

February 2011

Steeplelights

Naples United Church of Christ



God
is still
speaking,

From the Pastor

Thoughts on Civility

In the last few weeks there has been a great deal of conversation on the topic of civility. Some of the talk has been civil and some of it not so civil. I have trouble figuring out how people can treat others in an uncivil manner or why some individuals feel the need to so utterly destroy their political or social opponents that they will embrace nastiness as normal—but then I remember those times when I have been tempted to stoop to embrace my own baser image and fallen prey to my own fears. I don't have simple answers, but it seems worth a lot of thought and prayer by the would-be followers of Jesus.

At the end of the year I shared a pledge in my sermon that I had received from one of you. It came originally from Sojourners magazine and I urged you on that Sunday to consider taking this pledge as a way to get out from under some of the vitriol and negativity that is infesting our nation. This pledge is about email—and goodness knows there's enough of that around both bad and good—but it seems applicable to life in general. Read it over and join me in giving it a try. It could make a difference!

"I hereby pledge to uphold the highest standards of truth and civility in word, thought and deed. On my honor:

- 1. I will just say no to crazy email forwards, and to any other noxious electronic communication that comes my way. (Everyone in your address book will thank you, we promise.)*
- 2. I will communicate in a spirit of truth, humility, love, and patience with all people I come in contact with, despite our political disagreements or family relationship. (That goes for Uncle Frank. Especially Uncle Frank.)*
- 3. I will question any and all statements that sound mean, vindictive, or absurd; that provide no source or context; or that are politically motivated. (So, pretty much everything you hear on cable TV news.)*
- 4. I will share and enjoy stories of folks who are living out an attitude of truth and civility. (Make sure each story meets both requirements: Nice people telling lies don't count.)*
- 5. I will as a witness for God, encourage and spread a message of hope and reconciliation to a world that is deeply divided by political and cultural differences. (I will try to live like Jesus taught.)"*

With love,
Ron

PS:

There's still time to register for the workshop/retreat week-end, February 11-13—it will be a faith grower and a life enhancer! Also, don't forget that Bishop Spong will be with us March 6. His sermon and afternoon lecture will expand our theological horizons.

I still want to visit your home—give me a call: 239-253-1512 and let's get together.



Dr. Ron Patterson

From the Associate Pastor

A Gentle Reminder about March 6, 2011



Rev. Cathy O'Connell

The calls have started to come in from around the community, and tickets are now for sale. Bishop John Shelby Spong will be preaching at both our 9:00 and 11:00 am services, and each service will have its own unique sermon. Attendance should be larger than usual.

At 3:00 pm that afternoon, Bishop Spong will be lecturing on *"Reclaiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World"*. This, his latest book, will not be published until later in the year so you'll be getting a "sneak peak" at what to expect when the book becomes available for sale. Several of his other books related to scripture as well as his most recent book *"Eternal Life: A New Vision"* will be available for sale.

I mentioned last month that Bishop Spong's spiritual journey has evolved from unapologetic fundamentalism to an inclusive, embracing theology based solidly in history and science. He speaks at more than 175 different events each year, and to hear him is to glimpse an altogether unique facet of the gemstone called spirituality.

The Jesus Seminar awarded him the *John A.T. Robinson Award* for courage and integrity in theology in 2004. His portrait was hung along side those of other noted civil rights leaders in the Hall of Honor at Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA in 2010. A theologian of international renown will be in our midst. March 6th is a not-to-be-missed Sunday.

Blessings,

Cathy



Bishop John Shelby Spong

From the Board of Deacons

A Communion Table Open and Welcoming to All

The sacrament of Holy Communion is open and welcoming to all at our church. And we seek to serve Communion elements that will make possible increased participation. In answer to a need recently brought to our attention, we have added gluten free wafers to the bread plates. (Several members have noticed and expressed appreciation for this.) We continue to serve wine that is 100% grape juice, no sugar added and alcohol free. Our March Communion service will be changed from March 6th to March 13th.

~ Jan Hakes

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Awakening the Spirit: A Weekend of Discovery and Growth

Our Spiritual Selves

Spiritual growth happens when we open ourselves to the presence of God in others, in Scripture and in new experiences. We grow spiritually when we allow God's presence to enter our lives by investing time and energy in study, prayer, and reflection. During this weekend men and women will be offered opportunities to listen, to learn, and to share in a non-threatening and supportive environment with experienced leaders. There will be time for quiet reflection and conversation that will enable us to deepen our relationship with God and one another.

