



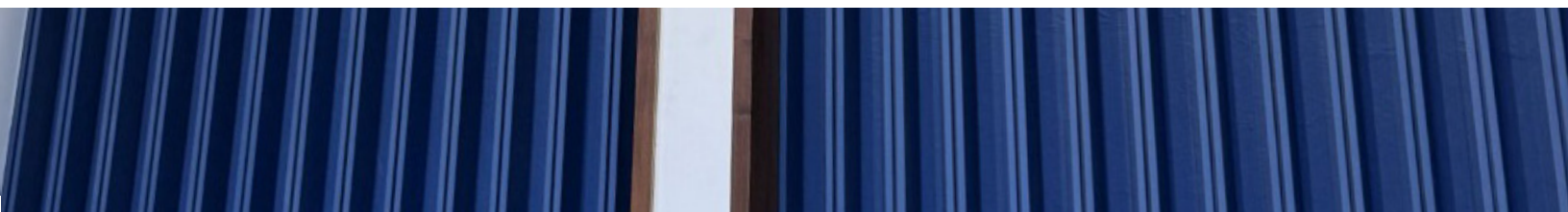
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 27, 2025 | 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

Day by Day

Martin How

Stephanie O'Neill, Angelina Sozio, and Madison Fullarton, soloists

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #9

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

DARWALL'S 148TH

INVOCATION

ALL: Ever present God, we seek and you offer. We ask and you give. We knock and you open the door. Through your Spirit, you pray within us, even when we cannot find words ourselves. Hear the requests of your people and in your goodness, you answer. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Our Father

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir • Cesar Perez, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer

René Clausen

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11: 1-13

Lyric Ingram

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



SERMON

Knock Knock Who's There?

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

OFFERTORY

Seek and You Will Find
Sanctuary Choir • Cesar Perez, piano

Sleeth / Lau

*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 #349

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Etude in c minor, Opus 10, No. 12
Cesar Perez, piano

F. Chopin



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. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music
Sanctuary Choir
Cesar Perez, piano
Stephanie O'Neill, Angelina Sozio,
and Madison Fullarton, soloists

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist — Producer
Yuliana Mercado, Production Specialist — Audio
Jacob Falco, Production Specialist — Video

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Deb Marini and Bob Marini

STEPHEN MINISTER: Molly Baker

PORTICO GREETER: Mike Book and Nancy Holcomb

USHERS: Sandy Terry (head), Christine Buol, Kathleen Devitt, Mary B. Fisher, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane, Bill Rumpf, and Roger Terry.

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Ray Gangl, Custodian

Throughout 2025, the ministry of our pianist Dr. Alexandra Carlson
has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This Sunday's Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lynda Gilbert in loving memory of Bruce Gilbert.

The single rose on the chancel today is given to the Glory of God
in celebration of the healthy arrival of Arlo Jackson Baker on July 22, 2025.

+ Kindly remain seated

NUCC Financial Results | June 2025

| | June 2025 | | Year to Date | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | This Year | | Last Year |
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| Revenue | | | | | |
| Current Year Giving | \$85,426 | 159,217 | \$1,182,986 | \$1,243,250 | \$1,254,477 |
| Other Revenue | 6,106 | 13,408 | 71,502 | 64,950 | 61,630 |
| Total Revenue | \$91,532 | \$172,625 | \$1,254,488 | \$1,308,200 | \$1,316,107 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Facilities & Utilities | \$6,460 | \$14,618 | \$87,056 | \$96,286 | \$71,372 |
| Financial & Insurance | 12,777 | 26,046 | 102,899 | 100,014 | 78,067 |
| Christian Education | 105 | 487 | 5,340 | 10,575 | 3,457 |
| Membership & Social | 1,415 | 1,517 | 6,253 | 9,100 | 6,050 |
| Deacons & Special Events | 1,900 | 1,192 | 8,391 | 7,350 | 7,313 |
| Ministers | 22,079 | 21,840 | 129,101 | 138,980 | 202,492 |
| Support Staff | 59,580 | 69,570 | 370,093 | 397,422 | 313,227 |
| Staff Services | 22,572 | 20,165 | 114,598 | 130,191 | 77,402 |
| Office & Technology | 6,837 | 7,816 | 59,443 | 46,894 | 65,589 |
| Music | 7,032 | 8,821 | 52,642 | 73,513 | 72,414 |
| Mission & Ministry Outreach | 0 | 13,100 | 5,169 | 36,600 | 3,946 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$140,757 | \$185,172 | \$940,986 | \$1,046,924 | \$901,330 |
| Operating Surplus/(Loss) | (\$49,225) | (\$12,547) | \$313,502 | \$261,276 | \$414,777 |

Bargain Box

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sales | \$18,198 | \$22,000 | \$184,782 | \$182,000 | \$169,615 |
| Expenses | 21,496 | 22,071 | 136,294 | 139,805 | 141,824 |
| Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss) | (\$3,298) | (\$71) | \$48,488 | \$42,195 | \$27,789 |

Note: The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$9,341 in June and \$147,812 year to date.

Clothing Donations Needed This Summer!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to give back during the summer months? The Bargain Box is in urgent need of clothing donations—and we'd love your help!

Here's how you can make a difference:

Donate Gently Used Clothing.

We are especially in need of men's and women's clothing in all sizes. Women's purses and handbags are also in high demand!

