

Naples United Church of Christ

November 22, 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.



IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

MISSION MOMENT

Bill Steinmetz, Chair of Bargain Box Steering Committee

Bargain Box Song

At the Bargain Box
We will knock off your socks
With the items we have on our shelves
And with every cent
You benefit
The church that you know and you love.

There's a deal or two
Waiting for me and you
So, make sure that you do not delay
The Bargain Box is open now
Won't you go check it out today?

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Sanctuary Choir • Zach DePue, Violin

Mark Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #721

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Sanctuary Choir

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth and Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Psalm 8
Sanctuary Choir • Zach DePue, Violin

Dan Forrest

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer
Angelina Sozio, Soloist

Albert Malotte

*Please rise in body or spirit

Scripture — Luke 17: 11-19 — Cecil Pearsall-Turner

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon — Gratitude Makes Us Well — Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

Offertory — *It is Well with My Soul* — Arr. Matt Riley

Zach DePue, Violin • Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

*Doxology & 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 #723 — *For the Fruit of All Creation* — AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

+Postlude — *Gigue from E Major Partita for Solo Violin* — J.S. Bach

Zach DePue, Violin

Throughout 2026, the ministry of our pianist in worship has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This week's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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 and Children's Education
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist
Sanctuary Choir
Zach DePue, Violin
Angelina Sozio, Soloist

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Producer
Clayton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio
Lexi Clemmons, Production Specialist - Video

Nursery Care: Elena Fernandez
Serving at Arbor Trace: Jean Fletcher
Serving at Bentley Village: Marcia Davis

Gathering Place Staff:
Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager

9 AM

Stephen Minister: Karyn Murphy
Welcomers: Karyn and Geoff Murphy
Ushers: Kathleen Devitt (Head Usher), Jim Borden, Karen Gregg, Mary Beth Jones, Ed Kaulbars, Helen Roth, Cheryl Turner, and Barb Wolf.

11 AM

Stephen Minister: Janet Nacu
Welcomers: Allison and Stuart Doriss
Ushers: Hank Temple (Head Usher), Carol Berglund, Bill Durell, Susanne Tezanos-Landis, Jane Lane, Sally Pendleton, Terry Pendleton, and Mary Robinson.

Prayer List

Denise Acampa
Carol Berglund
Tyler Bliss
Mary Catherine
Thom Carley
Thomas Coates
Ann Culshaw
Carol Dlouhy
Jack Downs
JT Ellis
Mary Frazier
Leah Gartell
Sally Giglio
Andrew Gillis
Doty Gridley
Fred Gridley
Walter Grieb
John Grobelny
Agnes Guisto
Drew Halse
Patsy Hanson
David Hocking
Kate Hutchinson
David Johnson
Bobbie Juster
Fran Kassimis
Chloe Honda (Konsker)
Sandra King
Marla Koshgarian
Becky Lambert
Patricia Manzano
Bryan Masi
Linda McCann
Trey McGregor
Warren McHale
Bob McLennan
Gordon Mounts
Jack Neller
Gerry Nonken
Angela Orazietti
Shannon Peterson
Stephanie Pint
Kathy Reno
Riddle-Somers Family
Kinley Roby
Pamela Rose & Family
Bill Rumpf
Judy Siderio
Robert Stuart
Joanie Toren
Kevin Villalobos
Neida Villalobos
Anwyn Watts
Joan Whipple
Tommy White
Linda Wilkinson
Llewellyn Williams
Atilla Zolzseck

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.

30 Good Minutes with Children's Advocacy Center's CEO, Jackie Stephens

TODAY, 10:15 AM | GATES CHAPEL



Meet Jackie Stephens, CEO of the Children's Advocacy Center, who leads the organization with a vision of bringing services together so that every child who has experienced abuse receives safety, support, and an opportunity to heal. Pastor Mark Williams will interview Jackie about CAC's important work to protect, support, and advocate for children in our community.

