

Events and Christian Education

Mission I: Helping Hungry Neighbor Special Offering ~ Over 5,000 UCC Congregations will be seeking to raise \$111,111 today to be split between Neighbors In Need (National Outreach) and local hunger programs. NUCC will apply this to the **112,258 Meals In A Bag** packed last weekend! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive ~ The chancel for our Thanksgiving services will once again be decorated with food packages instead of flowers. Non-perishable food packages may be left in the food pantry baskets located in the Narthex under the balcony steps **beginning November 13th**. Checks to NUCC marked "food pantry" and placed in the offering plates are welcomed as well. Your gift will help feed people in need right here in Naples.



Palette Pals ~ Monthly meeting on **Monday, November 7th at 11:00 am**. We will "meet & eat" (lunch provided). All interested artists are invited. Call for lunch R.S.V.P. - Pat Slater, 262-4867.

World Hunger ~ A Book Study with Dr. Patterson. **Wednesday, November 9th in Nelson Hall 104**. Identical sessions at **2:00 pm and 6:30 pm**. The book is "*Ending Hunger Now*" by Senator George McGovern and Senator Bob Dole.

"Christmas and Easter" 2-day Lecture Series ~ John Dominic Crossan will be at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples on **Friday, November 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm and Saturday, November 12th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. The four lectures are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For more information, call the Vanderbilt office at 239.597.5410.

Labyrinth Prayer Ministry ~ Friends of the Labyrinth are encouraged to join the Labyrinth Prayer Ministry that meets for planning on **November 14th at 1:00 pm in the Pastor's Conference Room**. Please call Norma Peltz at 239-331-4738 or e-mail naples.labyrinth@gmail.com.



Wednesday Night Live ~ Join your UCC family for a traditional Thanksgiving Feast on **November 16th at 5:45 pm in McSpadden Hall**. After dinner, young talented students from the "Seacrest Performing Arts Academy" in Naples will entertain us with musical selections. Tickets are available in the Gathering Place after church, or weekdays in the church office. Cost: \$15. No charge for children 12 and under. For additional info contact Marsha Arthur 594-8958 or Susie Stimpson 403-0882.

The Coalition for Progressive Religious Voices ~ Will be sponsoring a meeting with Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent of the Collier County Public Schools. Come to listen and have a conversation with Dr. Patton about her vision for public education in our community on **Wednesday, November 16th, at 7:00 pm in Nelson Hall 207**. Dr. Patterson will moderate.



Men's Coffee and Conversation ~ **Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 am in NH 104**. Topic is Capital Punishment. This is a time of open discussion, good fellowship and conversation.

Thursday at the Movies ~ **Sign up today for Thursday, November 17th – 4:00 pm** Beverly Hall, \$5.00 donation at the door! Winner of the 2008 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, this Japanese movie with subtitles follows a young cellist who loses his job and seeks a new profession. This is a movie with a beautiful ending which should be seen by all movie buffs. This is the last movie for the summer season with dinner at Brio's to follow.

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Singles Lunch ~ Lunch at the Kensington Country Club on **November 20th has been cancelled**. A brunch will be scheduled for sometime in December. Please call Susie Burtch at 239-263-4645 for more information.

Voices of Naples ~ Their 9th Annual "Sing-Along Messiah" presented at NUCC will be on **Sunday, November 20th at 3 pm**. Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Place after each service on Nov. 6th, Nov. 13th, and Nov. 20th. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door; call 455-2582 for more information. Visit website: www.voicesofnaples.org.



Celebrate Thanksgiving Eve ~ **On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm**, Christians, Jews, Muslims and Unitarians will join together for the Seventh Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service. This year's celebration of thanks will be held at Temple Shalom at 4630 Pine Ridge Road. Temple Shalom's Rabbi and Cantor will lead clergy, lay speakers and musicians from Celebration Metropolitan Community Church of Naples, The First Christian Church of Naples, The Islamic Center of Naples, Naples United Church of Christ, Temple Shalom of Naples and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples. Join members of the Naples community in giving thanks for the blessings of family, nation and faith.

Bargain Box ~ We are now located at 153 10th Street South. We are still in need of afternoon and Friday volunteers (training is so easy!), large shopping bags with handles, and donations (please no electronics or children's items). Please drop off donations in the shed by the White House or at the new location. Call Sandy at 262-3802 for more information.

Look for our Angel Tree in the Narthex on November 27th!



Youth Christian Education

Church School ~ meets after the 9am children's sermon in Nelson Hall 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 6pm to 7:30 pm in Nelson Hall.

