



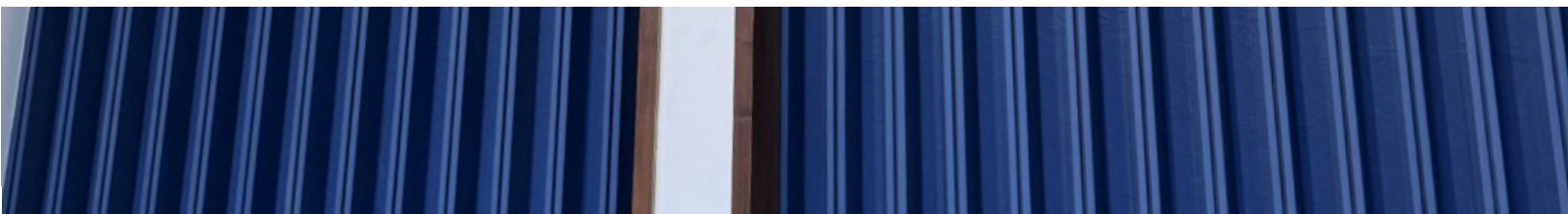
NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 23, 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

Up to the Mountain

Patty Griffin

Rebecca Richardson, Piano and Vocal • Dan Heck, Bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

O Christ, the Great Foundation (From the Glory to God Hymnal)

AURELIA

1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
2 Bap - tized in one con-fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
where in - no - cents are fright-ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham-pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven-ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
and, all their ram-parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.



INVOCATION

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

ALL: God of Creation, we desire to relate to You and to each other more fully, so that we might draw into the depths of Your love, first glimpsed at creation, when Your voice called us and the earth forth out of darkness into Your light. Continue to call us, guide us and lead us into this world and beyond. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams & Jen Rainey, Co-Chair Board of Deacons

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Grace

David L. Brunner

Grace Bigelow, Stephanie O'Neill, Pamela Jimenez, Rebecca Richardson,
Erasly Isalgue and Madison Fullarton, Soloists

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Journey of Faith
Sanctuary Choir

Joseph Martin

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 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

SERMON

Holy Envy

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

New Britain

Rebecca Richardson, Piano and Vocal • Dan Heck, Bass

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER 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 #326

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Here Comes the Sun

The Beatles

Rebecca Richardson, Piano and Vocal • 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

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music

Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist

Sanctuary Choir

Stephanie O'Neill, Soloist

Grace Bigelow, Soloist

Pamela Jimenez, Soloist

Erasly Isalgue, Soloist

Madison Fullarton, Soloist

Rebecca Richardson, Soloist and Pianist

Dan Heck, Bass

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Producer

Clayton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio

Lincoln Townsend, Production Specialist - Video

Christian Pyles, Production Specialist - Video

Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter

STEPHEN MINISTER: Carole Fray

WELCOMERS: Nancy Harper and Judy Varty

USHERS: Jennifer Rainey (Head usher), Ronnie Bellone, Bill Durell, Mary Fisher, Jane Lane, Hank Temple, Bill Rumpf, and Barb Wolf.

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Kathleen Devitt

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: John Greer, Fellowship Support | Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager |
Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator & 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 by Bob Morse
in loving memory of Suzanne Priebe Williamson.

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 memberships, 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!

Office Closed AM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | NAPLES UCC

Our church office will be closed Tuesday morning for a staff meeting and will reopen at 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding!

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

TODAY



Snowball Mountain Challenge - Children's Camp

10:00 AM • August 23 📍 Nelson Hall 207



Section Leader Rehearsal

11:15 AM • August 23 📍 Sanctuary

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • August 24 📍 Nelson Hall 103



NUCC Book Club

2:00 PM • August 24 📍 Nelson Hall 104/Zoom

TUESDAY



Staff Retreat - Office Closed AM

8:30 AM • August 25 📍 Naples UCC

WEDNESDAY



Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM • August 26 📍 Sanctuary

Next Sunday

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

"The Blunder Before the Bush"

Exodus 2: 11-15 and Exodus 3: 1-4

PRAYER LIST

Denise Acampa
Lilibet Bana
Cathleen Boeck
Mary Catherine
Thom Carley
Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Ann Culshaw
Carol Dlouhy
Jack Downs
JT Ellis
Mary Frazier
Leah Gartell

Sally Giglio
Richard Gilbert
Andrew Gillis
Doty Gridley
Fred Gridley
Walter Grieb
Patsy Hanson
David Hocking
Kate Hutchinson
David Johnson
William Jones
Bobbie Juster
Chloe Honda (Konsker)

Marla Koshgarian
Sue Lindbloom
Patricia Manzano
Nancy Maxwell
Sam McCullough
Trey McGregor
Bob McLennan
Gordon Mounts
Jack Neller
Gerry Nonken
Shannon Peterson
Kathy Reno
Riddle-Somers Family

Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Kinley Roby
Pamela Rose & Family
Fred Schneeberg
Judy Siderio
Darrel Siebert
Louise Taylor
Joanie Toren
Anwyn Watts
Llewellyn Williams

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.

