

Events and Christian Education

Palette Pals ~ “An Imaginary Walk through Washington D.C.’s National Art Gallery”. This is a private collection of reproductions of art works, done over a span of 25 years in Washington D.C., by artist Mary Aimee Miller-Pikul, accredited copyist and Palette Pals member. Come browse her work in the library during the month of October.

Women’s Fellowship ~ We want to welcome you to our luncheon, catered by St. Matthews House, on **Monday, October 10th at 11:30 am in Nelson Hall 207**. Bring some canned or boxed food items to help us replenish their food bank supplies. We will enjoy listening to a program by Van Ellison, CEO of the St. Matthew’s House. \$8.00 per person. Sign up in the Gathering Place after service or by calling the church office.

Children in Honduras ~ Last day to sign up is **October 15th for our trip!** They have asked us for these items: Flintstones Vitamins, PreK story-books, Legos and notebooks. There is a basket in the Narthex. Mil Gracias!

UCC Information and Classes ~ “Information Sundays” will be on **October 16th and 23rd following both services**. Our UCC classes will begin on **Mondays, October 17th and 24th at 2:00 and 7:00 pm**.

Wednesday Nite Live ~ Mark your calendar now for an outstanding evening of music and magic on **Wednesday, October 19th**. Dinner at 5:45 pm and unforgettable entertainment at 6:45 pm. \$15.00 per person children under 12 are free. Tickets on sale Today in the Gathering Place.

Thursday at the Movies ~ Sign up today for **Thursday, October 20th – 4:00 pm** Beverly Hall, \$5.00 donation at the door! Three vignettes highlight this 1980 comedy classic. A favorite among the three is the one about a soda bottle falling out of the heavens and becoming a one-of-a-kind object coveted by everyone in a small African village. The bottle creates such dissension that its finder decides the gods must’ve been crazy to give such a gift, so he sets out to drop it off at the edge of the world. Dinner will follow at Buca’s restaurant (separate checks) for those interested.

Summer Golf ~ Join for our last “Just for Fun” golf outing on **October 20th** at Collier Reserve, hosted by Tom and Ginny Packard. Sign up after service or call the office.

Singles Lunch ~ Singles meet for lunch **October 23rd** after church at Bravo at the Mercato.

Baby Basics Needs Your Help ~ You are all invited on **October 24th at 3:00 pm in Nelson Hall** to an informational meeting about the new Baby Basics distribution site at NUCC. You will be able to learn about each distribution, sign up to volunteer and hear about the other ways to be involved with Baby Basics. For more information please call: Jean Ann Lynch 617-510-4468 or Ann Schein 239-513-9405.

World Hunger ~ A Book Study with Dr. Patterson. We will meet for three sessions, **Wednesday October 26th, 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.

Trunk or Treat ~ Get your costumes on and come Trunk-or-Treating with us, **October 28th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm**. Held in the church parking lot, you can decorate your trunk and pass out candy, come for the goodies, or both! Pizza will be served and donations will be accepted towards it. Call Nancy Van Fleet at 293-7748 to sign up or if you have questions. Please bring enough candy for 100 children.

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We Need Your Help! ~ **Saturday, October 29th from 11 am to 1 pm!** We are assembling 111,111 packages of protein fortified macaroni and cheese in McSpadden and Nelson Halls. Reservations are a must, limited space available. Choose one of the following seven ways to help: 1. Table leader and recruit a ten person team. 2. Support a table leader, recruit friends and package food together. 3. Team leader, supervise multiple tables. 4. Box supplier, running supplies to tables. 5. Packaging and shipping specialist. 6. Clean up crew. 7. Help invite people. Call the church office for more information.

All Saints Day ~ On **Sunday, October 30th**, we will remember loved ones who passed from this life in the last year. Please call the office, 261-5469, if you would like to add a name to the list.

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.

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 of course your donations. Thank you again for all your support!

Help us Help our Neighbors in Need ~ Grace Place, our mission partner in Golden Gate, is teaching literacy, language and life skills to almost 600 at-risk children and impoverished families in our community every week. Grace Place also provides groceries, produce, and bakery items for almost 1,500 persons every month. We need the help of our faith community: Come take a tour and visit with us about how you, your family, your class or small group, can volunteer to help. Collect food and deliver it any day of the week (8:30 am - 6:00 pm) - we especially need shelf-stable milk, rice, and beans. Contact: Patty at 455-2707 or patty@graceplacenaples.org. Thank you!

Youth Christian Education

Church School ~ meets after the children’s sermon in Nelson Hall 204.

Junior Disciples ~ meets Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the White House.