Prospective Members Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet

DECEMBER 6, 12:15 PM | NELSON HALL 104

A time for visitors to meet our lay leaders and our ministers. Learn about our church history and theology. The session includes a question and answer period and provides information about joining when the time is right for you. Refreshments are served. Sign up in the Gathering Place with **Samantha Santarosa.**

Naples UCC Orientation for Everyone

DECEMBER 10, 4:00 PM | NELSON HALL 104

Curious about our church's history, ministries, and how we are organized? Join us for a fun and informative orientation. Open to everyone! Explore the story of Naples UCC, and meet the people that make our church thrive, enjoy a guided campus tour, and ask questions along the way. Space is limited to 20 participants. Sign up in the Gathering Place or email **Samantha Santarosa at samantha@naplesucc.org.**

Joining Sunday

DECEMBER 13, 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

We will have both private and public joining. Private joining will occur at 10:30 a.m. and public joining during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Those wishing to retain their membership with another 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.

Next Sunday

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2026
Rev. Sonja Phillips
"Wait and Hope"
Psalm 25: 1-5

Upcoming Ministry Events

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

TODAY

Bargain Box Donation Drop-Off
9:00 AM • November 22 Portico

Angel Tree
9 & 11 AM • November 22 Narthex

Children's Sunday School PK4-5TH
9:15 AM • November 22 Nelson Hall 202

Youth Sunday School 6TH-12TH
10:15 AM • November 22 Nelson Hall 201

30 Good Minutes with Jackie Stephens, CAC
10:15 AM • November 22 Gates Chapel

MONDAY

Mahjong
1:00 PM • November 23 Nelson Hall 103

Book Club
2:00 PM • November 23 Nelson Hall 104 / Zoom

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
7:00 PM • November 23 UUCGN

Youth Haven Game Night
7:00 PM • November 23 Youth Haven Campus

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM • November 23 Sanctuary

TUESDAY

Mahjong
2:00 PM • November 24 Nelson Hall 103

Naples UCC Themed Bingo
5:00 PM • November 24 McSpadden Hall

WEDNESDAY

Walk & Wonder
8:30 AM • November 25 Baker Park

Men's New Chapters Spirituality Group
10:30 AM • November 25 Nelson Hall 103

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Office Closed - Thanksgiving
November 26 & 27 Naples UCC

SUNDAY

Family Café
10:00 AM • November 29 Nelson Hall 201

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 8:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall 203. Please ask a deacon for directions.

Children's Sunday School — Join us in worship for the **Children's Message** during the 9 a.m. service. Children can then join Ms. Jeanne in Nelson Hall 201 for a program on Gratitude, following Psalm 107.

Youth Sunday School — Sunday morning gatherings for students 6-12th grade in Nelson Hall 201 at 10:15 a.m. 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.

Upcoming — **On November 29 at the 9:00 a.m. service, we'll make a joyful noise!** Our kids will sing during the Children's Message. Following worship, families are invited to a **Family Café** to celebrate the beginning of Advent and to share some food, fellowship, and holiday activities. Join us in Nelson Hall 201.

Bargain Box Adds Saturday Hours!

3906 Tamiami Trail East | Naples, Florida 34112

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

Good news! The Bargain Box is expanding its hours to include **Saturdays, beginning December 5.** You can now shop with us Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., **and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This expanded schedule is possible thanks to our wonderful volunteers who generously give their time to make it happen. Stop by and discover a great find. We look forward to seeing you!

Bargain Box and BOMO Welcome Children's Advocacy Center as New Mission Partner

November 22, during both services | Sanctuary

The Bargain Box and the Board of Mission and Outreach (BOMO) are pleased to celebrate their shared commitment to serving others through a grant to the **Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Collier County.**

COLLIERCAC improving the lives of abused children

CAC provides a coordinated response to severe cases of child abuse, including sexual and physical abuse and children exposed to violent crime. Its team supports investigations, assists with prosecution when warranted, and provides therapeutic care to help children and families begin to heal. More than 1,500 children and family members turn to CAC each year for safety and support.