Make-A-Will Month



August is Make-A-Will Month, a timely reminder to reflect on the legacy you leave behind. As you plan for the future, consider including Naples UCC in your estate plans through Steeple Fellowship. Your generosity can help sustain the mission and ministry of our church for generations to come.

For more information about Steeple Fellowship, contact **Bruce Flessner** at bwflessner@gmail.com or call the church office at 239-261-5469. The United Church of Christ is also offering a free will-writing tool throughout August to help you create or update your will, visit: <https://partner.freewill.com/ucc>

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL — Snowball Mountain Challenge is underway! Children are continuing a fun-filled Sunday morning camp experience where they grow in faith through music, games, hands-on activities, Bible stories, and friendships. Along the way, they're discovering what it means to live with courage, kindness, teamwork, and trust as they explore God's love together.

Inspired by Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"—this five-Sunday journey reminds children that Jesus is always with them, giving them strength for every challenge.



Snowball Mountain Challenge is designed for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, and youth are warmly invited to join the adventure as camp helpers and mentors. There's still plenty of mountain to climb, and we'd love for your family to join us!

Support the Bargain Box

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

As we prepare for the upcoming season, our mission is growing—and we need your help. The Bargain Box is seeking volunteers on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

Join our team and help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors while enjoying fellowship and purpose along the way. **Donations Needed:** Each donation helps transform generosity into meaningful support for our community.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Hospitality & Cashiering:** Be the face of the shop! Welcome customers and manage the register.
- **Donation Transport:** Help move donations from the Naples UCC shed to the Bargain Box.
- **Curation & Sorting:** Help us inspect, organize, and prep incoming donations.
- **Display & Merchandising:** Get creative! Help stage and style items to make the sales floor shine.

Reach out to **George De La Roche** at **239-262-3802** or in the Gathering Place with **Samantha Santarosa**. We'd love to have you on the team!

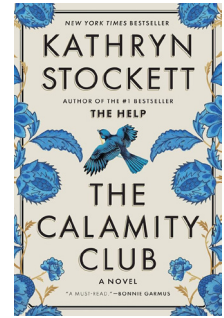
Book Club

AUGUST 24, 2:00 PM | NELSON HALL 104

Join us Monday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. in the Nelson Hall 104 or via Zoom for a lively and engaging discussion of ***The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett**. 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



Naples UCC Financials

July 2026

	July 2026		Year to Date		
			This Year		Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Revenue					
Current Year Giving	166,623	130,333	1,530,073	1,395,333	1,344,610
Other Revenue	5,910	16,517	96,829	124,119	110,019
Total Revenue	172,533	146,850	1,626,902	1,519,452	1,454,629
Expenses					
Facilities & Utilities	\$11,419	\$17,183	\$101,962	\$116,304	\$104,772
Financial & Insurance	(1,659)	41,173	140,589	144,023	137,118
Christian Education	0	487	16,323	17,359	6,123
Membership & Social	3,141	1,940	16,904	13,578	6,436
Deacons & Special Events	936	1,191	7,841	9,739	8,391
Ministers	35,498	37,693	254,480	254,462	156,360
Support Staff	69,650	70,446	503,669	488,078	427,284
Staff Services	15,153	18,753	118,025	135,981	137,289
Office & Technology	10,542	9,384	65,809	65,686	66,417
Music	7,702	7,240	64,375	85,016	61,543
Mission & Ministry Outreach	129	311	9,567	36,677	5,169
Total Operating Expenses	\$152,511	\$205,801	\$1,299,544	\$1,366,903	\$1,116,900
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	\$20,022	(\$58,951)	\$327,358	\$152,549	\$337,729

Bargain Box

Sales	23,181	16,259	257,047	195,024	200,268
Expenses	22,041	22,603	166,996	159,223	159,892
Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)	\$1,140	(\$6,344)	\$90,051	\$35,801	\$40,376

Note : The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$18,292 in July and \$227,873 year to date.

Bloom lease rental income, net of final real estate agent commission, is \$57,904 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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