

Upcoming News and Events

Palette Pals ~ View the revolving art exhibit on display in the church library and hallway into the sanctuary. "The Last Picture Show" is a tribute to the late Emily (Emi) Novak, a long standing member of our congregation, whose artistic talent is honored and shared by this exhibit.

Bible Study: The Parables ~ will be held on **Tuesdays from 1:30 – 3:00 pm, in NH 101 on September 13th, 20th, and 27th.** Cathy will use "Conversations with Scripture: The Parables", which Amazon sells. Attend whenever you are able.

Thursday at the Movies ~ **Sign up today for Thursday, September 15th – 4:00 pm** Beverly Hall, \$5.00 donation at the door! This movie is a classic and is considered one of the finest films dealing with religion. It is the compelling story of Peter Marshall, a Scottish minister, who as a young man traveled to Washington, D.C. and became the pastor of the church of the presidents. By the time of his death, he was the chaplain to the Senate and a greatly respected man. Although he was a Presbyterian, the wisdom and sincerity of his sermons appealed to people of all faiths. This film is also a touching love story and received a nomination for Best Cinematography. Dinner will follow at Bravo's restaurant (separate checks) for those interested.

Perky Patchers ~ will meet on **Friday, September 16th at 9:30 am** in NH 103. Bring lunch and be ready to complete projects for the Bazaar.

Single Seniors Lunch ~ Single Seniors meet for lunch after church on Sunday once a month. **September 25th** we are sponsored by Suzie Burtch at Kensington Country Club. **October 23rd** will be at Bravo at the Mercato. You may sign up after the service or by calling the office.

Men's Coffee and Conversation ~ **Thursday, September 29th at 10:00 am in NH 104.** The discussion will be about Political Extremism. Please stop by the church office to pick up the article "The Bomb That Didn't Go Off" by Charles Pierce.



Summer Golf ~ Join our "Just for Fun" golf outings. You don't have to belong to any club. **September 30th** at Moorings is hosted by Mary Pikul and Gerry Gertner. **October 20th** at Collier Reserve is hosted by Tom and Ginny Packard. Sign up at the coffee hour or call the office. These are the last two events for this season. We are grateful to this year's sponsors at Quail West, Mediterra, Imperial, Spanish Wells, Audubon and Cedar Hammock.



BAZAAR 2011 ~ NOVEMBER 12th! Please sort through your linen closet this week! Place mats, table runners, tablecloths and napkins, dresser scarves, doilies, pillowcases, throws, handkerchiefs, bedspreads, quilts, fabric pieces, guest towels, afghans, wall hangings – all these and more! Please bring to the church NOW - it is extremely helpful to have them early – for sorting, touch up and pricing! Questions? Call Marty Weinthalder at 591-8373!



This Week at NUCC (Sept 11 ~ Sept 18)

Sunday 9/11	10:00 amWorship Service (S) 6:00 pmYouth Group (NH) 7:00 pmThe Choir Project - Voices of Courage (S)
Monday 9/12	9:30 am.Monday Morning Workshop (N 104) 1:00 pm.Duplicate Bridge (N 207)
Tuesday 9/13	1:30 pmBible Study: The Parables ~ Rev. Cathy (N 101) 6:00 pmEvening Basic Yoga (BH)
Wednesday 9/14	10:00 am.Chair Yoga with Shannon (MH) 1:00 pm.Duplicate Bridge (N 207) 3:00 pmJunior Disciples (N 204) 4:00 pmChildren and Youth Choir (BH) 7:00 pmSanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)
Thursday 9/15	9:30 am.Precious Cargo Chapel (S) 10:00 am.Basic Yoga with Shannon (MH) 4:00 pmThursdays at the Movies and Dinner (BH) 6:00 pmEvening Basic Yoga (BH) 7:00 pmPFLAG Meeting (N 207)
Friday 9/16	10:00 amPerky Patchers (N 103)
Sunday 9/18	10:00 amWorship Service (S) 10:00 am. . . .Francesca Noelle Baber Baptism (S) 6:00 pmYouth Group (NH)

Youth Christian Education

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

Junior Disciples ~ meets Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Nelson Hall 104.

Youth Group ~ Homework help for grades 6-12 is available beginning tonight at 5:00pm. Youth Group begins tonight at 6pm in Nelson Hall with a make your own pizza party.

