

Naples United Church of Christ

November 23, 2025 | 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.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

PRELUDE Jubilate Deo

Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

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*OPENING HYMN #721

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

INVOCATION

ALL: Loving and generous God, you are the font of every blessing, the source of all we have. Your breath gives us life, your love gives us courage and strength, healing and compassion. You care for us like a loving parent and feed our spirits, our minds, and our bodies. We thank you for your abundance. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN (9 AM)

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Grateful

John Bucchino

Angelina Sozio, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Psalm 100 Pamela Jimenez

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

SERMON A Posture of Gratitude

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

OFFERTORY Psalm 100

Caleb French

Sanctuary Choir • Sean Stollicker, tambouri



*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 #726

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, organ

Karg-Elert



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 & Children's Education Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music Cynthia Dallas, guest pianist Sean Stollicker, percussion Sanctuary Choir

Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter Josh Sanchez, Production Specialist - Video Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

9 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Janet Nacu GREETERS: Mary Lee Turk & Jane Barry

USHERS: Roger Terry (Head), Carol Berglund, Jim Borden, Bob Brown, Christine Buol, Hugh Clark, Kathleen Devitt and

Bill Rumpf

11 AM

STEPHEN MINISTER: Carole Russell GREETERS: Allison Doriss and Stuart Doriss

USHERS: Bill Rumpf (Head), Bill Durell, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane, Sally Pendleton, Allison McCarthy, Joe Rickard, Hank

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

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! Regular Sunday morning activities for children 4 years and older take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Children are encouraged to come forward for the *Time with Children*, then go to **Sunday School** with Ms. Jeanne. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events.

NURSERY CARE — 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! — Canceled due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Students 6-12th grade are invited to meet each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall room 200 for our Sunday morning gathering. Come enjoy fellowship time with friends as we explore discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus today.

Become an Usher or Greeter!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve your church family? We are inviting volunteers to help usher or greet at the Narthex doors. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all who enter and be a part of creating a spirit of hospitality in our worship space. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the congregation, your presence and smile can make a big difference!

If you're interested, please contact:

Roger Terry -rogerterry 1@gmail.com

Jennifer Rainey – raineyjmd@yahoo.com

Worship on Wednesday

WEDNESDAYS — DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 12:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us each Wednesday at noon throughout advent as we journey together toward Christmas in quiet reflection and prayer. These midweek sermons offer a moment of stillness and spiritual renewal in the midst of a busy season—an opportunity to listen, breathe, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We will explore the series, "The Three Women of Christmas." We start with Mary (Luke 1:26–38) titled, "Hope Inside a Mess." God birthed hope out of a messy situation, and Mary's willingness to embrace the unknown helped bring hope into the world. We invite you to join us for Worship on Wednesday as we reflect, pray, and continue through Advent together.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS **Upcoming Events**

Informational Meet & Greet

December 7, 12:15 PM | N-104

A time to learn, ask questions, and meet our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 11:00 AM service in Nelson Hall, room 104. Sign up with Samantha in the Gathering Place.

Joining Sunday Opportunity

Let's make it official! Join us December 14

You may join either publicly or privately. Those wishing to retain a membership in a northern church are invited to join as Associate Members. Public joining will occur during the 11:00 a.m. service. For additional information, see Samantha in the Gathering Place or contact her at samantha@naplesucc.org

Seasonal in Naples?

Become an Associate Member

At Naples UCC, we offer an Associate Membership for our seasonal visitors who wish to also retain their membership in a Northern church. Our Associate Membership offers all the same rights and privileges as our full membership. We have Joining Sundays each month during season. You may join either publicly or privately. For more information, see Samantha in the Gathering Place or email her at samantha@naplesucc.org.