Summer is our slowest season for donations, and we can't do it without your support. Whether you're donating clothes or spreading the word, you're making a real impact in our community.

Donations can be dropped off in the shed on the NUCC campus or directly at The Bargain Box store: 3906 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112. To learn more, contact George at george@bargainboxnaples.com (239) 262-3802.



WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

Children & Youth Ministry



SUNDAYS —We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! Regular Sunday morning activities for children 4 years and older take place during the school year. Children are encouraged to come forward for the *Time with Children*, then go to Sunday school with Ms. Jeannie. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. **During the months of June and July our children will worship with us. Regular children's programs resume in August.** Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events.

NURSERY CARE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER! — Nursery care for infants through 4 years old is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203 (the building across the Gathering Place). Please sign in with our nursery staff. Our former space located next to the sanctuary is still available to you as a Wiggle Room. Feel free to utilize that space if you wish to stay with your child.

SPLASH! CHILDREN & YOUTH — SPLASH! and Children & Youth Choir will resume in the fall. We meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Join us for faith-filled activities, music, games, and snacks with Ms. Jeannie. Rehearsal for the children/youth choir with Dr. Becky begins at 4:45 p.m. in Beverly Hall.



Social Soirée

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 4 PM, OFF CAMPUS

Looking for some summer fun with your Church family? Our next Social Soirée will take place at **The Hampton Social in Mercato** (9114 Strada Pl, Naples, FL 34108). Membership is not necessary to attend this event. Please feel free to bring all your friends and family. We hope to see you there! Sign up in the Gathering Place or by calling the Church office at (239) 261-5469.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet

Curious? Join us August 10

A time to learn, ask questions and meet the leadership and the senior minister. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 10:00 a.m. service, in Nelson Hall, room 104. Enjoy free refreshments!

Joining Sunday Opportunity

Become a member on August 24

You may join either publicly or privately. Public joining will occur during the 10:00 a.m. service. For additional information, find Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place today or email her at membership@naplesucc.org.



UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • July 27 📍 Sanctuary

MONDAY



Cancelled: Men's New Chapters

10:30 AM • July 28 📍 N-101



Mahjong

1:00 PM • July 28 📍 N-101



NUCC Book Club

2:00 PM • July 28 📍 N-104

TUESDAY



Social Soiree

4:00 PM • July 29 📍 Off Campus

WEDNESDAY



Cancelled: Gentle Yoga with Jodi

4:00 PM • July 30 📍 N-104

Next Sunday

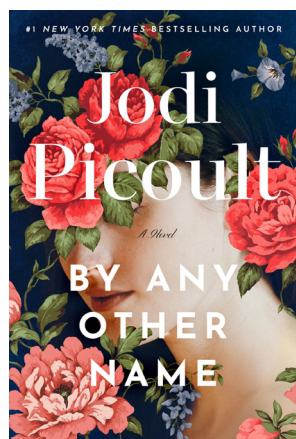
Sunday, August 3, 2025

Worship Service | 10 AM

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, preaching

Luke 12: 13-21

Future Provision



NUCC Summer Book Club

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2 PM, N-104 & ZOOM

Our Summer Book Club continues with a book titled *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult. Moving between Elizabethan England and modern-day Manhattan, *By Any Other Name* is a beautifully written, compelling novel that explores the theme of identity and the ways in which two women, centuries apart, are both forced to hide behind another name. Jodi Picoult is a prolific American novelist who has published more than 28 novels and short stories, selling around 40 million copies worldwide. We welcome all for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the book! **Not in town? We invite you to join us on Zoom.** Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433, Passcode: book

Men's New Chapters

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 10:30 AM, N-101

The group will not meet on Monday July 28, but will reconvene on Monday August 4. Please contact Rich Kirschner for details at rdkirschner@gmail.com.

New Summer Offering: Gentle Yoga with Jodi

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 6 THROUGH AUGUST 20, 4 PM, N-104

Join certified Yoga Instructor, Jodi again on Wednesday August 6 for a peaceful hour of Gentle Yoga designed to help release stress, restore balance, and reconnect with your inner calm. This class is open to all levels, whether you're brand new to yoga or returning to your practice. The class takes place every Wednesday, August 6 through August 20. A chair will be available for those who prefer or need added support but please be sure to bring your own mat. This is a free offering of fellowship and wellness open to all—members and friends alike. Please register in the Gathering Space or by calling the church office at (239) 261-5469. We look forward to moving and breathing together. Namaste.

Backpack Blessing

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 10 AM, SANCTUARY

Parents and guardians, we invite you and your children to be part of a beloved NUCC tradition, our Backpack Blessing during 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 10. As we prepare for a new school year, children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church for a special blessing—a meaningful moment to surround them with love, encouragement, and prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Agnew

Joyce Asmus

Lilibet Bana

Meb Bergwall

Thom Carley

Pam Clayson

Thomas Coates

Carol Dlouhy

Jack Downs

Sally Giglio

Linda Golle

Fred and Doty Gridley

Walter Grieb

David Johnson

Irma Johnson

Merline Kovacik

Dudley Lyons

Gordon Mounts

Betty Mounts

Gerry Nonken

Kathleen Puffenberger

Susan Pyke

Jennifer Rainey

Doris Raymond

Gabrielle Emily Ridout

Judy Siderio

Jan Stowell

Barbara Swidler

Joanie Toren

Mo Winograd

Ken Yamashita

Atila Zolcsak

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.



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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