabeth Klein Teplitsky and Mark Teplitsky, Flutes

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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

Mathew 9: 9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

## SERMON

Keep the Wrong Company

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## OFFERTORY

*Follow Me*  
Sanctuary Choir

Tim Osiek



## LORD'S SUPPER

This is the table that Jesus has prepared for us. All are welcome. Come not because you must, but because you may. Come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are. Come, friends, to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Come to share in the joyful feast of the people of God.

## INVITATION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach  
*Movement II from Double Flute Concerto* A. Vivaldi  
Elizabeth Klein Teplitsky and Mark Teplitsky, Flutes • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

**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 #61

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

## \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## +POSTLUDE

*Rondo from Andante and Rondo, Op. 25*  
Elizabeth Klein Teplitsky and Mark Teplitsky, Flutes • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

F. Doppler

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

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

Elizabeth Klein Teplitsky, Flute  
Mark Teplitsky, Flute  
Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer  
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter  
Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video

**STEPHEN MINISTER:** Louise Brown

**NURSERY CARE:** Elena Fernandez

**WELCOMERS:** Nancy Holcomb and Catherine Waterman

**SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE:** Bobbie Ray and Sara Nonken

**USHERS:** Jennifer Rainey (head usher), Bob Brown, Ronnie Bellone, Carol Berglund, Kathleen Devitt, Becky Earney, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane, and Katy Serr.

**SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE:** Joe Rickard

**GATHERING PLACE STAFF:** Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager | John Greer, 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.

## Children and Youth Ministry



**SUNDAYS** — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! During the worship service, children are invited forward for a **Children's Message**. 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 The Wiggle Room (a temporary location due to Nelson Hall renovations) ask a Deacon.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Activities will resume on August 9 with the Backpack Blessing and the start of our new Sunday morning camp, **Snowball Mountain Challenge!**

## PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello	Doty Gridley	Gordon Mounts
Merrikay Bailey	Fred Gridley	Betty Mounts
Lilibet Bana	Walter Grieb	Diane Myers
Cathleen Boeck	David Hocking	Jack Neller
Tom Carley	Kate Hutchinson	Gerry Nonken
Karin Ciesla	Jamie Jacquart	Gary Pint
Patricia Cloutier	David Johnson	Margaret Pint
Thomas Coates	William Jones	Shannon Peterson
Ann Culshaw	Bobbie Juster	Kathy Reno
Jack Downs	Kris Kirschner	Gabrielle Emily Ridout
JT Ellis	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	Llewellyn Williams
Andrew Gillis	Trey McGregor	
Jim Gilmore	Bob McLennan	

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.



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.

# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Naples UCC Orientation

**June 11, 4:00 PM | ACR**

Our Membership and Growth Committee invites you to a church orientation on June 11 at 4:00 p.m in the Administrative Conference Room. The offering is open to all on a limited sign-up basis.

Learn about the United Church of Christ and Naples UCC history, church governance, ministries, and social groups, followed by a guided campus tour with history and fun facts. Refreshments will be provided, with time for questions and discussion. Space is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up in person with Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or email her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

### 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, follow signage through the office. 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

# UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

## MONDAY



### Mahjong

📅 1:00 PM • June 8 📍 McSpadden Hall

## THURSDAY



### New Member Orientation

📅 4:00 PM • June 11 📍 ACR

## FRIDAY



### Caregiver's Support

📅 2:00 PM • June 12 📍 Parlor

## Next Sunday

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

Don't Go Deep Sea Fishing

Micah 7:19

## Welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips

TODAY

We are excited to welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips as she begins her ministry as Minister of Congregational Care at Naples UCC!



Following worship, 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!

# Nelson Hall Renovation Fundraising Goal Met!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, our fundraising goal for the summer Nelson Hall renovation has been met! Nelson Hall will be closed for renovation beginning on Monday, June 8 and lasting through Saturday, August 1. Regarding programming, please be sure to check your bulletins and e-news for updates. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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## Mahjong

JUNE 8, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in McSpadden. Free, and all are always welcome!



## Caregiver's Support Group

JUNE 12, 2:00 PM | PARLOR



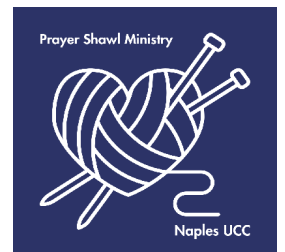
The Caregiver's Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. Whether you're a caregiver, a past or future one, or seeking resources, all are welcome. Church membership is not required, and discussions remain private. Bring a friend who may benefit! For more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

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

JUNE 16, 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.



## Social Soireé

JUNE 18, 4:00 PM | SEASONS 52



Join NUCC friends and family at this month's Social Soireé to Seasons 52, located at 8930 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL at 4:00pm. This gathering is a great place to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! Please sign up by scanning the QR code or in person at the Gathering Place by 6/17. Call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

# Aging Well: Alzheimer's Support Network

JUNE 17, 2:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

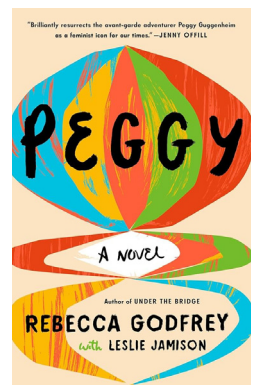


Join us for our next Aging Well series event, sponsored by Naples UCC WISE for Mental Health and our Caregivers' Support Group. We are honored to welcome world-renowned dementia care expert Teepa Snow for a complimentary educational workshop designed to empower caregivers, professionals, and families. Everyone is welcome. Seating is limited and RSVP is required. Please call (239) 262-8388 to reserve your spot today.

## Naples UCC Book Club

JUNE 22, 2:00 PM | ACR

Join us on June 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room for an engaging discussion of **Peggy: A Novel** by Rebecca Godfrey, completed by Leslie Jamison. This compelling historical novel traces the remarkable life of art collector Peggy Guggenheim, from her privileged New York upbringing and the loss of her father on the Titanic to her influential role in the modern art world. Everyone is welcome—even if you have not read the book!



If you are unable to come in person, join us by Zoom!  
Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433  
Passcode: book

## 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 Naples UCC 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 Santarosa in the Gathering Place** or call **George De La Roche at 239-262-3802** to get started!



# 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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