

Events and Christian Enrichment

Labyrinth Prayer Walk Today in McSpadden Hall ~ The church's 36' canvas labyrinth is a replica of the stone labyrinth in the nave of Chartres Cathedral in France. The re-discovery of 'walking prayer' gives us an ancient practice for quieting the mind and soul and for deepening one's relationship with God. In the past twenty years, 1,000's of churches, hospitals, schools and communities have created labyrinths. Our labyrinth will be laid in Mc Spadden Hall on a regular schedule through May. Come today between services or after the 11:00am service. Walk the prayer paths or simply make a visit to see what the Labyrinth Prayer Ministry has prepared. Everyone is welcome to experience labyrinth 'walking prayer' as part of the vision of spiritual growth at NUCC. For information please call 239-331-4738 or e-mail naples.labyrinth@gmail.com to receive a copy of the 2012 schedule.

So What Faith ~ Bring a cup of coffee and join in this informal discussion group about matters of faith that matter; the implications of the sermon, blog posts (SEE www.sowhatfaith.com) from the prior week, or any topic of interest currently in the news. Join our Director of Adult Education, Dr. Greg Smith, for the next five Sundays of conversation from **10:15 – 11:00 am beginning today in NH 101**. Registration is not required.

Singles' Lunch ~ Senior Singles' brunch will meet today at **12:15 pm** at the Country Club of Naples.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day ~ An interfaith program and concert, "*Voices of the Holocaust*", commemorating International Holocaust Remembrance Day will take place in **Beverly Hall tonight at 5:00 pm**. Members and Friends of NUCC are invited. Free admission, 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 answer this, data from the General Social Survey, National Congregations Study and Baylor Surveys of Religion will be considered with support from recent texts by sociologists. Join Dr. Greg Smith on **Monday, January 30th in NH 207 from either 2:00 – 3:30 pm OR 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. Registration is not required.

Speaking Christian ~ Join Dr. Patterson for a discussion of Marcus Borg's new book, which seeks to offer a 'Christian primer' on the key ideas of our tradition. **2:00 pm or 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 2nd in NH 104**. Registration is not required. The book may be purchased at Barnes and Noble.

Palette Pals ~ A specialized card-making workshop with rice paper and calligraphy will be on **Friday, February 3rd from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm**. Fifty dollar registration includes materials. Bring a sack lunch. Call Pat Slater for registration 239-262-4867. Our monthly meeting is on **Monday, February 6th at 11 am**, followed with a pastel demo led by Gerry Roeder. Those who wish to stay for the demo should bring a sack lunch. The Demo will begin at 1:00 pm. Meet the Artists of the month, Bitsy Amick and Beverly Duncan, whose work is on display beginning February 5th in the library and the hallway adjacent to the Sanctuary. They will be available for questions on Sunday, February 5th in the library.

Reminiscing: Remembering Anew ~ Reminiscing is a natural part of our lives. We will gather to share important memories and listen to those of others. We will invite remembrances from all seasons of life. Join retired teacher and counselor Dr. Al Hannigan for **4 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.

Progressive Memory Loss ~ How do you know if your senior moments are normal aging or memory loss? Dr. Bill Beckwith, memory expert and Naples Daily News columnist, will give you the facts on how your memory is working and what you can do to protect yourself. He will provide you with effective, easy to use, and practical memory techniques to monitor and improve your memory. Join Dr. Beckwith for his presentation on **Thursday, February 9th from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in NH 207**. Advance registration is not required.

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Men's Coffee & Conversation ~ Thursday, February 9th at 10 am. This month's discussion will be based on an article by John Mackey, CEO of Whole Foods Market entitled: "Conscious Capitalism, Creating a New Paradigm for Business". Copies of the article are available at the receptionist's desk in the church office or online.



Book Club ~ Will meet on **Monday February 27th, 2:00 pm, in the Parlor**. "*Missing Mila, Finding Family*" by Margaret Ward. Facilitator: Margaret Ward. To order books call Candy Nordland 239-434-6438 (h) or 612-802-2215 (c).

MISSION: 1, HELPING HUNGRY NEIGHBORS!

Last week Grace Places Pantry Bags fed 423 hungry neighbors! You were part of that! Let's keep the pantries FULL! Cereal, rice, dry milk, beans, peanut butter... Thank you. Your Board of Mission and Outreach.



Mark your calendar now for the spectacular **Bargain Box fashion show and luncheon on Tuesday, February 7th at 11:30 am in McSpadden Hall**.



