



# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 21, 2026 | 10AM

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

*In Christ Alone*  
Erica Aichholz, Soloist

Arr. Dennis Allen

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*OPENING HYMN #443

*Trust and Obey*

TRUST AND OBEY

## INVOCATION

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

**ALL: God of all people and all possibilities, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths. You offer us new understanding, yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we often resist when the invitation comes with challenge or disruption. Forgive us, O God, and make of us loving disciples ready to follow Jesus's example, responding to the cries of our neighbors. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*God Be Merciful Unto Us and Bless Us*  
Sanctuary Choir • Madison Fullarton, Director  
Sung in honor of Jim and Joyce Asmus' 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Philip Stopford

## 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

Genesis 21: 8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she



saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

SERMON	Tears Are God's Territory	Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister
OFFERTORY	O Divine Redeemer Stephanie O'Neill, Soloist	Charles Gounod
*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION		OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>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.</b>	
*CLOSING HYMN #72	Great is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
*BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	Great is Thy Faithfulness Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano	Arr. Mark Hayes



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. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist  
 Kathy Book, Organist  
 Madison Fullarton, Director  
 Sanctuary Choir

Erica Aichholz, Soloist  
 Stephanie O'Neill, Soloist  
 Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer  
 Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter  
 Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video  
 Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio

**STEPHEN MINISTER:** Kathleen Devitt

**NURSERY CARE:** Elena Fernandez

**WELCOMERS:** Deb and Bob Marini

**SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE:** Bobbie Ray

**USHERS:** Sandy Terry (head usher), Carol Berglund, Kathleen Devitt, Mary Fisher, Merrilee Hornbuckle, Tom Hornbuckle, Roger Terry and Barb Wolf.

**SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE:** Louise Brown

**GATHERING PLACE STAFF:** Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Janine Rahaim, Fellowship Support | Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager

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 Jim and Joyce Asmus in joyful celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, June 21.

## Children and Youth Ministry



**SUNDAYS** — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! During the worship service, children are invited forward for a **Children's Message**. 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 The Wiggle Room (a temporary location due to Nelson Hall renovations). Please ask a deacon for directions.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Activities will resume on August 9 with the Backpack Blessing and the start of our new Sunday morning camp, **Snowball Mountain Challenge!**

## PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello

Merrickay Bailey

Lilibet Bana

Kevin Barry

Cathleen Boeck

Tom Carley

Karin Ciesla

Patricia Cloutier

Thomas Coates

Ann Culshaw

Jack Downs

JT Ellis

Laurie Fowler

Scott Freeman

Leah Gartell

Sally Giglio

Richard Gilbert

Andrew Gillis

Jim Gilmore

Doty Gridley

Fred Gridley

Walter Grieb

Patsy Hanson

David Hocking

Kate Hutchinson

Jamie Jacquart

David Johnson

William Jones

Bobbie Juster

Kris Kirschner

Chloe Honda (Konsker)

Marla Koshgarian

Sue Lindbloom

Patricia Manzano

Nancy Maxwell

Trey McGregor

Bob McLennan

Gordon Mounts

Betty Mounts

Diane Myers

Jack Neller

Gerry Nonken

Gary Pint

Margaret Pint

Shannon Peterson

Kathy Reno

Riddle-Somers Family

Gabrielle Emily Ridout

Fred Schneeberg

Darrel Siebert

Joanie Toren

Anwyn Watts

Ben Wigginton

To add or remove a name, please email [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto: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.

## Open and Affirming Sunday

JUNE 28, DURING WORSHIP | GATHERING PLACE

During worship, Naples UCC will **renew our covenant as an Open and Affirming congregation. We celebrate diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person**, welcoming people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, ages, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, abilities, socio-economic backgrounds, marital statuses, and faith backgrounds. **Join us as we reaffirm our commitment to being a church where all are welcomed, valued, and loved.** Following worship, gather with us in the Gathering Place for fellowship and conversation.

*Everybody  
is Welcome*

# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Joining Sunday Opportunity

#### Become a member on June 28

We will welcome new members on Sunday, June 28, with both private and public joining opportunities. Private joining will take place at 9:30 a.m., followed by public joining during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Those wishing to retain membership in another church are invited to join as Associate Members.

### Can't Join on June 28?

#### Join Naples UCC Anytime!

While the Membership & Growth Committee will be on hiatus during July, 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](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org). We look forward to welcoming you into the Naples UCC family!

# UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit [www.NaplesUCC.org](http://www.NaplesUCC.org) to view our full calendar.