This weekend will include several workshops on specific spiritual disciplines and types of prayer. There will also be a three-session "retreat," offering wisdom and guidance for our life journey. In addition, there will be times to participate in "walking prayer" on NUCC's new Chartres-style labyrinth in McSpadden Hall.

We are hopeful that members and friends of NUCC will invite their neighbors to participate in some or all of this weekend. Individuals from other congregations in the community are also encouraged to be with us. Together we will share meals and times of fellowship.

"Strength for the Journey" Retreat

Friday and Saturday

Using the image of a train, we begin our journey through life arriving ultimately at our journey's end, eternal life. Our train is the Santa Fe line. Santa Fe means "Holy Faith." It is through our faith in God that we are sustained in our journey. By reflecting on our "train cars," our hearts might be tempted to ponder their meaning by asking ourselves: The engine: Who is our engineer? The fuel car: Who has energized us along the way? The diner: What has nourished us? The freight car: What is of value? What weighs us down? What needs to be left behind? The passenger car: With whom do we share the journey? What happens if we are traveling with an uncomfortable person? What have we experienced along the way? What have we witnessed peering out that passenger window? Train noise: How do we handle the distractions and interruptions of our days?

**Last Chance to Register is February 7th!
Don't be left out!**

Registration Form

(one application per person)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please note! Check the box next to the activity of your choice. You may participate in some or all of the activities below.

- RETREAT "Finding Strength for the Journey" ... \$75.00**
Attendees are encouraged to attend ALL three sessions.
Friday, Session 1 7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, Session 2 9:00 a.m. — Noon
Saturday, Session 3 1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

- ENTIRE WEEKEND** includes: \$100.00
3 Retreat Sessions and 2 Workshops
Please check which workshops (see titles below):
Friday #1 ___ or #2 ___
Sunday #1 ___ or #2 ___

WORKSHOPS \$25.00
(\$25.00 each if not doing the entire weekend)

(choose ONE for Friday and ONE for Sunday if only doing workshops, please circle your choice)

- Friday, 2:00 — 5:00 p.m.
1. Anger, Conflict, and Forgiveness
or
2. Lectio Divina
Sunday, 1:00 — 4:00 p.m.
1. Introduction to Centering Prayer
or
2. The Qualities of a Healthy Spirituality

- Spiritual Direction**, one-on-one, can be arranged with one of the sisters during the weekend.

Total: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Naples United Church of Christ
and mail to the Church at 5200 Crayton Road, Naples, FL
34103, or bring to the Church office by **February 7, 2011.**

Board of Mission and Outreach

What a kickoff for the New Year!

The reception for Lavinia and Juan Ochoa from our Mission Partner, Ebenezer School in Honduras was nothing less than magical. I really mean magical. Not all of you were able to participate in the informal luncheon and conversation. It was magical for several reasons. We had prepared seating and a light lunch for 20 to 25 folks. Approximately 50 enthusiastic folks showed up. Magical? Susan Melick, Roberta Buckley and Dana Downs showed up out of nowhere with more sandwiches and salad (“loaves and fishes”?). Susan Pratt started rolling in chairs. Magical? Our other three church member Mission Partners were present and engaged the gathering. Magical? Folks from our sister church (and Ebenezer supporter) in Port Charlotte, Pilgrim UCC enriched our gathering. It was magical for me, an English only attendee, to watch as an incredible number of folks dialogued with Lavinia and Juan, our Spanish speaking only guests. “When two or three get together in His name” it really can be magical.

Out of the preparation for the Ochoa’s arrival and this gathering, the Ebenezer School Committee proposed that they investigate getting the computers at Ebenezer School on line. We’ve tried letter writing between the students and their Sponsors; but it never really worked out. It is the Committee’s hope that the next Mission Group to visit Ebenezer this spring or next fall might be NUCC youth who could mentor the younger

students relative to using the Web, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. to allow better communications and exposing the students to a world beyond their immediate experience.

An area that the Board of Missions and Outreach is working on with the Church Treasurer, Finance Administrator and the Bargain Box in 2011, is to plan our funding for the whole year. In the past (prior to 2010), the Board had little or no way to anticipate how much money would be available for outreach until just prior to our meetings, if at all. We were hard put to deal with the good fortunes of 2010. We anticipate \$15,000.00 from the Church Budget (Stewardship) and \$40,000.00 from the Bargain Box. From experience, the Board had learned not to “count our chickens before they were hatched”. To our joy the Bargain Box ended up doubling their giving to NUCC Outreach in 2010.

