

## Events and Christian Education

**Reminder! Daylight Savings Time Ends next weekend, turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.**

**Children in Honduras** ~ They have asked us for these items: Flintstones Vitamins, PreK storybooks, Legos and notebooks. There is a basket in the Narthex. Mil Gracias!

**World Hunger** ~ A Book Study with Dr. Patterson. We will meet for two more sessions, **Wednesday, November 2nd and November 9th in Nelson Hall 104.** Identical sessions at **2:00 pm and 6:30 pm.** The book will be *"Ending Hunger Now"* by Senator George McGovern and Senator Bob Dole. Together we will look at the causes and the solutions for the problem of hunger in our nation and in our world.

**Middler + Plus Group** ~ Join us on **November 2nd at 5:30 pm.** \$32.50 pp. Surf and Turf Italian Dinner Buffet at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. **Registration forms are in the Middler + Plus mailbox in the church office.** Call Bobbi Richardson for info or to receive an invitation, 596-7349 or cell 207-6615.

**VNA** ~ The visiting Nurses Association will be here on **Thursday, November 3rd from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in MH.** The following vaccines are available: Flu (regular, preservative free and high dose) Pneumonia, Tetanus Booster and Pertussis. Medicare Part B covers most of these vaccines. Any questions, call (239) 331-4848. **This will be the only time this season the Flu clinic will be offered at NUCC.**

**Palette Pals** ~ Join us for a 1-day watercolor, batik style, class on **Friday, November 4th from 9:30 - 3:30.** Instructor: Nancy Larkin, Central Florida Watercolor Society. Fee: \$50.00. For more information, call Bitsy Amick 259-0937.

**Drug Free Collier** ~ On **November 10th,** Drug Free Collier is holding an educational and informative training conference at the New Hope Ministries Center from **8:00 am until 2:00 pm,** lunch included. Key note speakers are Mr. Bob Stutman, a former DEA agent and Rev. Judine Duerwachter, MDiv, MFT. For more information on attending, contact Sandra Ahlquist by November 4th at (239) 252-0874 or Sandra.Ahlquist@colliersheriff.org.

**"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. Crossan is Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at DePaul University, co-chairman of the Jesus Seminar and is considered a preeminent expert on the historical Jesus. For more information, call the Vanderbilt office at 239.597.5410.

**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.

**Singles Lunch** ~ We will meet for lunch after the second service at Kensington Country Club on **November 20th.** Please sign up at our Sunday coffee hour or call Susie Burtch at 239-263-4645.

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**Labyrinth Prayer Ministry** ~ If you are among the over 150 persons who participated in our labyrinth prayer walks last year and found them meaningful, please plan to include these meditations in your spiritual life in the months ahead. Perhaps you've walked labyrinths elsewhere and would like to talk about your experiences. If you are new to walking prayer, we would like to provide a background for this ancient prayer tool of the church. 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](mailto: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 for purchase 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.

**Voices of Naples** ~ Tickets for the 9th Annual "Sing-Along Messiah" presented at NUCC by the Voices of Naples community chorus on **Sunday, November 20th at 3 pm** will be on sale in the Gathering Place after each service on Oct. 30th, 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](http://www.voicesofnaples.org).

**Bargain Box** ~ The new store is now open! We are now located at 153 10th Street South. We are still in need of volunteers, large shopping bags with handles, and donations. Please drop off donations in the shed by the White House or at the new location. Call 262-3802 for more information.