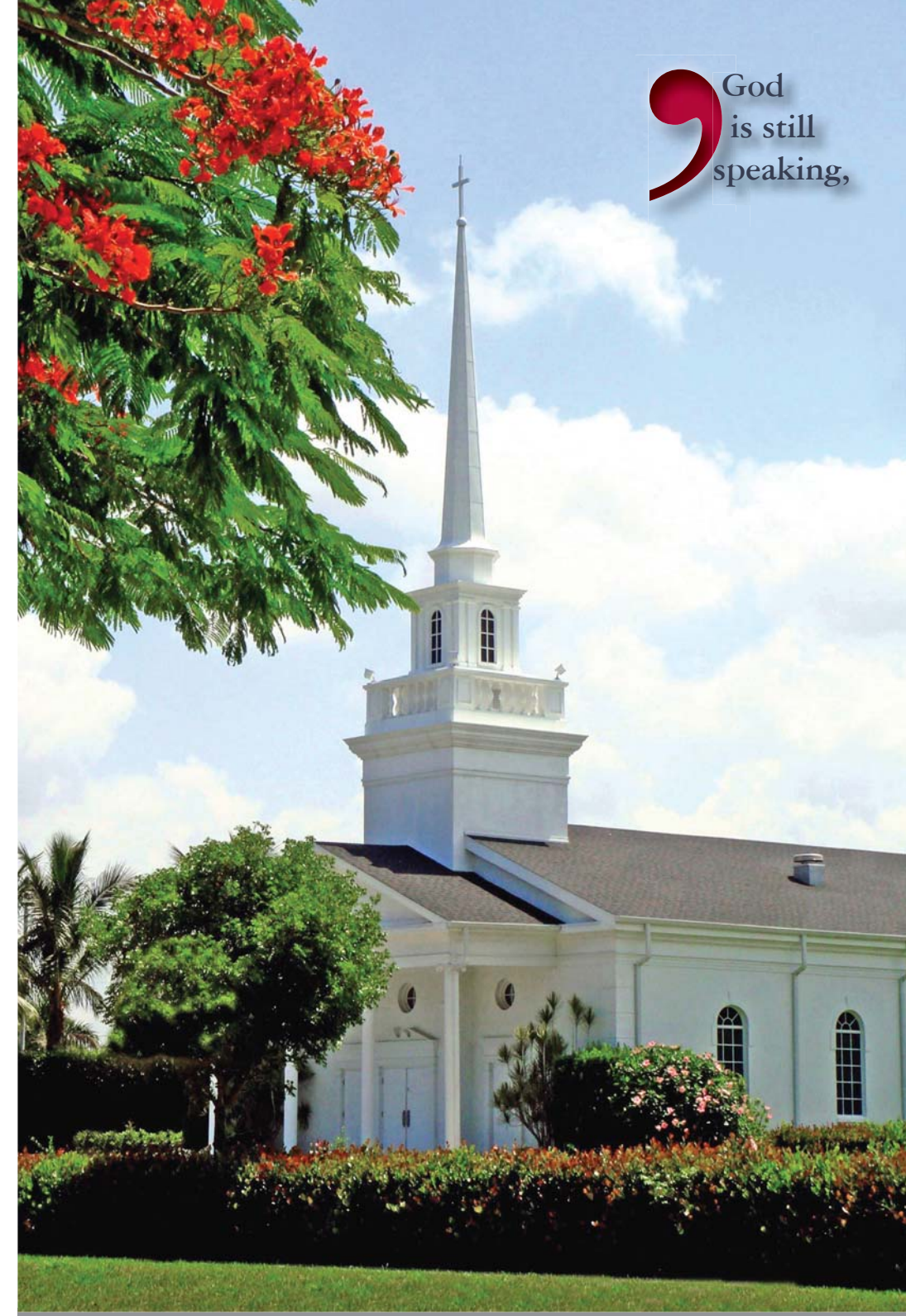
Confirmation Class ~ begins Oct 2nd at 5 pm for all 8th grade students.

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
Kary Sirken, Church Administrator
Sharon Magiera, Finance Administrator

Susan Pratt, Pastoral Assistant
and Membership
Donna Blais, Publications
Gregg Lepore, Production Manager
Dan Brower, Facilities
Mary Jo Welch, Director,
Precious Cargo Academy
Leanne Badham, Assistant Director,
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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

September 11, 2011 – 10:00 am
Thirteenth 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 "Adagio" Tomaso Albinoni

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #626** "O God of Every Nation" LLANGLOFFAN

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, we gather on this day of remembrance to confess our sins — But we are not sure what to confess.

All: We were not there on September 11th. We could not imagine. We did not choose. We did not know.

