



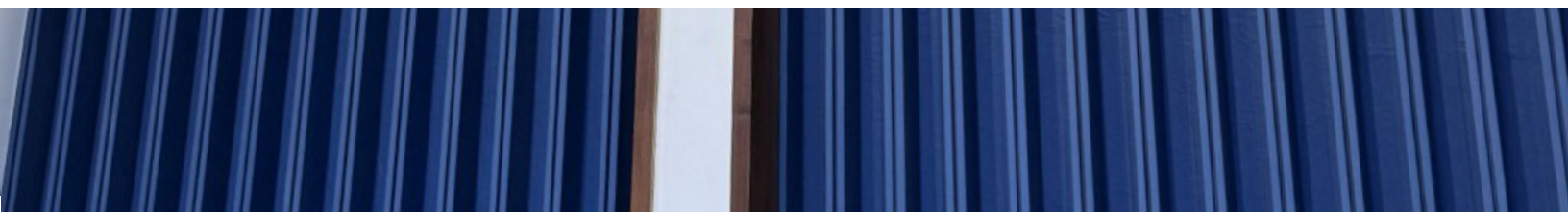
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 24, 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

Be Okay

Lauren Daigle

Rebecca Richardson, soloist • Dan Heck, bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #638

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

CANONBURY

INVOCATION

ALL: God of renewal and hope, open our eyes to what might be different today. Refresh our tired ways of being and thinking. Reinvigorate our attitudes. Strengthen our steps. Heal us in our places of brokenness so that through the power of your Spirit we might be made whole. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams and Roger Terry, Deacon Co-Chair

All: We, the members of Naples United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. We promise, with God's help, to walk with you in Christian love, to aid you as we can, and to bind ourselves together in the common task of building here upon this earth the realm of god.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

People Need the Lord

Arr. Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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

Luke 13: 10-17

Mary Fisher

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from



the manger, and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

SERMON

Set Free

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

OFFERTORY

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

Chris Tomlin

Rebecca Richardson, soloist • Dan Heck, bass

*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 #628

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BREAS

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Here Comes the Sun

The Beatles

Rebecca Richardson, soloist • Dan Heck, bass



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

Dr. Alexandra Carlson, pianist

Sanctuary Choir

Rebecca Richardson, soloist

Dan Heck, bass

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist — Producer

Owen True, Production Specialist — Audio

Christian Pyles, Production Specialist — Video

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Kathleen Devitt

STEPHEN MINISTER: Jean Lemmon

PORTICO GREETER: Deb and Bob Marini

USHERS: Hank Temple (Head), Christine Buol, Bill Durell, Becky Earney, Mary Fisher, Jane Lane, Bill Rumpf, Roger Terry

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator, Raymond Gangl, Custodian, and Jill Golle, Director of Community Life & Programs

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 by Ed Kaulbars and Cheryl Turner in loving memory of their grandson, Garrett Kaulbars.

+ Kindly remain seated

NUCC Financial Results | July 2025

	July 2025		Year to Date		
			This Year		Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue					
Current Year Giving	\$186,315	129,683	\$1,369,301	\$1,372,933	\$1,462,351
Other Revenue	13,826	9,408	85,329	74,358	70,968
Total Revenue	\$200,141	\$139,091	\$1,454,630	\$1,447,291	\$1,533,319
Expenses					
Facilities & Utilities	\$17,715	\$17,478	\$104,772	\$113,763	\$92,524
Financial & Insurance	34,219	60,113	137,118	160,127	110,567
Christian Education	783	487	6,123	11,062	3,505
Membership & Social	183	1,517	6,436	10,617	6,586
Deacons & Special Events	0	1,192	8,391	8,542	7,713
Ministers	27,259	35,499	156,360	174,479	236,204
Support Staff	57,191	65,570	427,284	462,993	363,411
Staff Services	22,691	20,165	137,289	150,356	89,613
Office & Technology	6,974	7,816	66,417	54,709	71,252
Music	8,900	7,797	61,543	81,309	77,235
Mission & Ministry Outreach	0	600	5,169	37,200	4,429
Total Operating Expenses	\$175,915	\$218,234	\$1,116,900	\$1,265,157	\$1,063,037
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	\$24,227	(\$79,143)	\$337,730	\$182,134	\$470,282

Bargain Box

Sales	\$15,485	\$15,000	\$200,268	\$197,000	\$186,839
Expenses	23,598	21,916	159,892	161,721	163,472
Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)	(\$8,113)	(\$6,914)	\$40,376	\$35,279	\$23,367

Note: The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$14,009 in July and \$161,822 year to date.

Submissions for the Bargain Box 50th Anniversary

As we approach the celebration of The Bargain Box's 50th Anniversary scheduled for Sunday, October 12, **we are looking for photos or archival materials (flyers, advertisements, etc.) that could be used in a video presentation.** When submitting photos, any identification of the individuals or events depicted would be helpful. If you have pictures or other material you feel might be suitable for inclusion in the video, please drop them off at the church office with a note. You may also reach out to Yuli Mercado, at yuli@naplesucc.org to discuss the best way to submit your materials.

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. 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! — *SPLASH!* will resume on Wednesday, September 3 and meet weekly on Wednesdays thereafter. Snacks in Nelson Hall will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. for those interested, and our program time will be between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Join us for faith-filled activities, music, games, and snacks with Ms. Jeannie.