We made it, but we’re going to do better! The Board is in the process of establishing an annual funding plan. We are also revamping and updating our Proposal Summaries used by current and future Mission Partners. In conjunction with new Proposal Summaries, a new procedure for reviewing current Mission Partners is being studied.

Thanks to you, we are excited about the New Year for the Board of Mission and Outreach.

Looking Ahead

Dr. Ramon Suarez an NUCC Church Member and Mission Partner (No Scalpel Vasectomy) will be travelling once again to the Philippines with his team of Drs. in late February providing free vasectomies in UCC affiliated hospitals there. He and his team were in Haiti this fall. This trip to the Philippines will be filmed by “Gabriel Films” and Award Winning Filmmaker whose documentaries are Marketed worldwide. Your church families’ prayers go with you Ramon.

Visitors from Honduras!



From their arrival on January 6th until departure on January 11th, Lavinia and Juan Ochoa charged the air with their excitement and talk of our Mission Partner, the Ebenezer School in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Lavinia spoke at both services on January 9th, telling us of the children, the misery of their tiny lives and how precious is the support we are giving them.

While here, Lavinia Ochoa, director of the Ebenezer School, and her husband, Juan, met with members and leaders of Christian Education here at NUCC to search for some connection we could

establish with the children at Ebenezer and ours here at NUCC. First, the idea of an internet connection which they all could use, sending messages, photos, notes, and information was met with enthusiasm.

Another plan is for a group of CE members and those in Ron Thompson’s “20’s Group” to travel over a spring holiday to Honduras. There they will see the tots, perhaps teach some English, help with computer skills, and build bookcases. These are all ideas, but already in the works!

JOIN US NOW AS A SPONSOR OF A CHILD AT THE EBENEZER SCHOOL!

Precious Cargo Academy

PCA would once again like to thank all the members of the church for their generosity and support.



The blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Infant Playground at Precious Cargo Academy was held on Sunday, January 16th.

Rev. Ronald Patterson was assisted in the cutting of the ribbon by Cheryl Turner, Moderator.

Joyce Cameron, who generously donated the primary play piece, the Gazebo, is seen here observing the festivities along with Teresa Brown, Chair of the Precious Cargo Academy Committee.

Music Events

**Tuesdays at Twilight
Concert Series 2011
Beverly Hall, 7:00 pm**

February 15, 2011

Stacey Berkley Devine, *Harp*
(Yoga with Stacy, 10:00 am at McSpadden Hall)

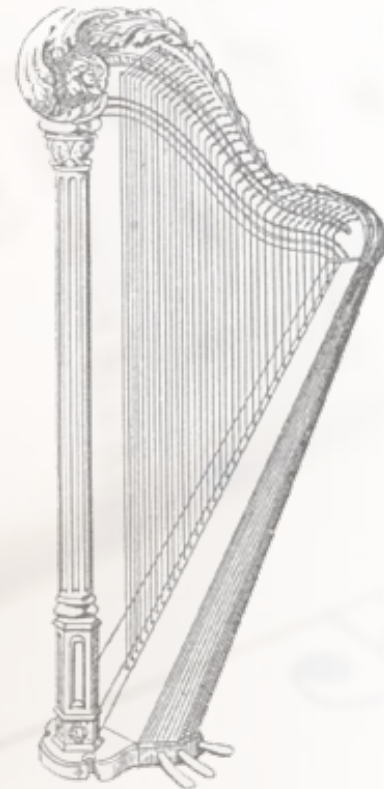
March 22, 2011

Adam Satinsky, *Cello*
Richard Bosworth, *Piano*

April 19, 2011

Glenn Basham, *Violin*
Dr. Becky Weese, *Piano*

Tickets are \$30.00 and are available for purchase at the Church office.



Wednesday Nite Live

February 9th at 5:45 pm

A Kentucky Inspired Meal Prepared by Real Kentuckians!

Menu: Hot Brown Casserole
Kentucky Green Beans
Strawberry & Mint Salad
Derby Pie

Program

Docu Drama: An informal chat with...*"The Four Loves of FDR"*

The play features four women who loved America's only four-term president over a period of 40 years. Each played a major role in his private life.

Place: McSpadden Hall

Price: \$15 per person. Children 12 and under are our guests.