One: Yet we know now that, somehow, this event involves us—now and here, even in these peaceful pews where "atrocious" seems a world apart, a word made for someone else. And so we struggle to admit our complicity in sin:

All: We confess that as a church, and as individuals, we have believed ourselves to be unique and inviolable. We have averted our eyes before evil in its myriad forms. We have embraced ignorance and indifference, and shunned understanding. We have acted as if different means deficient. We have given in to anger. We have admired hostility and revenge, and rejected compassion and forgiveness.

One: We were not there, O God, on that day. But we are here today, and we have choices before us. Today we ask that you will help us claim the memories we want to forget, and let them guide us.

All: Remind us, we pray, to seek Christ's face in the faces of strangers, and among those of whom we don't approve, and whom we don't like. Remind us that Christ loves each one equally and unconditionally, and that, although we will surely fail, we are called to do the same. Remind us that you are the God of all, not only of some. Forgive us, we pray, when we are less than loving, and mold us into the true sons and daughters of your heart, so that all our words and deeds may cry out: Your will be done, in peace. Amen

SILENT MEDITATION An Anthem: "Deep Down, I Know" Jeffrey Honore (Sanctuary Choir)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these words of comfort:

In Jesus Christ God accepts us as we are.

In the midst of pain,

When memories will not heal,

When anger overtakes us,

When hostility displaces hospitality,

God comforts. God understands and forgives.

Listen, and rejoice in the love of God that passes understanding. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Van Fleet & Ron Thompson

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD A PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Offertory "The Prayer of St. Gregory" Alan Hovhaness

CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Forgive Our Sins" Arr. James H. Laster (Sanctuary Choir)

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 50:15-20 (OT pg 52); Psalm 103:8-13 (OT pg 613); Matthew 18:21-22 (NT pg 20)

HYMN: #555 "When the Church of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

SERMON "Remembering" Dr. Patterson

The Lighting of Candles

A Time of Remembrance "The Names" Read by Robert Bauerle

This poem was written by the former poet laureate of the United States, Billy Collins, in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

A Time of Silence and the Playing of Taps

*** A HYMN: #632** "When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love" EVENTIDE

*WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Duet" from *Bonduca* Henry Purcell (Mary Bowden, trumpet; David Dash, trumpet) Arr. S. Drummond Wolff



Liturgist: Rev. Beverly Duncan

Greeting: Jo Ann VanDegrieff and Dean Smith

Ushers: Robert Miller, *head usher*; Bruce Shields; Pamela Oliveira; Ruth Himburg; John Richardson; Jan Hakes; Richard Knef

Staffing the Kiosk: Ruth Himburg

The Stephen Minister: Jo Ann VanDegrieff

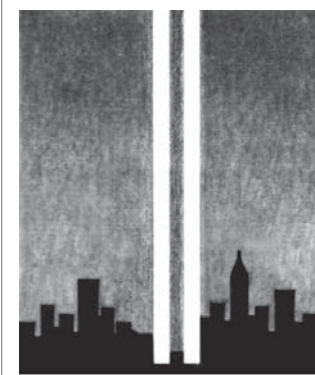
Chancel Flowers are from William and Caroline Collier for the anniversary of their wedding and in remembrance of 9/11.

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.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF
SEPTEMBER 11

Service Notes

Our Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation and Prayer of Confession were written by members of the national staff of the United Church of Christ for use by our congregations around the country on this day of remembrance.

Hymn Notes

"O God of Every Nation" was written by William W. Reid Jr. (1923-). Reid is a United Methodist pastor, having served congregations in North Dakota and Pennsylvania. He was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during W.W. II and was a German prisoner of war for eight months. He earned three battle stars during his military service. LLANGLOFFAN is a traditional Welsh folk melody which first appeared in a collection

of Baptist hymns. The title may refer to the "Church of St. Gloffan." The tune was arranged by David Evans (1874-1948). He was a professor at the University College in Cardiff, Wales and a leading scholar on the music of many nations. His life's work has enriched our tradition with many powerful tunes, including five other melodies in our current hymnal.

"When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love" was written by Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931). A Fulbright scholar, she taught French and worked as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. She is a largely self-taught musician and has published six choral pieces and more than thirty hymns. She is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and lives in Wausau, WI. For this morning's service we have substituted the much loved tune EVENTIDE for the tune associated with this hymn in our hymnal.

We need your help!

Saturday, October 29th from 11 am to 1 pm!

We will be 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. Sign up to be a table leader and begin to recruit a ten person packaging team. 2. Sign up to support a table leader, recruit some friends and package food together. 3. Become a team leader and supervise multiple tables. 4. Be a box supplier, running supplies to tables. 5. Be a packaging and shipping specialist. 6. Be a clean up crew specialist. 7. Just help invite people. Call the church office for more information.

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.

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