Town Hall: Minister Search

NOVEMBER 30, 10:15 AM | N-207

Join us for a brief town hall at 10:15am in Nelson Hall, Room 207 where the search committee will share updates on the minister search process. They will provide a summary of progress and goals as they work to interview candidates for our new Associate Minister of Congregational Care.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY

NAPLES UNITED What's New w/ Affordable Housing

🚞 10:15 AM • November 23 👂 McSpadden



MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM November 24
 N-101



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NUCC Book Club

 November 24
 N-104 **⇒** 2:00 PM

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ₩ 7:00 PM

November 24 Sanctuary



OFF-SITE Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

 November 24
 Christus Victor 7:00 PM



Youth Haven Game Night

₩ 7:00 PM November 24
 Youth Haven

WEDNESDAY



Walk & Wonder - Baker Park

8:30 AM • November 26 • Baker Park

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Men's New Chapters-Cancelled

November 26

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

No Splash (Thanksgiving Holiday)

THURSDAY

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NUCC Closed for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY

NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NUCC Closed for Thanksgiving



Caregivers Support Group- Cancelled

• November 28

SUNDAY



Town Hall: Minister Search

10:15 AM

• November 30 ♀ N-207

Next Sunday

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Rev. Jim Moseley Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44 "Great Expectations"

30 Good Minutes - Rev. Lisa Lefkow & Pastor Mark

TODAY, 10:15 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County Rev. Lisa Lefkow who will be interviewed by Rev. Dr. Mark Williams as part of a special edition of our "30 Good Minutes" series. The quest for more affordable housing in Collier County continues to evolve, and Rev. Lefkow plans to update us all on current issues, trends, and plans in our community. This event is sponsored by our Justice Committee.



Walk & Wonder

NOVEMBER 26, 8:30 AM | BAKER PARK

Join members and friends for fellowship, prayer and walking in nature. The Walk and Wonder group eagerly welcomes family members, friends and especially newcomers to the NUCC community. On Wednesday, November 26, 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. 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.



Being Intentionally Invitational and Welcoming

As many people are now returning to Naples for the season, this is an ideal opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to an NUCC event. Check your copy of NEXT for an event they might enjoy. Perhaps a mission, educational or music related opportunity. Or, invite them to a service where they will discover exceptional music, powerful preaching and meaningful worship.

Blue Christmas Service

DECEMBER 4, 6 PM | BEVERLY

Our Blue Christmas worship service is for anyone who is having a hard time during the Christmas season. Join us in Beverly Hall for a contemplative evening with prayer, music, scripture, and reflections. This worship service is offered by Rev. Jim Moseley and our WISE for Mental Health ministry.

Christmas Concert with Drs. Becky, Sasha & Friends

DECEMBER 7, 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Join Dr. Becky & Dr. Sasha and friends for a joyful celebration of your favorite sacred and secular Christmas tunes. Perfect for the whole family with a few delightful surprises. An offering will be collected for one of our mission partners. Following the concert, all are invited to participate in supper together in McSpadden Hall.



NUCC Christmas Supper

DECEMBER 7, 5:30 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

HO, HO! Join us for NUCC's Christmas Supper following Drs. Becky, Sasha & Friends Christmas concert on December 7 at 5:30 pm. There will be a charge of \$10 at the door for adults to defray the meal cost, but kids 12 & under are free. Pre-Registration is required by 11/30/25 for an accurate meal count. Donations will be accepted for the Advent Mission Group. Come with a festive spirit to enjoy the holiday together! Please pay by card or check in advance, or with cash at the door. For questions, please call the church office at (239) 261-5469.





PRAYER LIST

Jo Armstrong
Lilibet Bana
Carol Berglund
Thom Carley
Colleen Clark
Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Allison Doriss
Jack Downs
Sally Giglio
Jim Gilmore
Janet Goodhart
Doty Gridley

Fred Gridley
Walter Grieb
John Henry
Kate Hutchinson
David Johnson
William Jones
Marla Koshgarian
Stew Lambert
Tony Loring
Bob McLennan
Gordon Mounts
Betty Mounts
Jack Neller

Ryan Pehrson
Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Judy Siderio
Kyra Spurgeon
Jack Studley
Joanie Toren
Mickey Winograd
Ken Yamashita
Atila Zolcsak
Ken Yamashita