Ticket Sales

Sunday mornings or through the church office.

Deadline for purchasing tickets or cancellations is Monday, February 7th, by 10:00 am.

Event Coordinator: Roberta Buckley at 859-227-9075

Volunteers Needed: "Anyone who is from Kentucky, or has any Kentucky ties, or who has ever driven through Kentucky is invited to join in the preparation or serving."

Blue Grass Hospitality!
Y'All Come!



Recipe:

Tomato-Celery Soup

Many of you have asked for the recipe for the soup that we served at Joe Robichaud's Memorial Luncheon.

Part of the success of the soup was the many hands that made it in loving remembrance of Joe.

It is a recipe that comes from Pleasant Hill, a Shaker community, near Lexington, Kentucky. It is so simple that I am always a little embarrassed to share it.

Enjoy! *Roberta Buckley*

Tomato-Celery Soup

1 small onion, chopped	1 Tsp minced parsley
1/2 cup finely chopped celery	1 Tbs lemon juice
2 Tbs butter	1 Tsp sugar
10 1/2 oz tomato soup	1/4 Tsp salt
10 1/2 oz water	1/8 Tsp pepper
Whipped cream	

Saute onion and celery in butter; do not brown. Add remaining ingredients, except whipped cream, and simmer for five minutes (the celery will remain crisp). Top each cup of soup with a spoonful of unsweetened whipped cream; garnish with additional chopped parsley.



1st American Performance!

Shanghai Children's Chorus

Tuesday, February 1st

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

37 singers and 27 dancers, ages 7-16

Their performance will include mainly Chinese folk songs and dances with the theme of the celebration of the Spring Festival. (Chinese New Year, Feb 3rd.)

\$20.00 for adults. Free for children under 18



Purdue University Men's Glee Club

Wednesday, March 16th

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

General admission: \$25.00

Reserved Seating: \$30.00

19th Annual Progressive Dinner

What better way to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.



- ◆ Social hour hosts will welcome 25-30 guests and begins at 5:30 pm.
- ◆ Dinner hosts 6-12 guests according to accommodations, and begins at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ One home will be needed for Dessert Buffet at 9:00 pm.

Saturday, March 12th

This special occasion is planned for Church Members and friends to become better acquainted with one another in small groups.

Everyone attending will be asked to contribute either by serving as a host, bringing an appetizer, salad or dessert.

If you have not previously hosted, please consider opening your home this year. Host homes west of US 41 are most desired, but not required.

Sign up in the Gathering Place after Sunday Services or call Jean Partridge 353-7020.

The Holocaust Museum's 10th Anniversary

Music Concert to benefit the Museum's Education Programs

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

"God Bless America" concert featuring Paul Todd & Friends

An evening of music and reflection, and appreciation of our freedoms.

Location: Gulf Coast High School
7878 Shark Way
Naples, FL 34119
(off Immokalee Road, 2 miles east of I-75)

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tickets: \$100 Orchestra Front; \$50 Main Floor; \$35 Balcony
To Order online: www.eventtixhmswfl.org
By phone: 866-811-4111
At Museum: 239-263-9200



Paul Todd

Note: Ticket holders will receive a one-year Membership to the Museum. We hope you will join us and thank you for your support. As a community-based Museum, we wouldn't have made it to the ten-year mark without you!

Celebrating the Power of Play



March 15th and 17th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

A 2-day workshop with Joan Dunkle

This mixed media workshop is for the intermediate/advanced artist who may think their work has gone stale, repetitive or reached a plateau. This dynamic artist who works "outside the box", will cover a plethora of mediums to transform images into a meaningful personal statement.

Tuesday and Thursday

March 15th and 17th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$115.00 - Palette Pal Members

\$125.00 - Non Members

Call Pat Slater at 262-4867 for registration. Minimum five people - Maximum 10 people.

For the Love of Art

Monday February 7th, 2011

11:30 am in McSpadden Hall

- ♥ Browse thru an art exhibit from Palette Pals - and...
- ♥ Enjoy a complimentary soup and salad luncheon.
- ♥ From our heart and love for our church, 20% of all art sales will be given to NUCC.
- ♥ Buy a raffle ticket and take a chance on winning an original painting.
- ♥ Hear our guest speaker, Joel Kessler, Executive Director of the Von Liebig Art Center.
- ♥ Open to all men and women. Bring your spouse, friend or guest.
- ♥ Mark your calendar now for this special Valentine's Day treat, brought to you from Women's Fellowship and Palette Pals.