## Youth Christian Education

**Church School** ~ meets after the 9am children's sermon in Nelson Hall 204.

**Junior Disciples** ~ We are not meeting for Junior Disciples or Choir this week due to the early release day.

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

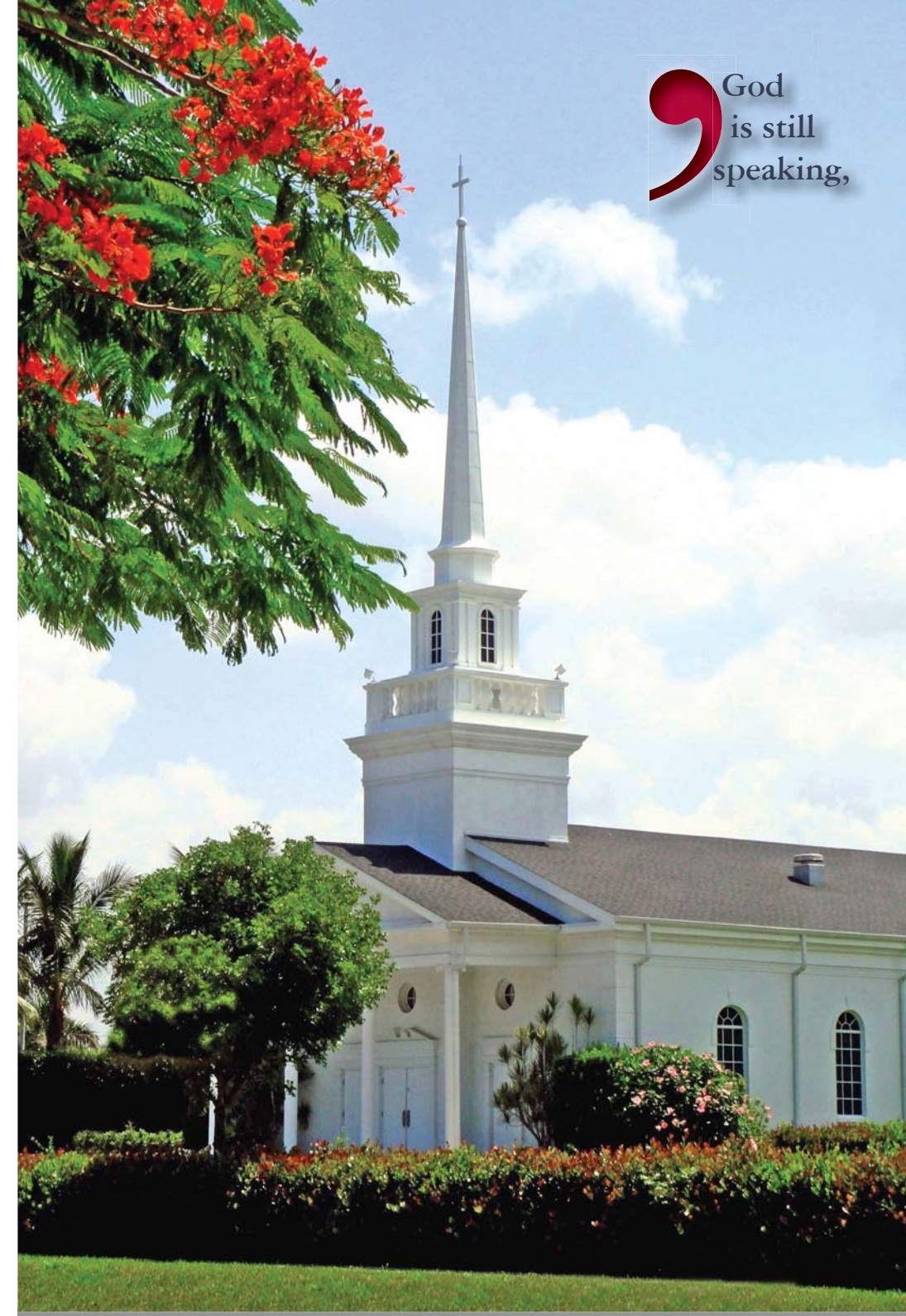
**Confirmation Class** ~ tonight at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

**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  
Ron Thompson, Co-Dir. Children & Youth  
Nancy Van Fleet, Co-Dir. Children & Youth  
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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

October 30, 2011 ~ 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday/All Saints 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 Twenty-Third Psalm" Dvorak  
(Karen Bonnell, soloist)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #529** "For All The Saints" SINE NOMINE

### INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** You surround us this day, O God, with the unbroken circle of your love. Before time, you brought order to the chaos. You called one family your own and set them as a light to the nations. You gave words of law and wisdom and sent woman and men of courage to call your people to faith. In time's fullness you came among us in Jesus. In him you spoke the words of life and through his death you invited us to life eternal. Here and now you call us to be your Church; to love one another and you. In our caring, in our sharing, in our serving, and in our thankfulness, may the circle of your love grow. May our words become deeds as together we pray:

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.