Gerry Nonken

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Haven Game Night

NOVEMBER 24, 7 PM | YOUTH HAVEN

Join NUCC volunteers in creating a memorable evening while interacting with Youth Haven kids. On Monday from 7 to 8 p.m.; please arrive at 6:30 p.m. Run children's games with Youth Haven kids. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday or contact Michele Carney, at mcarney@shcmg. com. (Youth Haven, 5867 Whitaker Rd, Naples, FL)



Habitat for Humanity **Build Day**

DECEMBER 6, 8 AM | HABITAT DEVELOPMENT

Join fellow NUCC members for a purposeful and fun day. No experience is needed and all abilities welcome! Come from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. First time volunteers, please register at https://vhub.at/nucc/ or sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays. For more information contact Judy Varty at judyvarty@gmail.com. (10405 Majestic Circle, Naples)



Grace Place Food Pantry

DECEMBER 5, 12:30 PM | GRACE PLACE

Join NUCC members for a fun afternoon and help serve families in need. Come Friday, December 5 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Help with setup, food distribution and clean up. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday or contact Sara Morgan, at saramorgan644@gmail.com. (Grace Place, 4300 21 st Ave SW, Naples, FL)



Cans for Communion

DECEMBER 7, 9 AM | PORTICO

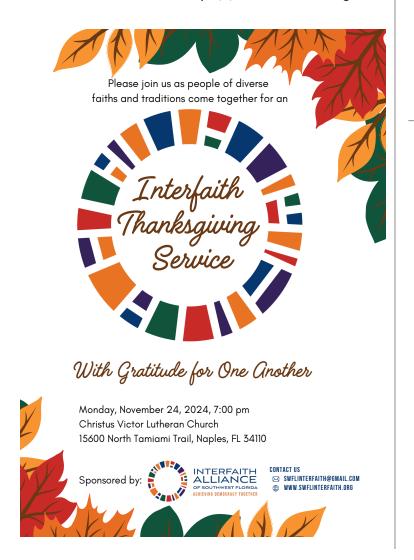
Cans for Communion collection continues! Donations of nonperishable food items help support our mission partner - Grace Place. We are spotlighting GRANOLA BARS & CANNED VEGETABLES this month, however ALL donations are greatly appreciated. Do some bulk shopping or pickup items on the weekly BOGO list or donate from your pantry, but be sure to check those expiration dates! If you are interested in volunteering with collection on the first Sunday of each month, please sign up in the Gathering Place or call the Church office.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

NOVEMBER 24, 7 PM | CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interfaith Alliance of Southwest Florida will be hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. Please see their website for more details: https://swflinterfaith.org



Harry Chapin Food Packing

DECEMBER 3, 8:30 AM | HARRY CHAPIN

Join NUCC volunteers for a fun day and help a worthy cause at the same time. Come participate in this Food Bank Packing Day on Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12 to 3 p.m. Please register at https://www.volgistics.com/appform/754780826 or sign up in the Gathering Place on Sundays. For more information contact Mike Conrad, at mikeconrad21@gmail.com. (Harry Chapin, 3940 Prospect Ave, Naples, FL).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

DECEMBER 2, 1 PM | PARLOR

Please join us as we faithfully 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.



Caregivers Support Group

NOVEMBER 28 | CANCELLED

The Caregiver's Support Group **will not be meeting** on November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. You remain in our thoughts & prayers and count your support as a blessing in the life of the church. The group will **resume** Friday, **December 12**. Hope to see you then, and consider bringing a friend who may need support too! For more info, contact Joan Millon at joanmillon6@gmail.com.



Wise Education Program

DECEMBER 2, 11:00 AM | N-104

Come learn about our WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) program at NUCC. Our meeting is held every first Tuesday of the month at 11 am. We will discuss issues concerning mental health in our society and our families, and how these issues affect the NUCC congregation. WISE provides education and training on how to deal with mental health issues whether it is a family member or in our community. Not here? Join by Zoom at Meeting ID: 843 4648 4094, Passcode: WISE For any questions, please contact Rob Ford at bobford47@aol.com or call the Church office.

Angel Tree

Our wonderful Angel Tree will be in the **Narthex today**. The gifts will go to the babies and families who participate in the Baby Basics program here at NUCC plus the teen parenting program at Immokalee and Collier County schools:

Stop by and pick up an Angel: it will have the gender and age of a child as well as a gift suggestion.