Sign up in the Gathering Place or call the Church office at 261-5469.

Be Part of General Synod 28

July 1st - 5th



The Florida Conference is hosting General Synod in Tampa, July 1st - 5th. Synod meets every two years and is a gathering of people delegated by our 38 Conferences to represent the United Church of Christ and to address important matters relating to the church. Participants also include visitors from UCC churches; local, conference and national UCC staff; representatives from many diverse UCC institutions, agencies and ministries; and friends and colleagues from other faith traditions. It is an opportunity to participate in meaningful worship, see how the UCC works from the inside out, hear dynamic speakers, renew old friendships and make new friends, and celebrate the various UCC institutions, agencies and ministries.

Be a part of this as a Synod volunteer. Volunteers are asked to commit to one or more four-hour shifts. Everyone who attends Synod must register and pay a registration fee. The fee for a volunteer is \$100 (50% of the regular registration fee and entitles you to attend all activities and events, except those that are only open to delegates).

Here are some of the ways Synod volunteers will assist:

- > Staff information booth at the Convention Center and hotels
- > Assist Registrar of General Synod at the registration area
- > Floor Stewards assist in floor management of Synod sessions
- > Youth Stewards (14 – 18 years old) help during all plenary sessions
- > Assist participants with special needs to fully participate in the activities of Synod
- > Children's Program and Child Care volunteers provide child care for infants through 5th graders
- > Worship Ushers
- > Thousands of cookies will also be needed and churches will be receiving information about how they can share the love by baking cookies!

How do I volunteer?

To begin the process, go to the Florida Conference website, www.uccfla.org/uccfla/General_Synod_2011.html and follow the instructions. You will find additional volunteer opportunities listed on the registration site. Once you have signed up, you will be contacted with further information. If you do not have access to a computer, please call Jo Pritchett, Synod Volunteer Coordinator, at 386-626-3378.

See you in Tampa!

Christian Education

We have begun a new series called *"How to be With Your Attitude"*, which talks about Jesus' teachings found in the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:4-10. The series challenges us to be like our Lord and live these attitudinal changes on a daily basis. This requires a different view of our lives.

We are learning to change our vision at all age groups with the comical Dr. Seymour Clearly of the World Eye Institute. Dr. Clearly is a fictional Ophthalmologist that points out the value of changing our spiritual vision with humor and analogy by using the tools used by the doctors in a real Ophthalmologist's lab.



Junior Disciples art program

Pre-school

The weekly chapel has helped the children understand the story of the Nativity ending with a visit by the three kings. We now begin the story of Jesus and his childhood, and move through the stories of His ministry leading us to Easter.

Sunday School and Junior Disciples

We explore the Dr. Seymour Clearly series and learn how to understand the beatitudes with their sometimes dual and symbolic meaning. Both groups were treated to a surprise visit from Dr. Hye Kansee, the special assistant to Dr. Seymour Clearly. The Doctor was a guest at the children's sermon and the elementary school lessons. Dr. Hye Kansee (played by Kristy Thompson) demonstrated techniques to change our vision.



Mr. Ron and Dr. Hye Kansee (Kristy Thompson)

Junior High

Students are reaching a point in their lives where connecting the dots of all they are learning becomes increasingly important. We are starting in Genesis and talking about how we are made in God's image and how we each have unique gifts. What is emphasized is the obligation we have as Christians to not only look at ourselves as God's vessels, but all those around us as God's vessels also. We are challenged to make better sense of the world we live in and how we can use our individual gifts to fulfill God's purpose for us in our lives.

High School and College Groups

They are combining this series with a discussion on solitude, intimacy in our relationships and conflict resolution.



Mr. Ron's Youth Group Facebook page can be found at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/profile.php?id=100000982432963>

This is a great place to catch up with youth topics and events and look for upcoming topics and discussions.

February 2011

What's Happening This Month at Naples United Church of Christ

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Adult Education

All-Church Spiritual Growth Opportunity

Awakening the Spirit: A Weekend of Discovery and Growth will offer church members and friends, as well as the ecumenical community, a chance to explore and go deeper into a sense of connection with God. Maybe you've asked yourself some questions like these: How can I pray better? How might I read the Bible more effectively? Can I learn how to really forgive? What is "spirituality," anyway? What are some spiritual practices that can help me through this thing I call my life? Please look for information and registration materials in the brochure available at the church. **Registration deadline is February 7th.**

Our Yoga Ministry

"Thank you—that was beautiful!"