This grant reflects the power of working together. **Bargain Box profits, made possible by generous shoppers and donors, along with contributions from Friends of the Bargain Box, provided the funding. BOMO contributed its time and thoughtful stewardship through research and careful evaluation of the organization.** Together, we put our faith into action, bringing compassion, hope, and support to some of our community's most vulnerable children.

Angel Tree

TODAY THROUGH DECEMBER 6 | NARTHEX



Our wonderful Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex today through December 6. **The gifts will go to the mothers who participate in the Baby Basics program here at Naples UCC, plus the teen parenting program at Immokalee and Collier County schools.**

Gifts should be wrapped with the Angel attached to the outside and returned to the church no later than December 6. Donations will also be gratefully accepted at any time (cash, credit card, check, or scan the QR code to donate now) to help purchase a Walmart gift certificate. Thank you in advance for your support!

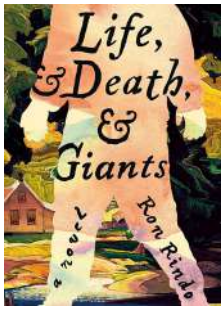
Scan the QR code to Donate Now

Mahjong

NOVEMBER 23, 1:00 PM | NELSON HALL 103
NOVEMBER 24, 2:00 PM | NELSON HALL 103



Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104 and Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Nelson Hall 101. Free. All are always welcome!



Naples UCC Book Club

NOVEMBER 23, 2:00PM | NELSON HALL 104 | ZOOM

This month's book will be, ***Life and Death and Giants* by Ron Rindo.** The discussion will be led by Jackie Kerlek. Anyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book! Can't join in person? Join by Zoom!

Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433 Passcode: book

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 23, 7:00 PM
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF GREATER NAPLES

Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida will be hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples (UUCGN), 6340 Napa Woods Way, Naples. Naples UCC will be participating in this important community offering. Please see their website for further details at https://swfinterfaith.org for more information.

Youth Haven Game Night

NOVEMBER 23, 7:00 PM | YOUTH HAVEN

Naples UCC volunteers create a memorable evening while interacting with the Youth Haven kids. Volunteers assist running children's games throughout the evening. If you would like to volunteer, reach out to Michele Carney at mcarney@shcmg.com or register in the Gathering Place on Sunday.

Naples UCC Themed Bingo

NOVEMBER 24, 5:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL



Join us for a fun time of Bingo, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Enjoy classic Bingo favorites alongside some new, holiday-themed patterns. Grab some popcorn, enjoy complimentary snacks and drinks, and spend time with friends. All ages are welcome!

Walk & Wonder

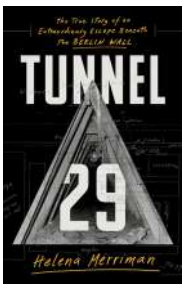
NOVEMBER 25, 8:30 AM | BAKER PARK



On November 25, 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 am.** 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.

Men's New Chapters Spirituality Group

NOVEMBER 25, 10:30 AM | NELSON HALL 103



Men's New Chapters meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This study, conversation, and fellowship group offers an opportunity to explore life, faith, and the human experience together.

This month, we will discuss ***Tunnel 29* by Helena Merriman**, the gripping true story of a daring escape beneath the Berlin Wall.

Join us for thoughtful conversation about our human condition and journeys of faith. Coffee and snacks will be available at 10:00 a.m. **For more information, contact Rich Kirschner at rdkirschner@gmail.com.**

Office Closed

NOVEMBER 26 AND 27, THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVATION

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27**, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish you and your loved ones a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

WISE for Mental Health

DECEMBER 1 , 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry



DECEMBER 1, 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 and 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.**

Holiday Trolley Tour



DECEMBER 1, 5:45 PM | NAPLES UCC PARKING LOT

Spots are going fast!