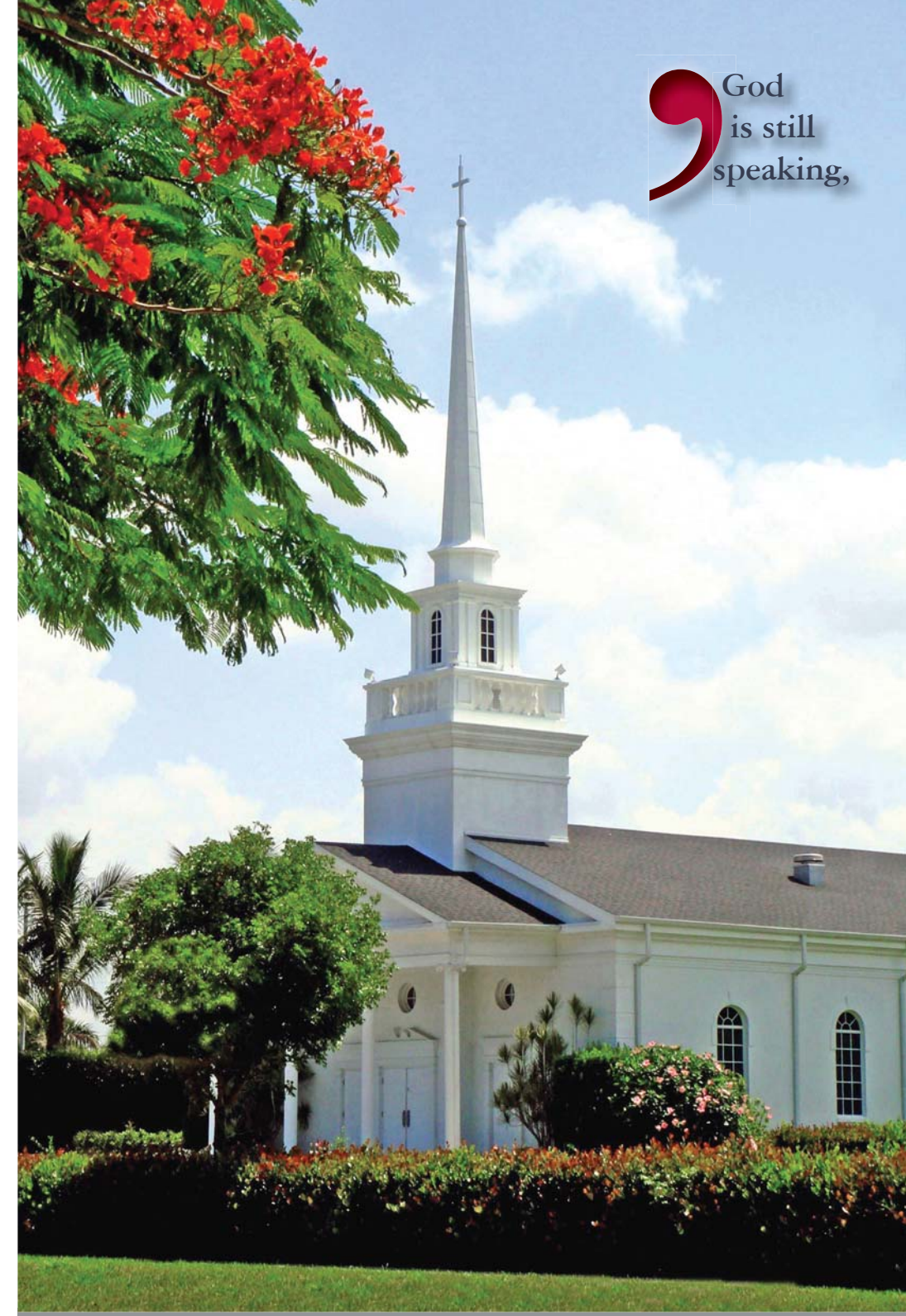
Confirmation Class ~ tonight at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

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
Rev. Beverly Duncan, Assistant Minister
Rev. Luvvy Kovacik, Assistant Minister
Dr. Becky Weese, Director of Music
Dr. Greg Smith, Director of Adult Education
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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

November 6, 2011 – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Veteran's Remembrance 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

“Sonata, Opus 5, No. 1” Giuseppe Jacchini
(Mary Bowden & David Dash, trumpets)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow” Zebulon M. Highben
(Pamela Jimenez, Melissa Vitrella, Nathan Mitchell, & Bruce Galbraith, quartet)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #728** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”
NATIONAL HYMN

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Be among us this day, O Lord:

That some measure of your mystery might move us to awe;
That some part of your presence might touch us with healing;
That some word of your wisdom might stir us to compassion.
So lead us that by your leading others are fed.
So feed us that by your feeding others are led.
To see in us the face of the one who is the Word of Life.
Hear us as we say the words he taught:

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.

A SUNG RESPONSE #614 “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
(Please remain seated for the singing of this song)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:00am) Nancy Van Fleet and Ron Thompson

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

Veterans will be asked to stand and remain standing as their branch of the United States Armed Forces are recognized, followed by members of the Canadian and British armed forces and those who have served in the armed forces of other nations.