"Really good! I'll come again!"

These are just two of many good comments after our yoga classes led by church member Shannon Danford. Shannon has wanted for a long time to begin a ministry at NUCC using her professional training as a yoga instructor. Shannon integrates yoga history and philosophy with her Christian spirituality in her approach to the exercise, relaxation through meditation, and renewal yoga provides. The Chair Yoga and Basic Yoga classes that Shannon teaches here are uniquely centered in the concept of self-respect and care advocated by Paul the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 6:19: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God...?" Our bodies are sacred, and Shannon, with great skill, helps us remember that.

Chair Yoga meets Wednesdays at 10:30;
Basic Yoga meets Thursdays at 10:00 in McSpadden Hall.

The Book Club

The final two discussions of the book *Sarah's Key* will meet Monday, February 7th and 14th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in Nelson Hall 101. Please join either or both times if you have read this New York Times Best-seller by Tatiana DeRosnay and would enjoy talking about it with others. Please call Robyn Coker at 597-9174 if you'd like more information about this book selection or the ongoing Book Club.

Valley of the Shadow...and Beyond

by Gay Lindquist

It is a great pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss my memoir, *Valley of the Shadow: A Journey through Cancer and Beyond*, with friends at Naples United Church of Christ. The book is organized as a journey, with "waysides" interspersed to reflect on what I learned during that experience and how those things might be helpful to others. The journey began thirteen years ago when I had recently retired as a nursing professor and was eagerly looking forward to the next phase of life. It was a beautiful, sunny October afternoon, and I coughed up one tiny globule of blood. It seemed insignificant at the time, but that cough changed my life. Not only was I no longer a health care provider, I was about to be on the other side of the health care delivery system—as a lung cancer patient.

The intent of the book is to inspire people living with cancer to approach it not only as a difficult, painful obstacle in life, but also as an experience that can lead to personal growth. It provides reassurance that feelings of anxiety, fear, and guilt are normal and discusses how staying physically, mentally, socially and spiritually active helped me deal with the situation. It shares not only the tears, but also the laughter, enlightenment, and appreciation for life that I gained as I journeyed through cancer and beyond. My book doesn't pretend to be a comprehensive guide, but perhaps, while discussing it, we can learn from one another ways to make cancer not only a life-threatening, but also a life-enhancing experience. Hope to see many of you at one of the discussions!

Please come to Nelson Hall 207 on Tuesday February 22nd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm or to Nelson Hall 104 on Wednesday, February 23 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Copies of *"The Valley of the Shadow"* are available in the church office for \$14.

Palette Pals DVD and Open Painting Workshop with Jean Grastoff

If you think you have no talent, think again! Palette Pals presents a half day workshop. DVD instruction plus painting and production time to lead you through some techniques and tools for pouring watercolor backgrounds. No cost to you - supplies furnished. Call Pat Slater 262-4867 to register for Monday, February 28th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

How to Catch a Moment Workshop Series

Thursdays, February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at either 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm or 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in Nelson Hall 104. Moment-Catching Workshops will provide an opportunity to use poetic verse to look at the world and one's self from a new perspective. Writing increases self-confidence and understanding and ability to set goals. Bring writing material and a favorite poem. Contact the Rev. Dr. George Bell, certified poetry therapist, for information and to sign up at 793-0983. Class limited to 16.

Book Study with Dr. Patterson

Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. February 2nd and February 9th. What's the future of Christianity? Using Bishop John Spong's book, *"A New Christianity for a New World"*, this class will be a free flowing discussion of Christian belief in the modern world. Copies of the book are available in the office for \$10.

Wednesdays at 2:00 with

Rev. Cathy O'Connell

Come and discuss Rabbi Harold Kushner's book *"When Bad Things Happen to Good People"* in Nelson Hall 101. Books will be available for sale.

State Recognition

The first month of celebrating the states in January has been a wonderful success. Many people have made new friends from their own state. On the Sunday that we recognize your state, invite your friends and then please pick up your state name tag at the kiosk before the service. After the 9:00 am service, meet and greet your state neighbors at the coffee hour. The Membership and Growth Committee suggests that you will be able to meet more people if those of you planning to attend the second service, will come early and have your coffee hour before the service.