Gifts should be wrapped with the Angel attached to the outside and **returned to the church on or before November 30**. Donations will also be gratefully accepted (cash, credit card, or check) for a grocery gift certificate to accompany the gift. Checks can be made out to "Naples UCC" with "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

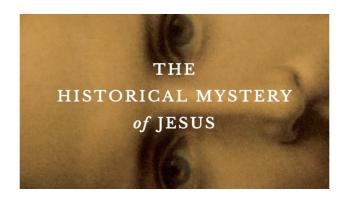
Thank you in advance for your support.



Men's New Chapters

NOVEMBER 26 | CANCELLED

Men's New Chapters meeting will not be held on Nov 26th to allow everyone to spend the time with their family and friends for the Thanksgiving week. The meeting will reconvene on Dec 3rd. Enjoy all!



Mahjong MONDAYS, 1 PM | NELSON 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 - 3 p.m. in Nelson Hall. Free, and all are always welcome!



NUCC Financials

NUCC Financial Results October 2025

October 2025								
			Year to Date					
	October 2025		This Year		Last Year			
Revenue	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual			
Current Year Giving	\$121,136	206,733	\$1,747,916	\$1,801,532	\$1,794,138			
Other Revenue	35,220	14,075	163,750	145,250	165,566			
Total Revenue	\$156,356	\$220,808	\$1,911,665	\$1,946,782	\$1,959,704			
Expenses								
Facilities & Utilities	\$13,779	\$14,618	\$144,666	\$160,476	\$144,464			
Financial & Insurance	39,485	35,113	173,068	194,151	153,261			
Christian Education	138	487	7,844	12,525	5,245			
Membership & Social	2,197	1,517	13,963	15,167	12,281			
Deacons & Special Events	652	1,192	10,301	13,117	14,088			
Ministers	33,182	35,499	238,784	280,977	342,411			
Support Staff	59,430	65,570	608,291	659,704	520,406			
Staff Services	26,208	20,165	194,567	216,988	138,301			
Office & Technology	9,268	7,816	87,358	78,156	90,726			
Music	14,577	18,374	87,441	115,277	100,560			
Mission & Ministry Outreach	720	600	18,577	66,500	14,863			
Total Operating Expenses	\$199,636	\$200,951	\$1,584,861	\$1,813,037	\$1,536,607			
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	(\$43,281)	\$19,859	\$326,805	\$133,745	\$423,096			

Bargain Box

Sales	\$21,587	\$23,000	\$256,088	\$254,000	\$238,198
Expenses	17,327	22,227	252,595	257,883	227,817
Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)	\$4,259	\$773	\$3,493	(\$3,883)	\$10,381

Note: The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$29,172 in October and \$224,393 year to date.

Stewardship Status (as of 11-17-2025)

Pledges						
Pledges Made	\$1,903,804					
Pledges Paid Year to Date	\$1,571,133					
Remaining to be Paid on Pledges	\$332,671					
To Meet Giving Budget						
Pledge Giving Year to Date	\$1,571,133					
Non-Pledged Giving Year to Date	\$395,512					
Total Giving Year to Date	\$1,966,645					
2024 Giving Budget	\$2,215,000					
Giving Needed to Meet Budget	\$248,355					



Grief Group 2026

JANUARY 15, 1:00 PM | PARLOR

Join members and friends for an eight week Grief Group starting January 15 at 1 p.m. This group, facilitated by Pastor Jim Moseley and our Stephen Ministers offers confidential, mutual support to anyone grieving a loved one. The loss can be recent or not. Participants are encouraged to commit to the full eight weeks and register in advance.

Please contact Leigh Hindman for more information and to register at 239 290-9936 or Ldavis 1239@ yahoo.com

NUCC Book Club

NOVEMBER 24, 2 PM | N-104



This month's book will be, "Finding Margaret Fuller" by Allison Pataki. The discussion will be led by Kate Butler and Candy Nordland. Anyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book!

Join in person or by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433

Passcode: book



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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