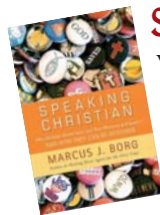


## Events and Christian Enrichment



**Speaking Christian** ~ A study of Dr. Marcus Borg's new book, which seeks to reclaim the wisdom and richness of the language of faith and will offer a 'Christian primer' to help us understand the key ideas of our tradition. Join Dr. Patterson, for a thoughtful and relevant discussion group at **2:00 pm or 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 19th in NH 104**. Registration is not required. The book may be purchased at Barnes and Noble.

**Men's Coffee and Conversation** ~ **Thursday, January 19th at 10:00 am in NH 104**. Topic is Putting America Back to Work. This is a time of open discussion, good fellowship and conversation.

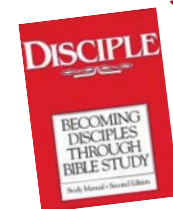


### Naples Botanical Garden Labyrinth Walk ~

Our New Year walking prayer journey begins on **Saturday, January 21st from 10:00am to noon** at the beautiful Naples Botanical Gardens. We'll have a NUCC facilitator-guided prayer walk on the garden's lovely brick, Chartres-style labyrinth by the waters of Lake Harvey. There will be a brief discussion and instruction for those

who are new to labyrinth prayer. In the Middle Ages, the faithful made Pilgrimages to the Gothic Cathedrals of Europe and walked the labyrinths in prayer. This will be our modern-day Pilgrimage. Sign-up in the Gathering Place today between services. Group rate entrance fee is \$10 per person.

**International Holocaust Remembrance Concert** ~ Join us on **January 22nd at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary** for the 8th Annual International Holocaust Remembrance event, a concert featuring the local talent of Voices of Naples. Led by Doug Renfro, Voices of Naples will engage us with significant melodies that lead us from the dark night of the Holocaust to the inspiration of resistance, rescue and survival. Cost: Free admission; free will donations gratefully accepted.



**Journey to Discipleship** ~ If within you a small voice is calling you to a deeper intentional understanding of the Bible, then this small group study may be the path. The class, limited to twelve people, will meet every **Monday, 11:30 am – 2 pm, beginning January 23rd in NH 101**. All that is needed are (1) the Disciple study book, (2) a study bible with the Apocrypha, (3) your brown bag lunch and (4) an inquiring mind. The Disciple study book, \$30 payable to NUCC Adult Education, is available in the church office. Advance registration is required. Please call the church office to register, 239-261-5469.

**Book Club** ~ The first meeting of our book club was so wonderfully productive! The club will meet on the **4th Monday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Parlor**. **This month, January 23rd: "Pope Joan"** by Donna Woodfolk. Discussion led by Pat Slater and Sharon Bennett. Next month, February 27th: **"Missing Mila, Finding Family"** by Margaret Ward. Discussion led by Margaret Ward. To pre-order books or for more information please call, Candy Nordland at home 239-434-6438 or cell 612-802-2215.

### Reaching Across the Divide: A Dialogue on Current Issues in our Multifaith Word ~

Faith is a relevant, powerful, ascendant societal and global force in our world today. Will religion continue to be a conflict source or a path to peaceful solution within the Abrahamic family? What is the way forward: ecumenism, pluralism, secularism, fundamentalism, evangelism, syncretism? Join interfaith expert Steve Crosby for an informative and interactive six-session class on **Tuesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am beginning January 24th in NH 104**. Advance registration is required. Please call the church office at 239-261-5469.



**Bloodmobile** ~ The bloodmobile will be at our church on **Friday, January 27th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Today, after this service you may see Bob Partridge in the Gathering Place to choose a time to donate that is convenient for you. Please help to support this extremely worthwhile cause. Thank you.

## Events and Christian Enrichment

**Come Join Us for Habitat for Humanity** ~ This year's first NUCC Habitat for Humanity work day will be **Saturday, January 28th**. We will meet in the parking lot outside the courtyard at **7am**, and caravan to the work site at Regal Acres. We will break at 10:00 am for coffee, and wrap up about noon. All are welcome, regardless of skill level. Call Bob Caruthers at 261-6240 to sign up.

