



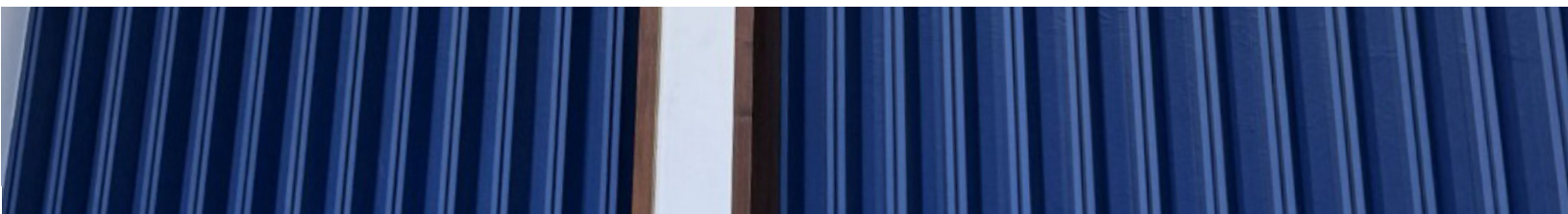
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20, 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

Morning Has Broken
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Organ

Clay Christiansen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #35

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

INVOCATION

ALL: Generous God of all provision, open the windows of heaven over our lives, that we might receive strength and healing. Open the windows of heaven for this church, that we may have more than enough to fulfill the vision and calling you have for us. Open the windows of heaven for our world so that more peace can come to earth. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Living Bread
Sanctuary Choir

Boyd Bacon

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

Exodus 16: 1-20

Dr. Alexandra Carlson

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them,



whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' "And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it became wormy and rotten. And Moses was angry with them.

SERMON

Heaven's Bakery: Open Tomorrow!

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

Mine is the Sunlight

Gwyneth Walker

Miguel Coates, Clarinet • Isabel Sanchez, Cello • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

*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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

From the Glory to God Hymnal

(See page 4 for Hymn)

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Organ



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.

From the Glory to God Hymnal

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
 Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
 Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth and Children's Education
 Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist
 Sanctuary Choir

STEPHEN MINISTER: Carolyn Keller

WELCOMERS: Kathy and Mike Book

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (Head usher), Jim Borden, Mary Fisher, Mary Beth Jones, Jane Lane, Nadine Lormestoire, Bill Rumpf and Katy Serr.

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer

Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio

Lexii Clemons, Production Specialist - Video

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Joe Rickard

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: John Greer, Fellowship Support | 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.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Join Naples UCC Anytime

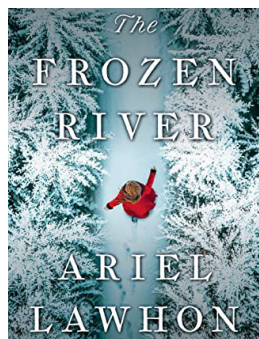
While the Membership and Growth Committee will be on hiatus during September, we would be happy to connect with you and help you begin the membership process.

For more information about membership, 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!

Mahjong

SEPTEMBER 21, 1:00 PM | NELSON HALL 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 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104. Free, and all are always welcome!



Naples UCC Book Club

SEPTEMBER 28, 2:00 PM | NELSON HALL 104/ZOOM

Join us Monday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the Nelson Hall 104 or via Zoom for a lively and engaging discussion about *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Come share your thoughts, hear different perspectives, and enjoy good conversation with fellow book lovers. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book! Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433 Passcode: book

PRAYER LIST

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

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.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Bargain Box Donation Drive

9:00 AM • September 20 📍 Portico



Children's Sunday School PK4-5TH

10:15 AM • September 20 📍 Nelson Hall 202



Youth Sunday School 6TH-12TH

11:15 AM • September 20 📍 Nelson Hall 201



Section Leader Rehearsal

11:15 AM • September 20 📍 Sanctuary

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • September 21 📍 Nelson Hall 104

WEDNESDAY



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM • September 23 📍 Sanctuary

Next Sunday

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
"Leadership in the Wilderness"
Exodus 17: 1-7

WISE for Mental Health

OCTOBER 6, 10:00 AM | NELSON HALL 104/ZOOM

Please join us for our monthly WISE meeting (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged). We welcome anyone who would like to share the mental health experiences of their family or community—and those who simply wish to listen as others share their stories.