February 6: Massachusetts

February 13: Illinois and Missouri

February 20: Utah, Wyoming and Colorado

February 27: Canada and Europe

Bargain Box News

Can you believe it is already February! Time flies when you are having fun.

The store is very busy with all the snowbirds returning. With the flu season among us, we could use more help. We know you would enjoy helping!

To help you pamper the sweetheart in your life, we are offering **25% off all accessories from February 1st - February 14th.** This means great deals on our jewelry, purses and shoes! We also have beautiful evening ware for that special date night with your sweetie.

If you are re-doing your home and need help cleaning out furniture or house wares, call us, we can help you! All donations are appreciated.

I would like to thank all of you for your support with our fund raiser for Grace Place. It was a success due to your continued support!

Your Bargain Box Manager ~ Sandy

Habitat for Humanity Needs You!

Two years after the founding of Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, our church joined with three other area congregations and became Founding Members of Collier County Habitat for Humanity, one of Habitat's oldest and most successful affiliates. Since that day 33 years ago, much has been accomplished here: over 1,200 families have been provided the opportunity of home ownership, and 100 more homes are scheduled to be built this year. In the process, legions of volunteers have experienced the personal satisfaction of being a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

While each homeowner is required to provide 500 hours of "sweat equity," the engine that drives Habitat construction is its corps of volunteer workers. Over the last 32 years, NUCC has had a rich volunteer history, and we are pleased to again be able to offer the congregation's members and friends the "Habitat experience."

People of all skill levels and ages are welcome, although to work on a Habitat job site, a child must be at least 14 years old, and accompanied by an adult. We will again be working in Regal Acres, which is off Rt. 41, several miles east of the intersection of Rts. 41 & 951. We will depart at 7am from the church parking lot, and wrap up around mid afternoon. For more information, refer to www.habitatcollier.org. To learn more, contact Bob Caruthers at 261-6240

Volunteer Questionnaire

We need Your Help: A Note From Dr. Patterson

As a follow up to last summer's survey, we are enclosing a short questionnaire (which appears on the following two pages) that will help us get to know each of you better. Many of you indicated an interest in greater participation in our church. Many of you wanted quicker and more timely communication about what is happening at NUCC.

This questionnaire will help us understand how to meet the above needs of our congregation. Please take the time to fill out this short questionnaire and send it back to us or leave it with Dana at the front desk of the church or in the box in the Narthex. We do need one completed for EACH member of the church.

We will enter the information you provide in our private church database which will allow us the opportunity to involve each of you in our church life in the manner you have indicated. Please be assured that you will not be called upon every time there is a need - but only to your choosing.

We thank you in advance for filling out this questionnaire.

With love,
Ron

This event will show bridal gowns worn through the ages, donated by our congregational members, and modeled by friends and members. Mother of the Bride and Mother of the Groom dresses will also be presented while appropriate wedding music is playing and tales of the weddings represented by the dresses are told.

There is still time for you to share the dresses from your wedding or from a member of your family, call Roberta Buckley at 859-227-9075, or Susan Melick at 239-293-8446 to get your dresses in the show.

Tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 in the Church office on weekdays, or in the Gathering Place after Church Services on Sundays. Our first show was a sell-out, get your tickets early.

NUCC VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

- Name _____ Date of Birth _____
- Full time Naples resident? YES NO If NO, what months are you in Naples? _____
- What state(s) other than Florida do you consider "home"? _____
- Have you served before on a committee or board (either here at NUCC or elsewhere?) YES NO

Would you consider serving on a NUCC church Committee/Board if you were interested in the mission of the Committee/Board? YES NO Please place: 1) a "check mark" beside those in which you might be interested; 2) an "NS" beside those on which you now serve; 3) an "HS" beside those on which you have served previously and would like to consider serving again.

<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Precious Cargo(PC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education Children and Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> WNL - Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustees
<input type="checkbox"/> World Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Endowment	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacons	<input type="checkbox"/> Bargain Box
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership & Growth	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Council

- Please check the following areas in which you might be interested - or about which you would like to receive more information. If you are already involved in an area, mark it with a "0".

<input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Palette Pals
<input type="checkbox"/> Perky Patchers (Crafts - Fri.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Music Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/> Bazaar	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday Morning Craft Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Middlers	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Group - 20-30s
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Singles	<input type="checkbox"/> Bell Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Group - 30-50s
<input type="checkbox"/> Card Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild	Other _____	

- Please check areas in which you might be interested in volunteering for the church.