**HYMN OF PROMISE #515** "Hymn of Promise" PROMISE  
(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.

### A MOMENT FOR MISSION

Russ Luther, Faith Relations Coordinator for ECHO

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "The Road Home" Stephen Paulus  
(Sanctuary Choir)

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

### A COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Quietly, Patiently" Dvorak  
(Sanctuary Choir)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 23:1-12 (NT pg. 26)

**SERMON** "Becoming Servant Leaders" Dr. Patterson

### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences

Offertory "Softly and Tenderly" Raymond Brown  
(Karen Bonnell, soloist)

**\*The Doxology and Prayer of 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.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 am)

**\*Congregational Response (Unison)**

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 kingdom of God.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN: #522** "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

### \*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

**\*POSTLUDE** "Fanfare Fantasy on SINE NOMINE" ARR. JACK NOBLE WHITE



**Greeting:** 9:00 am: Andy and Hanna Cummins  
11:00 am: Ginny Newell and Betty Bellovich

**Ushers:** 9:00 am: Roger Terry, Head Usher; Pat Slater, Al and Gloria Taylor, Pamela Oliveira, Bruce Shields and Gerry Gertner

11:00 am: Bob Miller, Head Usher; Jan Hakes, Joyce Cameron, Bob and Jean Partridge, Gloria DeLisi, Jackie Freese, Joseph Cunha

**Staffing the Kiosk:** 9:00 am: Bobbie Juster; 11:00 am: Katy Serr

**The Stephen Minister:** 9:00 am: Louise Brown; 11:00 am: Joyce Cameron

**Chancel flowers are given by Susan Pratt in loving memory of Dennis.**

On Nov. 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm at Merrill Gardens in Naples, there will be a Memorial Service for two former church members, Dorothy and Albert Stohlman.

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.

## Today we welcome into our church family:

**Virginia Craig:** originally from Needham MA is a full time resident of Naples and is joining as a full member.

**Linda and Wally Gauger:** are residents of Naples and Wales, WI and are joining as full members.

**Ann Horton:** is a resident of Naples and Douglas, MI and is joining as a full member.

**Harvey Slavnik:** originally from Gloucester, VA is a full time resident of Naples and is joining as a full member.

**Betty and Roger Williamson:** are residents of Naples and Andover, MA and are joining as full members.

**Jessica Van Ord:** originally from Greensboro, NC is a full time resident of Naples and is joining as a full Member.

## 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. For more information please call Susan Pratt at the church office. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

## Hymn Notes

"For All the Saints" was written by Bishop William How in 1864 to celebrate the lives of those who had entered the church triumphant. Known as "the poor man's bishop," he served the impoverished people of East London. The tune, SINE NOMINE by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) is considered one of the greatest hymn tunes ever written.

"In The Bulb There Is a Flower" was written by Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) in 1985. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed this hymn. It has become one of the most popular of the new hymns. Sleeth, a graduate of Wellesley College began writing choral music when her teenaged daughter complained that the music she was singing in her youth choir was boring. Sleeth, whose husband was a seminary professor, was at the time auditing a class on choral music and decided she would attempt composition. In the next years, she published 180 hymns and anthems—many used by our choir. Her life, already complicated by a long struggle with M.S. ended tragically early in 1992.

"Shall We Gather at the River" was written by Robert Lowry (1826-1899), a Baptist minister, college professor at Bucknell, and editor of numerous song books. He lived and worked in the New York City area. This hymn was written on a hot summer afternoon in 1864 during an epidemic which had claimed the lives of many of the members of his Brooklyn congregation. He also composed the music for this hymn.

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**We have dates available if you would like to donate the Chancel or Pulpit flowers. Please call the church office to reserve your Sunday or for more information.**

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