"Women of Note"

Thursday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm in Beverly Hall, dinner to follow at a restaurant to be named. This performance features Marion Nicolay as Deaconess Harriet Bedell, who was a missionary working with the Mikosukee Indians in Everglades City during the 1930's. The Episcopal Church declared her a saint in 2009.

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 ~ Homework help for grades 6-12 at 5pm in Nelson Hall. Youth Group is at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in Nelson Hall.

Confirmation Class ~ tonight at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

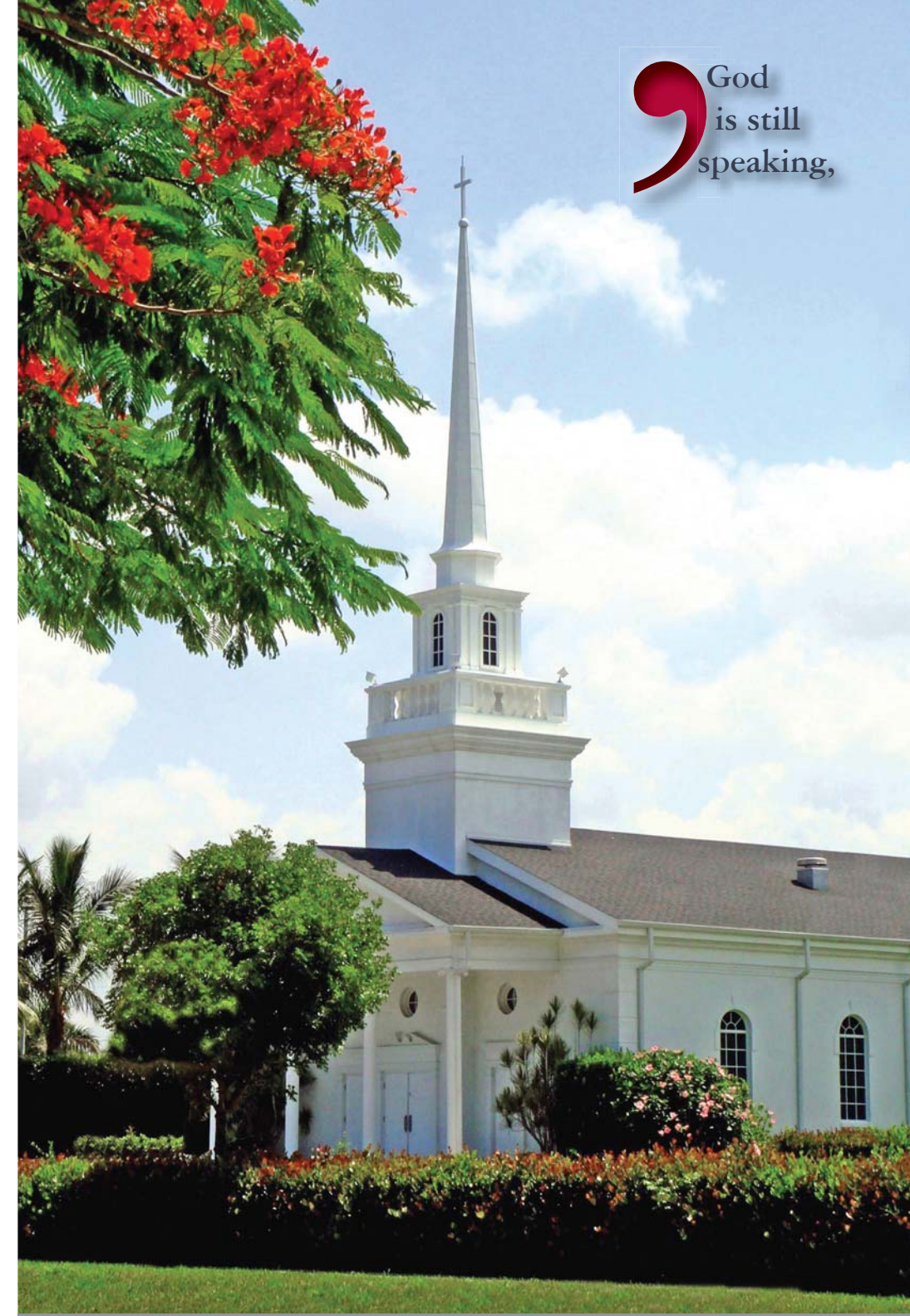
Nursery Care ~ for infants and toddlers is available during worship and is located just outside the south Sanctuary doors. There is also a Cry Room available to parents who wish to stay with their child and observe the service.

Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Ronald Patterson, Senior Minister
Rev. Catherine O'Connell, Associate Minister
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God is still speaking,



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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 29, 2012 ~ 9:00 and 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Stewardship Sunday

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

"The Well Tempered Clavier"

J. S. Bach

Arr. The Canadian Brass

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: O God of power and grace, you see our lives and love us still; you know our pasts yet open your heart and invite us home. So bless our gathering this day that we might find new hope for the journey and strength for the future. So inspire our living that we might lay down our fear and take up the promise of abundant life in fuller ways. Let the light of your love shine among us that through us others might find light for their lives. Hear us as we dare to say the very words Jesus gave:

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.

SUNG RESPONSE: #399 "Ubi Caritas et Amor"

Join the choir in singing this beautiful refrain in English or in Latin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Nancy Van Fleet

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Down by the Riverside"
(Sanctuary Choir)

Arr. John Rutter

CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:16-23, 30-34

(NT pg.76)

SERMON

"Treasure in Heaven"

Dr. Ron Patterson

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

"Just a Closer Walk"

Arr. Don Gillis

As recorded by The Canadian Brass

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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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: #687 "All Things Are Yours"

GERMANY

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"The Saints' Hallelujah"

Arr. Luther Henderson

As recorded by The Canadian Brass

(You are invited to stay and listen to this exciting postlude played by the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet. You will hear The Hallelujah Chorus and When the Saints Go Marching In.)



Rev. O'Connell is preaching at Celebration Metropolitan Community Church today

Liturgist: Rev. Beverly Duncan

Greeting: 9:00 am: Bob & Bobbi Juster; 11:00 am: Bill and Pat Frey

Ushers: 9:00 am: Roger Terry, Head Usher; Sandy Terry, Art Robins, Richard Ryder, Larry Pugh, Davey and Kristine Scoon

11:00 am: Bob Miller, Head Usher; Richard Ryder, Gloria DeLisi, Ed Monroe, Joyce Agnew, Dave and Shirley Adams, Pamela Oliveira, Bob and Jean Partridge

The Stephen Minister: 9:00 am Joanna Head ; 11:00 am: JoAnn VanDegriff

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: Lynda and Jon Christensen

The chancel flowers were donated by Bert and Peggy Stockwood in memory of Jane Short Atwood.

The pulpit flowers were given anonymously in grateful appreciation to Jean Partridge for creating such beauty in our church during Christmas and in appreciation to Susan Melick for sharing her love and beautiful Christian spirit to many members in senior residences.

The instrumentalists this morning are graciously 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.

Prayer Shawl Dedication



The Prayer Shawl Ministry, now in its fifth year, is dedicating many new shawls this morning. Shawls are given to those who need the comfort and solace of a soft warm shawl made with many prayers knitted or crocheted into each one. If you know someone who could benefit from receiving a shawl please take one today after the service.

Instrumentalists:

Matthew Sonneborn, trumpet

Aaron McCalla, tuba

David Dash, trumpet

Kevin Mauldin, bass

Tracy Leonard, horn

Jim Dallas, percussion

Michael Zion, trombone

Lan Lam, piano

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:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" is set to the principal theme of the fourth movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony—a choral treatment of Shiller's great poem, "Ode to Joy". As a young man, Beethoven's life dream had been to compose a masterpiece "celebrating Joy, the conqueror of grief, Joy which liberates man and brings him nearer to God." From the moment of its debut in 1824, many writers attempted to write a Christian hymn to match the perfection of the tune; they failed until Dr. Henry Van Dyke, while on a preaching visit to Williams College, wrote the lyrics which appear in our hymnal. The words were published first in 1911.

"Ubi Caritas et Amor" is a chant from the Ecumenical Protestant Taize Community in France. It is based on an 8th Century Latin poem. The music was composed by Jaques Berthier (1923-1994)—one of the Brothers at the Taize community.

"All Things Are Yours!" was written by Bryan Leech (b. 1931). Born in England, he became a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant tradition in the U.S. and served a number of congregations before becoming active in music in his mid-30's. His text is set to a tune by British composer William Gardiner (1770-1853) who credited the tune to Beethoven. Gardiner's principle fame was as the person who introduced the works of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven to England.

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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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