**So What Faith** ~ Bring a cup of coffee and join in the **Book Nook in NH 101** for an informal discussion group about matters of faith that matter. Our topics will include the implications of the sermon, blog posts (available at [www.sowhatfaith.com](http://www.sowhatfaith.com)) from the prior week, or any topic of interest currently in the news. Join our Director of Education, Dr. Greg Smith, for the next five Sundays of conversation from **10:15 – 11:00 am beginning January 29th**. Registration is not required.

**Singles Lunch** ~ The Senior Singles brunch will on **January 29th** after the second service at the Country Club of Naples. Please sign up at the coffee hour or call Susie Burtch, 263-4645, or the church office.

**International Holocaust Remembrance Day** ~ An interfaith program and concert presenting *"Voices of the Holocaust"* and commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day will take place in **Beverly Hall on January 29th at 5:00 pm**. Members and Friends of NUCC are invited. Free to attend, donations accepted, reservations recommended. Please call 239-596-8404 to reserve your seat.

**What Americans Really Believe** ~ What is the real story of American religious belief, practice and affiliation? To begin answering this question, data from several studies will be considered (including the General Social Survey, National Congregations Study and Baylor Surveys of Religion), with support from recent texts by sociologists. Join our Director of Education, Dr. Greg Smith, for this for single session presentation on **Monday, January 30th in NH 207**. **Identical sessions will be offered from 2:00 – 3:30 pm or 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. Registration is not required.

**Reminiscing: Remembering Anew** ~ Everyone frequently reminisces; it's a natural part of people's lives. We will gather to share important memories and listen to others tell their stories. Our time together will invite remembrances from all seasons of life, including childhood and the early adult years. Join retired teacher and counselor Dr. Al Hannigan for **four interactive sessions in NH 103 on Mondays from 9:00 – 10:00 am beginning February 6th**. Advance registration is required. Please call the church office at 239-261-5469.