Words of Recognition for Those Who Have Given Their Lives

*The Remembrance

All: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them.

*A Moment of Silence

The playing of *Taps*

***The Presentation of a Memorial Wreath** Johnathan Makara

A MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Battle Hymn of the Republic” Arr. Jay Althouse
(Jessica Van Ord, soloist)

SCRIPTURE READING | Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NT pg. 219)

SERMON “The Richest Person in the World” Dr. Patterson

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen” Arr. Donald Busarow
(Sanctuary Choir)

The Lord's Supper

At this table all are welcome guests. Jesus is our host. We hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together. Our cups contain grape juice. The gluten free wafers in the center of each bread plate are for those with wheat allergies.

The Invitation

The Prayer of Blessing

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread “Adagio” Albinoni
(Mary Bowden, trumpet)

The Giving and Sharing of the Cup “Pie Jesu” from *Requiem* Andrew Lloyd Webber
(Pamela Jimenez & Melissa Vitrella, soloists)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***RECESSIONAL HYMN: #74** “Eternal Father, Strong To Save” MELITA

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

***POSTLUDE** “Movement III” from “Concerto in C Major” Antonio Vivaldi
(Mary Bowden & David Dash, trumpets)



Greeting: 9:00 am: Ed and Fran Boston; 11:00 am: Jim and Sally Clements

Ushers: 9:00 am: Barbara Converse, *Head Usher*; Bruce Shields, Ruth Himburg, Roger and Sandy Terry, Dave Stevenson, John Richardson, Larry Pugh, Charles and Marsha Arthur

11:00 am: Jennifer Rainey, *Head Usher*; Bob Miller, Pam Oliveira, Pat Wiedner, Carolyn Hickman, Michael Hunt, John Richardson, Jan Hakes, Ken and Nancy Bruce

Staffing the Kiosk: 9:00 am: Sandy Terry; 11:00 am: Pam Clayson

The Stephen Minister: 9:00 am: Donna Stevens; 11:00 am: Joan Byerhof

Chancel flowers are from Shirley Heimerl, honoring the safe return of Marine, Robert Heimerl, from Afghanistan.

Our instrumentalists for today's worship service were 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.

Our poppies this morning are given with support to our local chapter of the Veteran's of Foreign War. Johnathan Makara is a member of our church and our youth program. As a junior ROTC member, he will be presenting our wreath at both services.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion, The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper

The United Church of Christ (UCC) uses these terms interchangeably to stress various traditions about our sharing of the Bread and the Cup. NUCC also makes room for a range of beliefs about the sacrament of communion. This can include the sharing of a memorial meal in remembrance of Jesus or the sharing of the bread and the cup as a tangible way to express our oneness as a faith community. Individual beliefs may stress that Christ is symbolically present in the bread and cup or that the real presence of Christ is present in the elements. As a tradition which stresses the “freedom of the individual conscience”, NUCC welcomes such diversity. The Communion Table welcomes all who accept one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. Our theological differences strengthen rather than divide our community when together we recognize that God's love transcends our human ideas and preferences. As you receive Communion today, reflect on its meaning for you.

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 Visitor Information Brunch will be on Sunday, December 4th at 10:00 – 11:00 am and 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Dr. Patterson's UCC Theology Class will be on Monday, December 5th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these events. The next New Member Sunday will be on December 11th.** For more information please call Susan Pratt at the church office. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

Hymn Notes

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” was written by for Centennial of the United States by Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907). Roberts was born on Long Island and attended Kenyon College in Ohio. He enlisted as a volunteer in the Civil War and later became an Episcopal priest, serving congregations in Vermont and New Hampshire. The tune NATIONAL HYMN was written by George W. Warren (1828-1902). He was the popular organist of St. Thomas Church in New York City.

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” was written in 1955 by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller and is usually associated with Christmas; but has become wildly popular since it appeared on an album by country singer, Vince Gill. Jackson, who had been suicidal after the failure of a marriage, later said that she wrote the song after “discovering what she called the life-saving joy of ‘God's peace and unconditional love.’” (quote source: Wikipedia)

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” is often referred to as the Navy Hymn. It was written by William Whiting (1825-1878), the Master of the Winchester College Chorister's School for one of his students about to sail to America. It was President Franklin Roosevelt's favorite hymn and was sung at his funeral. It is also sung on ships of the British Royal Navy. The tune was composed by John B. Dykes in 1861 for the famous hymn collection, Hymns Ancient and Modern and the tune was named for the island of Malta, where St. Paul landed safely after a storm.

f We have dates available if you would like to donate the Chancel or Pulpit flowers. Please call the church office, (239) 261-5469, to reserve your Sunday or for more information.

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