Our group supports one another through sharing, prayer and learning as we seek to become more informed about the mental health crisis in today's world through book studies and professional speakers. We are lifted up by our time together and invite you to join us. Can't join us in person? **Join remotely!**
Meeting ID: 843 4648 4094 Passcode: WISE

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 — Our regular Sunday morning schedule resumes with the **Children's Message** in worship. Children can then join Ms. Jeanne in Nelson Hall 202 for a brand-new program on Gratitude. Following Psalm 107, we will give thanks to the Lord through music, games and creative movement.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday morning gatherings for students 6-12th grade begins today after worship Nelson Hall 201. 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... and to find out how we can continue that story through our own faith lives.

Naples UCC's Immokalee Support Fund \$42,520

HELPED FAMILIES STAY SAFELY HOUSED IN A TIME OF CRISIS



In late 2025, many Immokalee families faced uncertainty as loved ones were detained or deported following changes in federal immigration policies. Children and spouses were suddenly left without a parent or partner.

Naples UCC, guided by the Board of Mission and Outreach, responded with compassion and practical support. Rooted in our belief that we are all God's children, regardless of immigration status, we partnered with **Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)** to help families in need. RCMA identified eight families facing the greatest challenges, and NaplesUCC provided rental assistance for six months, through July 2026, helping families remain safely housed during this difficult time.

Among those helped were Ingrid, 19, who cared for her three younger siblings after their mother was detained in Texas, and Arnold, a high school senior caring for his 7-year-old brother after their mother was deported to Guatemala. Both struggled to keep up with rent while caring for their families. Thank you to everyone who gave, prayed, and supported this ministry. Your generosity provided more than rental assistance—it offered families stability, dignity, and hope when they needed it most.

"Let me share my deep appreciation for you and the entire team for your ongoing support of our families. They are truly blessed to have you all walking alongside them."—Isabela Garcia, Executive Director, RCMA.

Nelson Hall Ribbon Cutting

OCTOBER 7, 8:30 AM |
THE GATHERING PLACE

Our renovation of Nelson Hall is complete! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our congregation, this refreshed space is ready to welcome our church family for ministry, fellowship, learning, and community. Join us for our ribbon cutting on October 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

Pastor Mark's Bible Study

OCTOBER 7, 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.

Naples UCC's Financial Report August 2026

	August 2026		Year to Date		
			This Year		Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue					
Current Year Giving	\$ 142,329	\$ 130,333	\$ 1,672,402	\$ 1,525,666	\$ 1,417,785
Other Revenue	\$ 11,530	\$ 16,517	\$ 108,360	\$ 140,636	\$ 117,674
Total Revenue	\$ 153,859	\$ 146,850	\$ 1,780,762	\$ 1,666,302	\$ 1,535,459
Expenses					
Facilities & Utilities	\$ 20,078	\$ 14,024	\$ 122,040	\$ 130,328	\$ 118,399
Financial & Insurance	\$ (144)	\$ (603)	\$ 140,445	\$ 143,420	\$ 135,469
Christian Education	\$ 778	\$ 487	\$ 17,101	\$ 17,846	\$ 7,287
Membership & Social	\$ 614	\$ 1,940	\$ 17,517	\$ 15,517	\$ 9,861
Deacons & Special Events	\$ 742	\$ 1,191	\$ 8,584	\$ 10,931	\$ 8,841
Ministers	\$ 38,930	\$ 37,693	\$ 293,410	\$ 292,155	\$ 176,122
Support Staff	\$ 69,721	\$ 70,444	\$ 573,391	\$ 558,522	\$ 487,793
Staff Services	\$ 15,300	\$ 18,753	\$ 133,325	\$ 154,734	\$ 151,694
Office & Technology	\$ 7,032	\$ 9,384	\$ 72,841	\$ 75,069	\$ 72,287
Music	\$ 7,161	\$ 7,240	\$ 71,536	\$ 92,256	\$ 68,109
Mission & Ministry Outreach	\$ 7,732	\$ 311	\$ 17,299	\$ 36,988	\$ 5,869
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 167,944	\$ 160,864	\$ 1,467,489	\$ 1,527,766	\$ 1,241,731
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	\$ (14,085)	\$ (14,014)	\$ 313,273	\$ 138,536	\$ 293,728

Bargain Box

Sales	\$ 21,272	\$ 17,697	\$ 278,319	\$ 212,721	\$ 217,122
Expenses	\$ 21,216	\$ 22,603	\$ 188,211	\$ 181,826	\$ 182,869
Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)	\$ 56	\$ (4,906)	\$ 90,108	\$ 30,895	\$ 34,253

Note: The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$13,077 in August and \$240,951 year to date.

Bloom lease rental income, net of final real estate agent commission, was \$12,000 in August and \$70,427 year to date.

Bargain Box made a donation to the Board of Mission & Outreach of \$50,000 in July.



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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