“RE:FORM” ENCOUNTER & ENGAGE WITH YOUR FAITH — Beginning in September, students 6-12th grade will meet each week on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 200, as we continue to explore our faith and fellowship together!

Road Trip: Sunday School Camp

SUNDAYS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 10-11:15 AM, N-207



Enjoy bible stories, awesome songs, crafts, games and food! This startup camp for elementary students offers engaging music, crafts, games and skits to explore the Big Idea. **This week's Big Idea for Road Trip is: "God Is With Us When We Go Off Course"** All children PreK – 5th grade are welcome – bring a friend!

Youth are encouraged to come and help with skits, games, and more! Please contact Ms. Jeannie at jeanne@naplesucc.org if you'd like to help (and earn volunteer hours) or register.

People for Guatemala Needs Toothbrushes!

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 5, DROP-OFF IN THE SANCTUARY

We need your help! Our mission partner, People for Guatemala, is in need of toothbrushes. Please bring new toothbrushes in their original packaging to church through October 5. **We want an assortment of child and adult sizes.** The NUCC mission team will bring the toothbrushes to Guatemala on October 12, when they start their week-long mission trip. You can deposit the toothbrushes in a bin that has been placed at the entrance of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support!



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Upcoming Events

Informational Meet & Greet

Curious? Join us October 5

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

Let's make it official! Join us October 19

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 samantha@naplesucc.org.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Road Trip: Sunday School Kick-Off Camp

10:00 AM • August 24 📍 N-207



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • August 24 📍 Sanctuary

MONDAY



Men's New Chapters

10:30 AM • August 25 📍 N-101/Zoom



Mahjong

1:00 PM • August 25 📍 N-101



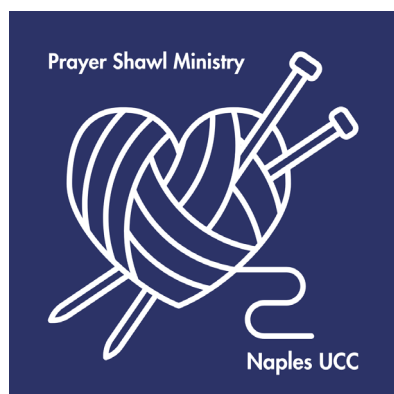
NUCC Book Club

2:00 PM • August 25 📍 N-104

To view all our upcoming events and ways to connect, visit our **Online Church Calendar** at www.NaplesUCC.org

Prayer Shawl Update

Prayer Shawl gatherings will take a Summer break and resume on Tuesday, October 7. Contact Janet Goodhart at (610) 420-7196 for questions and to learn more about this group.



Next Sunday

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Worship Service | 10 AM

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, preaching

Intentionally Invitational

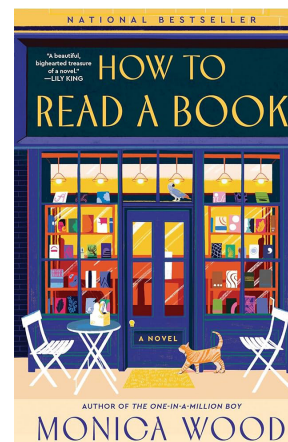
Luke 14: 7-14

Erica Aichholz, soloist

NUCC Book Club

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2PM, N-104/ZOOM

The book chosen this month is ***How to Read a Book: A Novel*** by Monica Wood. We welcome all for a lively discussion, even if you have not read the book! Join us on Monday, August 25, at 2 p.m. in N-104. Not in town? Please join us on Zoom! Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433, Passcode: book



Welcome Janine to NUCC!



Welcome Janine Rahaim to the NUCC Team who will be serving as our new full time receptionist. Janine brings a 12-year career in the hospitality industry that has included management, sales, and coordinating promotional events. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Iowa State University. Previously, she served as church secretary for First United Methodist Church in Clermont, Florida. Originally born in South Central Pennsylvania.

Janine came to Florida with her late husband, George, and raised her daughter, Ashley, in the Orlando area. Ashley is currently an attorney in Miami, Florida. Janine has been an active volunteer in many different facets of the community. She has been a Master Gardener, volleyball coach, girl scout leader, cheer parent coordinator, homeroom mom, school reading coordinator, President of Naples Newcomers South, and a board member of Naples Elks Lodge 2010. Janine has lived in Florida for 30 years, seven of which have been in Naples. Come by and introduce yourself soon!

Donate an Anthem!

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. Please contact Director of Music, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, at becky@naplesucc.org to learn more about donating an anthem today! It is the gift that keeps on giving. The ministry of music is grateful for your gift.



PRAYER LIST

JoAnn Aycock
Joyce Agnew
Lilibet Bana
Kathy C.
Thom Carley
Colleen Clark
Pam Clayson
Robert & Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Neil Constantine
Carol Dlouhy
Jack Downs
Mary Ann Eberspacher

Sally Giglio
Linda Golle
Fred and Doty Gridley
Walter Grieb
David Johnson
Irma Johnson
Kristi K.
Merline Kovacik
Stew Lambert
Bill Livingood
Dudley Lyons
Gordon Mounts
Betty Mounts

Gerry Nonken
Susan Pyke
Susan Richards
Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Judy Siderio
Kyra Spurgeon
Barbara Swidler
Joanie Toren
Mo Winograd
Ken Yamashita
Atila Zolcsak
Kim Z.

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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