

Upcoming News and Events

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! **Final sign-up for the November trip is October 15th.**

Food Donations ~ Both St. Matthew's House and Grace Place are in need of the same pantry items to fill their shelves: mac 'n cheese, cereal, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, pasta, powdered milk, rice and beans. Please place donations in the basket located in the Narthex.

Singles Lunch ~ Singles meet for lunch **TODAY** after church at Kensington Country Club we will be sponsored by Suzie Burtch. **October 23rd** will be at Bravo at the Mercato.

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.



Women's Fellowship ~ Join us on **Monday, October 10th at 11:30 am in Nelson Hall 207.** We will enjoy listening to Van Ellison, *Executive Director* of the St. Matthew's House, followed by catered luncheon. Please bring a canned good for a donation and sign up in the Gathering Place after service or by calling the church office.

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 6:30 pm. \$15.00 per person. Tickets on sale October 2nd 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 our last two "Just for Fun" golf outings. **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 after service or call the office. Thank you to this year's sponsors: Quail West, Mediterra, Imperial, Spanish Wells, Audubon and Cedar Hammock.

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.

BAZAAR 2011 ~ NOVEMBER 12th! This is our largest church activity – and it takes ALL of us to make it happen successfully! PLEASE look for items that you can donate – linens – jewelry of all kinds – truffles – treasures – hand crafted items – and NEW LAST YEAR – A "TOOL EXCHANGE"! So we need any kind of tool from hand tools to small power tools! And we will take any items you have NOW! Just bring to the church or call Dana at 877-2960 or Pat at 659-5312!



This Week at NUCC (Sept 25 ~ Oct 2)

Sunday 9/25	Laity Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service (S) 5:00 pm Homework Help (Gr 6-12) (N 204) 6:00 pm Youth Group (N 204)
Monday 9/26	9:30 am Monday Morning Workshop (N 104) 1:00 pm Duplicate Bridge (N 207)
Tuesday 9/27	1:30 pm Bible Study: The Parables ~ Rev. Cathy (N 101) 6:00 pm Council Meeting (N 104) 6:00 pm Evening Basic Yoga (BH)
Wednesday 9/28	10:00 am Chair Yoga with Shannon (MH) 1:00 pm Duplicate Bridge (N 207) 3:30 pm Junior Disciples (N 204) 4:00 pm Children's Choir (K - 3rd Grade) (BH) 4:30 pm Children's Choir (4th & 5th Grades) (BH) 5:00 pm Youth Choir (6th Grade - high school) (BH) 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)
Thursday 9/29	9:30 am Precious Cargo Chapel (S) 10:00 am Men's Coffee and Conversation (N 101) 10:00 am Basic Yoga with Shannon (MH) 6:00 pm Evening Basic Yoga (BH)
Friday 9/30	10:00 am Perky Patchers (N 103)
Saturday 10/1	11:00 am Letty Rovelo/John Ruether Wedding (Dr. Patterson ~ S)
Sunday 10/2	Neighbors in Need/World Communion Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service (S) 11:00 am Worship Service (S) 5:00 pm Homework Help (Gr 6-12) (N 204) 5:00 pm Confirmation Class (Gr 8) (N 101 and 104) 6:00 pm Youth Group (N 204)

Youth Christian Education

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

Junior Disciples ~ meets Wednesday at 3:30 pm in Nelson Hall 104.

