



NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 12, 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. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

PRELUDE

III. Courante from Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major, BWV 825
Cesar Perez, Piano

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #25

Let All Creation Bless the Lord

MIT FREUDEN ZART

INVOCATION

ALL: Your steadfast love to us is our joy, righteous God. We gather to rejoice in your salvation, to sing praises to you for all your healing gifts to us. Open us to receive your gifts of your living word that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

For as the Rain and Snow Come Down
Sanctuary Choir

Hal Hopson

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

Isaiah 55: 10-13

Lisa Sienkiewicz

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SERMON

Regenerative Hope

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care



OFFERTORY

Go Out in Joy
Sanctuary Choir

Bradley Ellingboe

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER DEDICATION

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**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 #444

Rain Down

Arr. John Carter

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

VI. Gigue from Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major, BWV 825
Cesar Perez, Piano

J. S. Bach



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. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Sanctuary Choir
Cesar Perez, Piano

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio
Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter

STEPHEN MINISTER: Louise Brown

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

WELCOMERS: Nancy Holcomb and Helen Roth

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Judye Baer

USHERS: Jennifer Rainey (Head Usher), Ronnie Bellone,
Christine Buol, Kathleen Devitt, Mary Fischer, Becky Lambert,
Jane Lane and Bill Rumpf.

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Karin Balsbaugh

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Sara Both, Fellowship Support | Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager |
Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator

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 Suzanne Harwick and all the family,
in loving memory of Dick Harwick.

Support the Bargain Box



3906 TAMIAMI TRL E, NAPLES, FL 34112

As the season winds down, our mission is still going strong—and we need your help. The Bargain Box is seeking volunteers on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Hospitality & Cashiering:** Be the face of the shop! Welcome customers and manage the register.
- **Donation Transport:** Help move donations 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 Needed: Each donation helps transform generosity into meaningful support for our community.

Reach out to **George De La Roche** at 239-262-3802 or in the Gathering Place with **Samantha Santarosa**. We'd love to have you on the team!

Mahjong

JULY 13, 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 the McSpadden Hall. Free, and all are always welcome!



Social Soirée

JULY 13, 4:00 PM | TACOS & TEQUILA CANTINA

Join Naples UCC friends and family at this month's Social Soirée at Tacos & Tequila Cantina, located in the Pavilion Shopping Center at 8971 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 by TODAY** scanning the QR code or in person at the Gathering Place, or call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Join Naples UCC Anytime

While the Membership & Growth Committee will be on hiatus during July, we would be happy to connect with you and help you begin the membership process.

For more information about becoming a member, contact Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or email her at samantha@naplesucc.org. We look forward to welcoming you into the Naples UCC family!

Stay Connected this Summer!

Whether you're spending the summer in Naples or away for the season, you can stay connected with Naples UCC. Join us for worship each Sunday through our livestream on our website, and keep up with church news and upcoming events by reading our weekly eBlast. **Not receiving the e-Blast?** Contact Samantha Santarosa or call the church office 239-261-5469 to get signed up and stay connected wherever you are.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • July 12 • Sanctuary

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • July 13 • McSpadden Hall



Social Soirée

4:00 PM • July 13 • Tacos & Tequila Cantina

Next Sunday

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

"The Ladder of Grace"

Genesis 28: 10-19

PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello
Merrickay Bailey
Lilibet Bana
Cathleen Boeck
Tom Carley
Karin Ciesla
Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Ann Culshaw
Ken Cyrus
Jack Downs
JT Ellis
Laurie Fowler
Scott Freeman
Leah Gartell

Sally Giglio
Richard Gilbert
Andrew Gillis
Jim Gilmore
Doty Gridley
Fred Gridley
Walter Grieb
Patsy Hanson
David Hocking
Kate Hutchinson
Jamie Jacquart
David Johnson
William Jones
Bobbie Juster
Kris Kirschner

Chloe Honda (Konsker)
Marla Koshgarian
Sue Lindbloom
Patricia Manzano
Nancy Maxwell
Trey McGregor
Bob McLennan
Mary Catherine Morman
Gordon Mounts
Jack Neller
Gerry Nonken
Gary Pint
Margaret Pint
Shannon Peterson
Kathy Reno

Riddle-Somers Family
Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Fred Schneeberg
Darrel Siebert
Louise Taylor
Sara Treiser
Joanie Toren
Anwyn Watts
Marsha Whitlock
Ben Wigginton

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.

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! 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). Please ask a deacon for directions.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Our Youth Sunday School program will resume with 5 Sundays of fun, starting **August 9** with a special Backpack Blessing and the launch of our new Sunday morning camp experience, **Snowball Mountain Challenge!**

Children and youth can look forward to a fun-filled season of faith, friendship, music, games, hands-on activities, and engaging Bible lessons designed to help them grow in their relationship with God. Exploring themes of courage, kindness, teamwork, and trust as they journey through this exciting new program together.

We can’t wait to welcome everyone back in August for another wonderful year of learning, laughter, and spiritual growth!

“SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE” centers on **Philippians 4:13**, a reminder that we are strengthened through the presence and love of Jesus in our lives. The curriculum is designed for students in grades **K–5**, and youth are warmly invited and encouraged to participate as helpers.



Anwyn Watts Fundraiser Dinner

JULY 19, 6:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join us on Sunday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Naples UCC for a special dinner celebrating Anwyn Watts’ remarkable recovery following brain surgery.

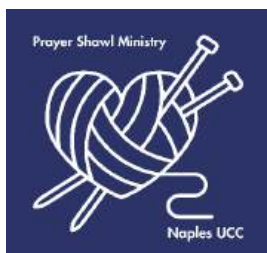
Enjoy a meal inspired by Anwyn’s favorite foods, prepared by David Bogin and Jimmy Borden, along with a raffle featuring items donated by church members and local businesses. **A \$25 cash donation at the door is suggested**, and all proceeds from the dinner and raffle will benefit the Watts family.

Reservations are required—please RSVP by scanning the QR code or in person with Samantha Santarosa at the Gathering Place. For more information, call the church office at 239-261-5469.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

JULY 21, 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.

Caregivers Support Group

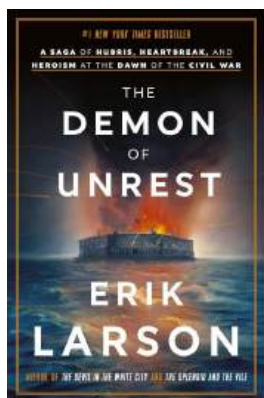
JULY 24, 2:00 PM | PARLOR

The Caregivers 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.



Naples UCC Book Club

JULY 27, 2:00 PM | ACR



We will be going back in time from the historical fiction of Peggy Guggenheim to the mid 19th century nonfiction world of Abraham Lincoln in the months leading up to the Civil War through **Erik Larson's *Demons of Unrest*** next month. Our meeting will once again be in the Administrative Conference Room behind the office or on Zoom. The group also decided to read ***The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett** for August. Anyone 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

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, please contact our Director of Music, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf by email at becky@naplesucc.org. It is the gift that keeps on giving!



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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