## TODAY



### Special Fellowship

11:00 AM • June 21 • Gathering Place



### Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • June 21 • Sanctuary

## MONDAY



### Mahjong

1:00 PM • June 22 • McSpadden Hall



### Naples UCC Book Club

2:00 PM • June 22 • ACR

## FRIDAY



### Caregivers Support Group

2:00 PM • June 26 • Parlor

## Next Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

"Offer Cold Water"

Matthew 10: 40-42

## Special Fellowship

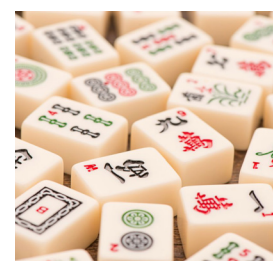
TODAY, 11:00 AM | GATHERING PLACE

Join us as we celebrate Joyce and Jim Asmus and give thanks for 45 years of marriage, love, and commitment. Both are valued members of our church family and members of the Sanctuary Choir, and Jim also serves as our Lead Custodian. They have graciously provided this morning's fellowship reception and invite the congregation to celebrate with them following worship.

## Mahjong

JUNE 22, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the McSpadden Hall. Free, and all are always welcome!

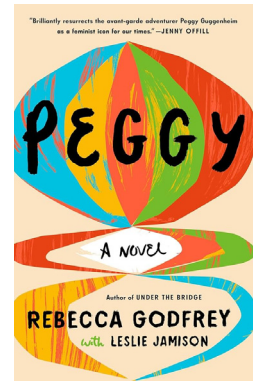


## Naples UCC Book Club

JUNE 22, 2:00 PM | ACR

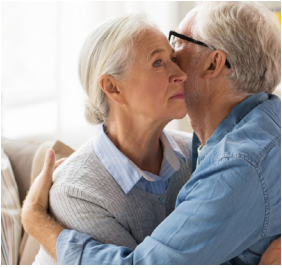
Join us on June 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room for an engaging discussion of **Peggy: A Novel** by Rebecca Godfrey, completed with Leslie Jamison. This compelling historical novel traces the remarkable life of art collector Peggy Guggenheim, from her privileged New York upbringing and the loss of her father on the Titanic to her influential role in the modern art world. Everyone is welcome—even if you have not read the book!

If you are unable to come in person, join us by Zoom!  
Meeting ID: 838 2027 0433  
Passcode: book



## Caregivers Support Group

JUNE 26, 2:00 PM | PARLOR



The Caregivers Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. Whether you're a caregiver, a past or future one, or seeking resources, all are welcome. Church membership is not required, and discussions remain private. Bring a friend who may benefit! For more info, contact Joan Millon at [joanmillon6@gmail.com](mailto:joanmillon6@gmail.com).

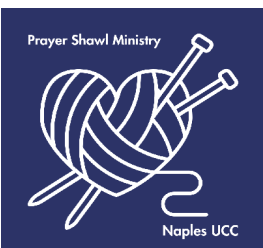
## Chancel Flower Dedication

We have available dates for our Chancel Flower Dedications! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, honor, or remember a loved one. We will feature your message in the Sunday Bulletin and on our livestream.

For up-to-date availability, or if you have any questions, please contact Sara Both, at [sara@naplesucc.org](mailto:sara@naplesucc.org), or call (239)261-5469. We hope you will participate in this thoughtful tradition!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

JULY 7, 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 & 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.

# Anthem Dedication

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. To learn more about donating an anthem today, please contact our Director of Music, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf by email at [becky@naplesucc.org](mailto:becky@naplesucc.org). It is the gift that keeps on giving!

## Naples UCC Financial Results May 2026

	May 2026		Year to Date		
			This Year		Last Year
Revenue	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Current Year Giving	207,560	161,000	1,204,967	1,104,000	1,075,803
Other Revenue	8,547	18,517	83,251	87,085	87,153
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>216,108</b>	<b>179,517</b>	<b>1,288,218</b>	<b>1,191,085</b>	<b>1,162,957</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Facilities & Utilities	\$17,098	\$17,183	\$75,412	\$85,097	\$80,596
Financial & Insurance	(1,075)	4,647	96,333	76,037	90,122
Christian Education	1,474	887	15,823	16,385	5,235
Membership & Social	1,532	1,940	11,908	9,698	4,838
Deacons & Special Events	1,290	1,191	5,880	6,357	6,491
Ministers	29,704	29,492	183,009	169,076	107,023
Support Staff	66,731	70,444	364,870	347,188	310,513
Staff Services	17,174	20,253	87,684	98,475	92,027
Office & Technology	7,992	9,384	47,929	46,918	52,606
Music	8,460	11,197	48,736	69,579	45,611
Mission & Ministry Outreach	11	2,144	9,438	21,805	5,169
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$150,389</b>	<b>\$168,762</b>	<b>\$947,023</b>	<b>\$946,615</b>	<b>\$800,229</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$65,718</b>	<b>\$10,755</b>	<b>\$341,195</b>	<b>\$244,470</b>	<b>\$362,728</b>

### Bargain Box

Sales	31,291	19,108	208,514	159,657	166,584
Expenses	23,425	22,603	120,346	114,016	114,798
<b>Bargain Box Surplus/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$7,866</b>	<b>(\$3,495)</b>	<b>\$88,168</b>	<b>\$45,641</b>	<b>\$51,786</b>

Note : The Music Gift Fund supported the Music budget with \$34,174 in May and \$198,723 year to date.

Bloom lease rental income, net of final real estate agent commission, was \$12,000 in May and \$33,904 year to date.



# 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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