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

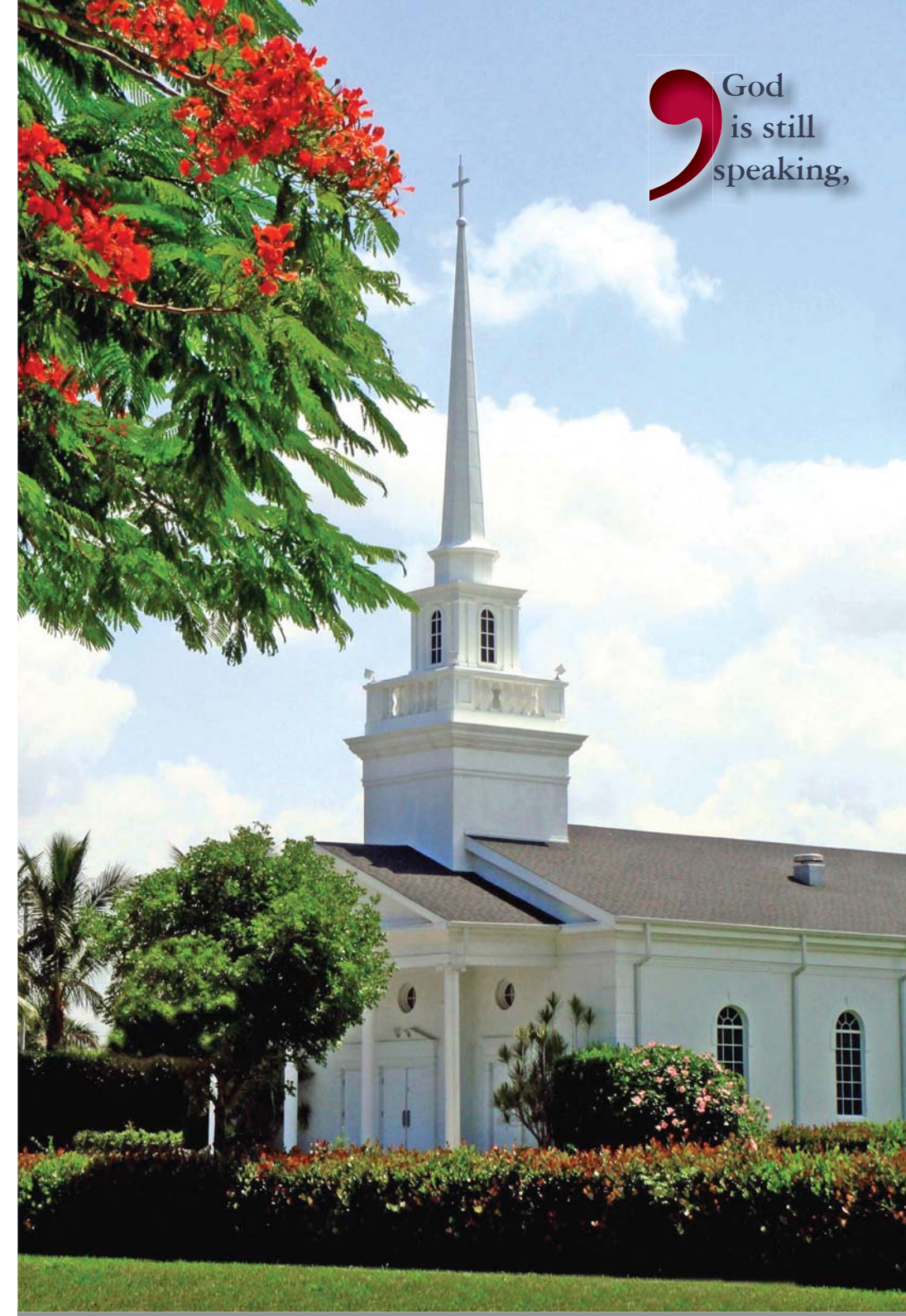
Confirmation Class ~ begins Oct. 2nd at 5pm for all 8th grade students.

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
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, Precious Cargo Academy
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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 25, 2011 – 10:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Laity 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 "Song Without Words" Gabriel Fauré
(Loretta Myers, piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP Kristy Thompson

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #590** "Rise Up O Saints of God" FESTAL SONG

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Sharon Svoboda

All: O Lord, open our eyes that we may see the need of others, open our ears that we may hear their cries, open our hearts so that they need not be without succor. Let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us today, in the present, where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to these places. Open our eyes and ears that we may, this coming day, be able to do some work for Thee. May the way of Jesus become our way, even as we pray together:

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: #482 "Sanctuary"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Nancy Van Fleet and Ron Thompson

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: Neighbors In Need Art Wells

FRIENDSHIP MOMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor. Ron Thompson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Presto" J. S. Bach
(Christopher Myers, piano)

CALL TO PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER
Susan Smith

PRAYER RESPONSE "Etude #28" Alvin Schroeder
(Joshua Myers, cello)

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 2:4-10 (NT pg. 251) Gladys Wells

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"

SERMON "We Are All Saints" Dr. Susan Smith

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentences J. Cunha

Offertory "Sheep My Safely Graze" J. S. Bach
(Joshua Myers, cello ~ Christopher Myers, piano)

***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.

***A HYMN #581** "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

***CHORAL BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Peter Lutkin
(Sanctuary Choir)

*POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Nelson Hall just across the courtyard!

We Return to Two Services on October 2nd!

Mark your calendars! Services will be at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



We would like to thank all of those participating in today's service.

Greeting: Pat McGee and Betty Bellovich

Ushers: Robert Miller; *Head Usher*; Patricia Slater; Barbara Converse;
Carolyn Hickman; Sharon and Bill Robinson; Gloria DeLisi

Staffing the Kiosk: Bobbi and David Hoefler

The Stephen Minister: Joyce Cameron

Chancel Flowers are in honor of our volunteers.

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.

Neighbors In Need (NIN) on October 2nd

This is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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 on October 9th, and the 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 luncheon 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

This morning's Prayer of Invocation was written by South African author, Alan Paton.

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!" is a creative reworking by Norman O. Forness (1936-) of the hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God". The original words were written by William Peirson Merrill, (1867—1954) the pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. The tune Festal Song has been used for a number of familiar hymns and was composed by Newark, NJ born, William Walter in 1872 for the hymn "Awake and Sing the Song". At the time Walter was the organist at Columbia University in New York City.

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service" was written by Jane Parker Huber (b.1926) in 1981 for a breakfast gathering of women during a national meeting of the Presbyterian Church. Her love for serving others was nurtured in early childhood. Her father was the President of Hanover College in Indiana and her mother served on two national agencies of the Presbyterian Church. Married to a minister, she has dedicated her life to service in the local congregation, writing dozens of hymns which seek to make the promise of faith real in a new day. The tune (which many recognize as the tune for "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling") is named for the Congregational pastor and abolitionist, Henry Ward Beecher, and was written by his organist at Plymouth Church of The Pilgrims in Brooklyn, NY, John Zundel in 1870. Zundel was born and died in Germany, but managed to spend 30 years in the United States playing at prominent congregations. He began his career in St. Petersburg, Russia as an organist in a Lutheran Church and as the bandmaster of the Russian Imperial Horse Guards.