See the Christmas lights and leave the driving to us! Trolleys will depart from Naples UCC Parking lot at 5:45 p.m. and return at 9:00 p.m. Victoria Park will be our main tour, but if available, we will also see the lights at Mercato as well as 5th and 3rd Ave.
Tickets are $40 and must be purchased by November 29 or until sold out, whichever comes first.

Advent Wednesday Worship

DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16, 12:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us at noon on three Wednesdays in December for a special time of worship as we journey through Advent together. Each week, one of our pastors will share a message that speaks to the joys, challenges, and meaning of the Christmas season.

December 2 – God Makes Room | Pastor Mark Williams | Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano
December 9 – When Your Christmas Is Blue | Pastor Sonja Phillips | Sanctuary Choir
December 16 – Christmas Ain't Perfect | Pastor Mark Williams | Rachel Ostler, Violin
Come as you are, bring a friend, and make time to worship with us as we prepare for Christmas. All are welcome!

Harry Chapin Packing Days

DECEMBER 2, 8:00 AM | 3940 PROSPECT AVE. #101, NAPLES, FL 34104



Join Naples UCC volunteers for a fun day and help a worthy cause at the same time. Food Bank packing shifts are from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please register by scanning the QR code or in the Gathering Place on Sundays. **For more information contact Mike Conrad, at mikeconrad21@gmail.com.**

Habitat Build Day!

DECEMBER 5, 8:00 AM | LAS PALMAS
4170 BROKEN BACK RD. NAPLES, FL 34119

Join fellow Naples UCC members for a purposeful and fun day. No experience is needed and all abilities welcome! First time volunteers, please register by scanning the QR code or sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays.

To volunteer or for more information: Contact Judy Varty at 440-725-7720.



Christmas Concert



DECEMBER 6, 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Naples UCC invites the community to a joyful afternoon Christmas concert, filled with festive music and holiday cheer. The program will showcase the talents of the Sanctuary Choir and Lux Solis, the church's newest choral ensemble, performing a blend of sacred and secular carols. Adding to the fun, beloved holiday characters will make special appearances, making this a delightful celebration for all ages at Naples UCC.

Stewardship Weekly Update



Stewardship Status (as of 11-16-2026)	
Pledges	
Pledges Made	$1,990,557
Pledges Paid Year to Date	$1,712,288
Remaining to be Paid on Pledges	$278,269
To Meet Giving Budget	
Pledge Giving Year to Date	$1,712,288
Non-Pledged Giving Year to Date	$258,106
Total Giving Year to Date	$1,970,394
2026 Giving Budget	$2,300,000
Giving Needed to Meet Budget	$329,606

If you prefer to give online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device. Questions about your estimated giving? Please contact the church office at (239) 261 - 5469.

Naples UCC Christmas Supper

DECEMBER 6, 5:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

HO, HO, HO! Join us for Naples UCC's **Christmas Supper following Drs. Becky & Sasha's Christmas concert on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required by November 30** for an accurate meal count. Come with a festive spirit to enjoy the holiday together! **$25 per person; children and families are free!**

Questions? Call the church office at 239-261-5469.

Christmas Music Sunday



DECEMBER 13, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Come celebrate the season at our special Christmas Music Sunday featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra. This inspiring service will showcase beautiful Christmas carols interwoven with meaningful scripture and uplifting words. It is a joyful and moving worship experience you won't want to miss! Come and share in the wonder of the season!

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop



DECEMBER 16, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Celebrate the holiday season with a festive afternoon of creativity and fellowship! Enjoy delicious holiday cookies and coffee as you create your own beautiful holiday centerpiece to take home. It's a wonderful opportunity to get creative, share some laughs, and enjoy the company of friends. We look forward to celebrating the season with you! Register by December 9.



Come worship with Pastors Mark and Sonja, alongside the Naples UCC community, this Christmas Eve, December 24, 2026, in the Sanctuary. We will offer four services at 3:00, 6:00, 8:00, and 10:00 p.m., **with Javier Abreu providing music at all four services.**

Each service will conclude with a beautiful Candlelight Vigil.

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas!

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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