Youth Group ~ Homework help for grades 6-12 at 5pm in Nelson Hall. Youth Group is at 6pm in Nelson Hall.

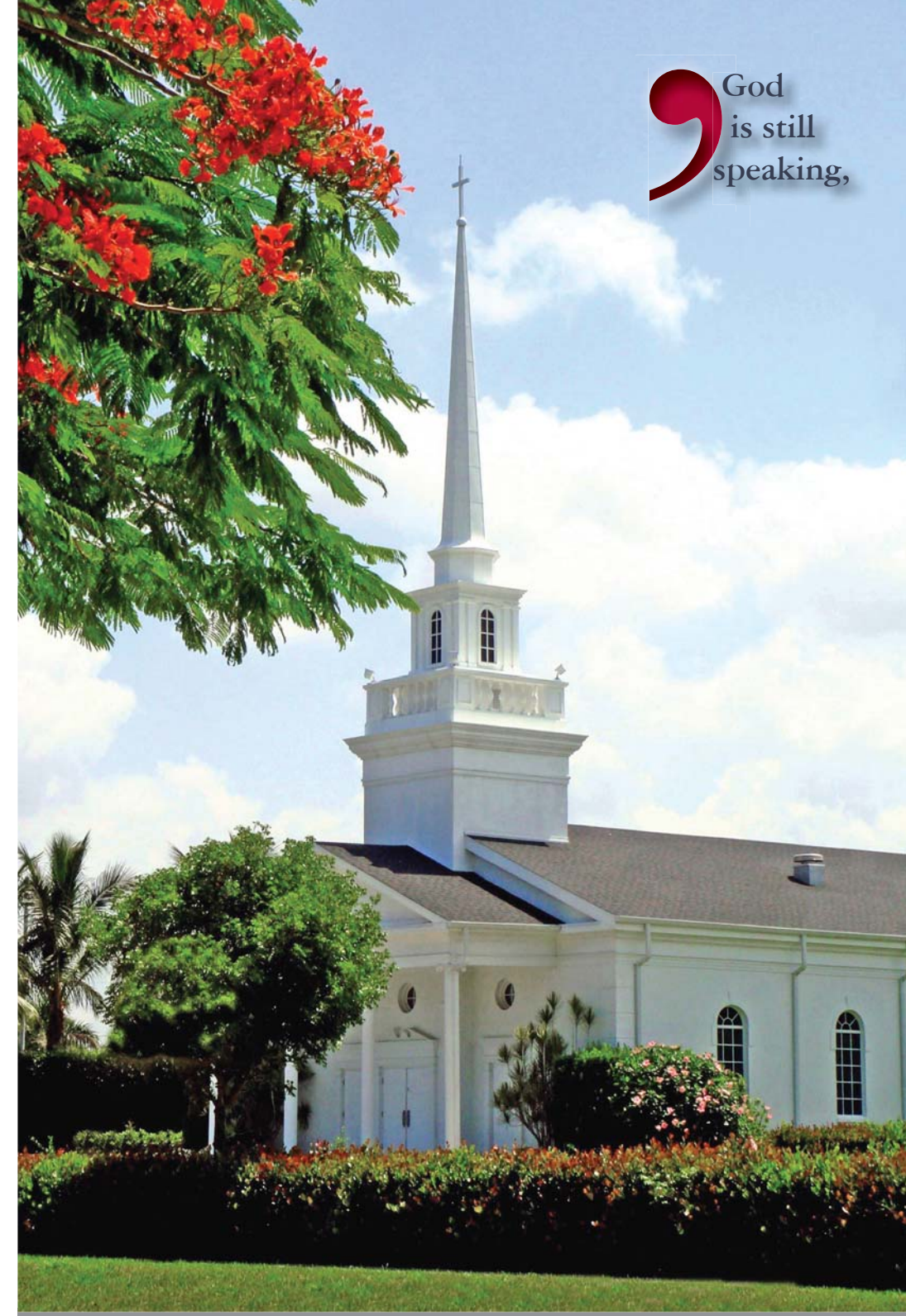
Confirmation Class ~ begins tonight at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

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 Kovacic, 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
Kary Sirken, Church Administrator
Kaleigh Caldwell, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Magiera, Finance Administrator

Susan Pratt, Pastoral Assistant and Membership
Susan Melick, Events Coordinator
Gregg Lepore, Production Manager
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Dan Brower, Facilities
Marlon Bernardez, Facilities
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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 9, 2011 – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 "Variations on St. ANNE" Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #84** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Like a strong mother, like a caring father, you include us in the circle of your love, O God. Ease the burdens we carry. Calm the fears which distract us. Challenge the lesser things which cloud our judgment and prevent us from seeing the beauty of our world and your face in those around us. Claim us as your own. Name us as your disciples and give us the courage to live with the abundant love of your child Jesus, our Savior, who taught us to pray and never lose heart, saying:

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: #638 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" CANONBURY
(Please Remain Seated)

MISSION MOMENT WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The Peace of God" Douglas Wagner
(Sanctuary Choir)

CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 (NT pg. 211)

***A HYMN: #483** "Take Time to Be Holy" HOLINESS

SERMON "What Sort of Person Are You?" Dr. Patterson

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences

Offertory "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Eugene Butler
(Sanctuary Choir)
(Pamela Jimenez, Melissa Vitrella, Nathan Mitchell, & Terry Moore, soloists)

***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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN: #708** "Go Forth for God" GENEVA 124

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

***POSTLUDE** "Voluntary on St. ANNE" Charles Callahan



Liturgist: Rev. Luvvy Kovacic

Greeting: 9:00 am: Greg and Susan Smith
11:00 am: Jim and Sally Clements

Ushers: 9:00 am: John Richardson, *Head Usher*; Pat Slater; Flo Walmer;
Gordon and Sharon Svoboda; Dottie Scholtens; George Kessel

11:00 am: Bob Miller, *Head Usher*; Bill Rumps; David and Roberta Patton;
Dick and Susan Melick; Jennifer Rainey

Staffing the Kiosk: 9:00 am: Ruth Pollock; 11:00 am: Anne Kruse

The Stephen Minister: 9:00 am: Ruth Moran; 11:00 am: Michael Hunt

Chancel Flowers are in honor of Sharon's 15th year at NUCC.

Please call the office if you would like to donate flowers.

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.

Celebration of Sharon and Dr. Becky!

This year marked Sharon's 15th anniversary at NUCC, 10 years of which have been as our Financial Administrator. Sharon will be recognized at both services today, and Sunday fellowship will be held in her honor.

This year also marked Dr. Becky's 10th anniversary as the Director of Music at NUCC. On Sunday, October 23rd, after the second service, a reception will be held in her honor and everyone is invited.

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. **Our next new "Information Sundays" will be on October 16th and 23rd following both services. Our UCC classes will begin on Mondays, October 17th and 24th at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.** Additional dates are listed on the inside cover of the pew pads or stop by the kiosk in our Gathering Place following our services. 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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" is based on Psalm 90 and deals with "the vast concepts of time and eternity." Of the 600 hymns of Isaac Watts, it is the greatest and its popularity has never waned since its composition in 1719. The tune St. Anne was used by Bach for a major organ work and while William Croft was its composer, the tune was already in use when he arranged it in its current setting. Croft was a noted organist, serving at Westminster Abbey, where he is buried. On his grave are the words: "Awake up, my glory, awake lute and harp, I myself will awake right early." His tune confirms the power of his epitaph!

"O Christ, The Healer We Have Come" was written by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) when a hymnal committee on which he was working could not find a suitable hymn on the healing ministry of Jesus. Green followed his father into the leather manufacturing business in Manchester, England as a young man with the dream of becoming an architect. He later felt the call to ministry and in his first congregation met the poet Fallon Webb who encouraged him to write poetry. He is recognized as the leader of the modern hymn movement and his hymns are seen as contemporary statements of the work of the Christian Church. Although he retired in 1969, he continued to write hymns with over 300 hymns to his credit. Our current hymnal includes 22 of his hymns! The tune CANONBURY was adapted from a piano piece by Robert Schumann (1810-1856) and is best known as the tune used for the hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me" (#593).

"Take Time to Be Holy" was written by William Dunn Longstaff (1822-1894) after hearing a missionary to China being quoted as saying, "Take time to be holy" at a meeting he attended. The poem he wrote was later published in a magazine. The composer of the tune, George C. Stebbins, (1846-1945) a well known soloist at revival meetings received a clipping of the poem from a friend. On a mission trip to India, he found the slip of paper containing the clipping in his wallet and composed the tune.

"Go Forth for God" was written by J.R. Peacey (1896-1971), an Anglican priest. He worked as the head master of a school in India and later as a cathedral canon in Bristol. During his lifetime he wrote eighteen hymns which were only published after his death. He did not live to hear his hymns sung and appreciated. This hymn is set to a tune from the Genevan Psalter (1551), whose simple tunes provided a vehicle for the singing of the Psalms for our Swiss, German, Dutch, French, Scottish and English Reformed Protestant forbears. This tune would have been familiar to the Pilgrims!