## Youth Christian Education

**Church School** ~ meets after the 11am children's sermon in NH room 204.

**Junior Disciples** ~ meets Wednesday at 3:30 pm in Nelson Hall 207.

**Youth Group** ~ Bowling Party is tonight from 6-7:30 pm at Beacon Bowl.

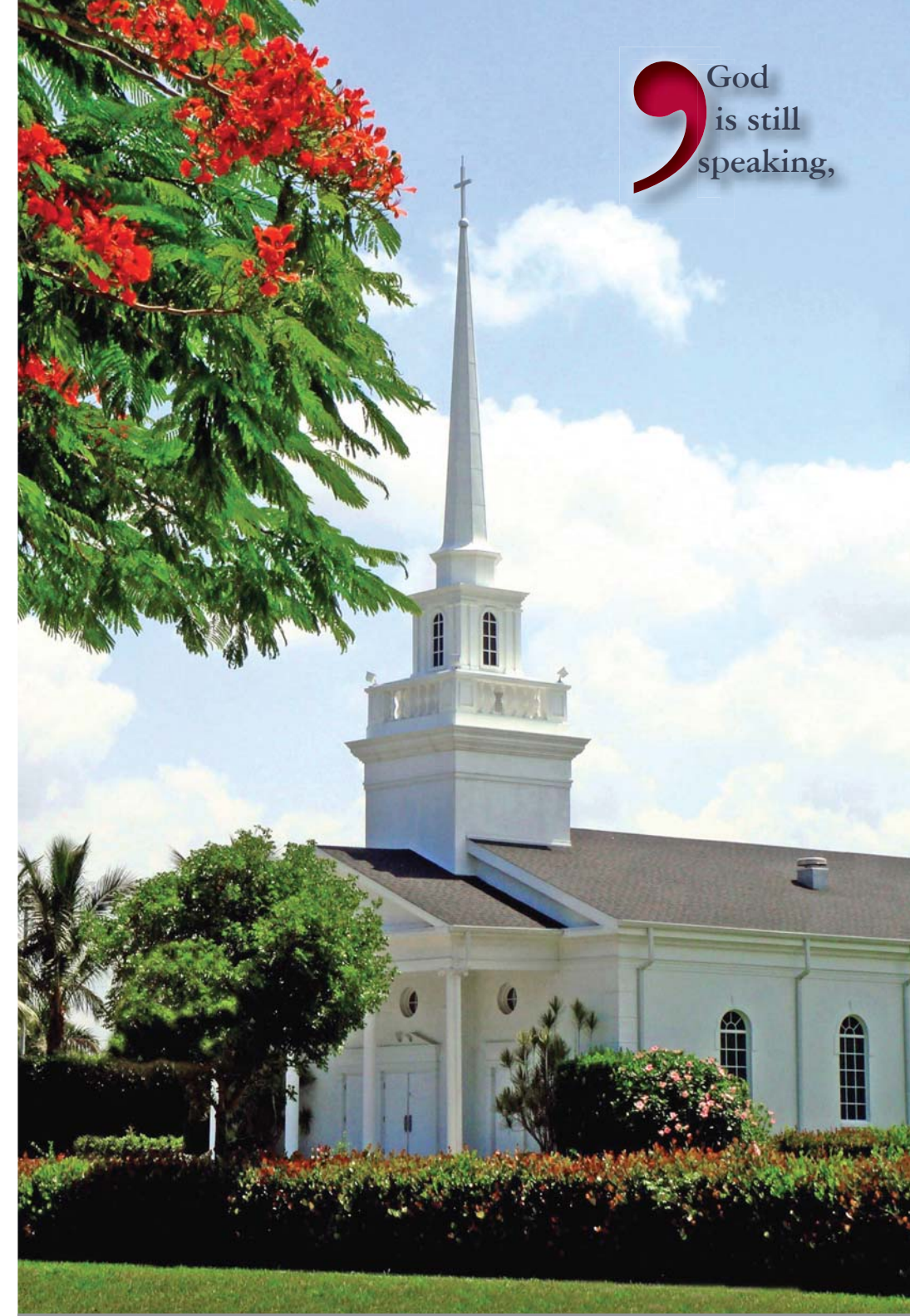
**Confirmation Class** ~ We will not meet tonight.

**Nursery Care** ~ for infants and toddlers is available during worship and is located just outside the south Sanctuary doors. There is also a Cry Room available to parents who wish to stay with their child and observe the service.

### Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Ronald Patterson, Senior Minister  
Rev. Catherine O'Connell, Associate Minister  
Rev. Beverly Duncan, Assistant Minister  
Rev. Luvvy Kovacik, Assistant Minister  
Dr. Becky Weese, Director of Music  
Dr. Greg Smith, Director of Adult Education  
Nancy Van Fleet, Director of CE  
Ron Thompson, Youth CE  
Kary Sirken, Church Administrator  
Kaleigh Caldwell, Administrative Assistant  
Sharon Magiera, Finance Administrator

Susan Pratt, Pastoral Assistant and Membership  
Susan Melick, Events Coordinator  
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### Our Mission Statement:

Where all are welcome all the time in community with God  
Growing by Loving—Sharing God's Story—  
Making the Journey



## The Worship of God

January 15, 2012 ~ 9:00 and 11:00 am

Second Sunday After Epiphany

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to seek God's peace for your life in silent meditation and prayer. Please be considerate of those around you.  
\*Those who are able please stand.



**PRELUDE** "Andante Sostenuto" from Sonata in B flat major Schubert  
(Lan Lam, piano)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #247** "Sing of God Made Manifest" SALZBURG

### INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** As the light of a star bathes our earth with life, surround us in our worship today. May we see the love you promise in one another and glimpse some truth to empower our journey and free us from the things which burden our hearts and minds. Give us the courage to follow the way of Jesus. Lead us to those in need and in seeing them as your children, may we recover our own identity as your precious ones. Touch us with hope and patience. May the peace that passes understanding flood through us to build this community and your world. Hear us now as we are bold to listen to the words Jesus taught:

**A SOLO** "The Lord's Prayer" MALOTTE  
(Javier Abreu, soloist)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)** Nancy Van Fleet and Ron Thompson

### FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

### A MOMENT FOR MISSION

The Bargain Box

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Arr. Moses Hogan  
(Sanctuary Choir; Javier Abreu, soloist)

### CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (OT pg. 639)

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** "Psalm 139" Allen Pote  
(Sanctuary Choir)

**SERMON** "Becoming A Blessing" Dr. Patterson

### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Thankful" Foster, Sager, & Page  
(Javier Abreu, soloist)

**\*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** DIX

As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: #249** "Amen, Amen" AMEN

### \*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE



**Greeting:** 9:00 am: Elaine & Roger Osbond;  
11:00 am: Marty & Dick Weinthal

**Ushers:** 9:00 am: Barbara Converse, Head Usher; Larry Pugh, Davey Scoon, Art Robins, Richard Ryder, Charles and Marsha Arthur, Jim Barton

11:00 am: Jennifer Rainey, Head Usher; Richard Ryder, Bill and Pat Fry, Pat Wiedner, Dave and Shirley Adams, Carolyn Hickman, Ed Monroe, Bob Miller

**The Stephen Minister:** 9:00 am: John Kleber; 11:00 am: Anne Harcourt

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

**Staffing the Kiosk:** Anne Kruse and Lynda Christensen

**The chancel flowers were donated by Frances and Peter Georgeson and are in honor of their families.**

**The pulpit flowers were donated by Art Robins and are in memory of Anne Robins.**

**Our soloist for today's worship service was underwritten by the Music Gift Fund.**

DVDs from today's service are available for \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate or in the basket outside the Sanctuary doors. They are available the next day in the church office and are filed alphabetically. If you would like it sent to you, please call Ralph at 239-595-7590.



The T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System is now installed in the Sanctuary. If your hearing aid is equipped for the T-Loop, please let us know how it is working for you. Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The NUCC 39th Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Please plan on attending.



You are cordially invited to...  
The Grand Opening of the Bargain Box!

Saturday, January 21st

10am - 4pm

Live Music

1:00 pm dedication by Dr. Patterson  
Raffles and discounts throughout the day  
153 Tenth Street South, Naples



### Welcome Visitors

Naples United Church of Christ is united by our love of Christ and one another and a desire to care as Jesus cared. We stress freedom of conscience and local autonomy, celebrating a tradition which arrived on this continent on the Mayflower and with other early settlers. We honor the beautiful diversity of our world. We cherish our mission partnerships in Naples and around the globe. From the Ebenezer School in Honduras to local efforts, our gifts and hours multiply the love of Jesus. With 5,700 other UCC congregations and partner denominations we embrace the idea that "God Is Still Speaking."

Journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member. Full and Associate Members share the same rights and responsibilities, but Associate Members choose to maintain a home church membership. Visitor information cards are in the pew racks, and can be put in the offering plate or handed to our deacons or ministers. Our next Information Brunch is February 12th. For more information please call Susan Pratt at the church office. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

### Hymn Notes

"Sing of God Made Manifest" was written by Carl Pickens Daw, Jr. (b. 1944), an Episcopal pastor. After beginning his career as an English professor at William and Mary, he decided to enter the ministry. He began writing hymns as a seminarian and served as a chaplain at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. He became director of the Hymn Society of the U.S. and Canada in 1997. Sixteen hymns in our hymnal were written by Daw. The tune SALZBURG was composed by the "city musician" of Berlin, Jacob Hintze (1622-1702) and it was arranged by J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

"Amen, Amen" is a spiritual which grew in popularity when Sidney Poitier sang it in the film Lilies of the Field. It is a typical spiritual in the "narrative-response style with a solo voice normally singing the verses and the congregation affirming the story being told by the solo voice. In this case, the entire life of Christ from birth to resurrection is told. The words and music of this spiritual were arranged by Nelsie T. Johnson (b. 1912) for a Presbyterian hymnal in 1990. Johnson was a school teacher who served as an organist and choir director for congregations in the Spartanburg and Greenville areas of South Carolina.

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The 2012 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating Chancel or Pulpit flowers.

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