<input type="checkbox"/> General Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Assemble mailings	<input type="checkbox"/> Answer telephone
<input type="checkbox"/> Facility painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Library work	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance & repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Work in kitchen
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking lot direction	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare communion	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with special receptions
<input type="checkbox"/> Read to PC child/children	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentor PC child	<input type="checkbox"/> Help in PC classroom at lunch
<input type="checkbox"/> Share talent with PC class	<input type="checkbox"/> Help in PC infant room	<input type="checkbox"/> Accompany PC field trip
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport donations to mission partners	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio-visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with weekday children/youth programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport shut-ins	<input type="checkbox"/> Help mission partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Make prayer shawls
<input type="checkbox"/> Make telephone calls	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher on Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Bake cookies
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Coffee Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Greet on Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Be a Church officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Bargain Box	<input type="checkbox"/> Teach/share ideas	
	Other _____	

- Please check programming in which you might be interested.

<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Study
<input type="checkbox"/> Music concerts/Recitals	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lecture series
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-help information	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Meditation/Prayer
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternative worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Labyrinth Ministry	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

*Naples United Church of Christ
Requests the Honor of your Presence
at our Festive Bridal Show
on Saturday, February the 26th, 2011
at two o'clock in the afternoon
in the Sanctuary
Reception immediately following the presentation.*



Membership and Growth

New Members ~ January 23, 2011

8. a) Have you ever volunteered at our Bargain Box Thrift Shop? YES NO *If NO, would you be interested in volunteering at the Bargain Box – or receiving more information?* YES NO
 b) Have you ever volunteered at Precious Cargo Academy? YES NO *If NO, would you be interested in volunteering or receiving more information?* YES NO

9. In order to help us learn more about you and your areas of interest and expertise, we would like to ask you some questions about your past experience. Please place check marks in the areas where you have knowledge and experience based on your work/volunteer background.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resource/Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Grounds Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth education/programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate Planning/Financial Advisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planner | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writer | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Development experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Investment Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Church/Volunteer Leader/Chair of a Church/Volunteer Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development/Early Childhood Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Please give a brief description of areas marked above:

What do you do in your "spare" time? Hobbies, etc _____

What is/was your vocation/occupation? _____

If you have expertise in an area where our church needs advice, would you be willing to help NUCC if called upon? YES NO

10. Do you use a computer for email? YES NO
If YES, would you be willing to receive information about our church activities and programs and status via email? YES NO Preferred Email address _____

11. Do you use a computer to search for information on internet websites? YES NO
If YES, would you be interested in accessing our NUCC website for:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Information about church programs/events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Information about church finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Information about church activities and missions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Information about church volunteer opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Signing up to attend church programs/events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Signing up to learn more about volunteer opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Making donations to stewardship and missions via the website |

12. Would you be willing to get your Steeplelights by email or through the website, rather than by US mail? YES NO email YES NO website

PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE OR BOX IN CHURCH NARTHEX

Not pictured:

Joyce Agnew lives in Naples and Excelsior, MN and joining as an Associate Member.

Robert W. Hill is a Naples resident and joining as a Full Member.

Carol Novosel lives in Naples and Lagrange, IL and is joining as a Full Member.



Timothy and Sally Schrader live in Naples and Osterville, MA and join as Full Members.



Robert and Jan Rowland live in Naples and Louisville, KY and join as Associate Members.



Jim and Eleanor Hughes are from W. Newfield, ME and Bonita Springs and join as Associate Members.



Charles and Ann Culshaw are residents of Naples and join as Full Members.



Terry and David Rayburn are residents of Naples and join as Full Members.



Beverly Oliphant lives in Naples and Wakefield, MA and is joining as a Full Member.



Stew and Becky Lambert live in Naples and Leesburg, IN and join as Associate Members.



Pamela Oliveira is a Naples resident and is joining as a Full Member.



Suzanne and Donald Merz live in Naples and Wilmette, IL and join as Full Members.



Peter and Brenda Lilly live in Naples and Pittsburgh, PA and join as Associate Members.



Dave and Patti Raht are residents of Naples and join as Full Members.



Tom and Kathryn (Peg) McCausland live in Naples and Winnetka, IL and join as Associate Members.



Sue Waldron is a resident of Naples and is joining as a Full Member.



Michael and Lois Muldowney are residents of Naples and Lois is joining as a Full Member.



Jim and Joanna Head live in Naples and Indianapolis, IN and join as Full Members.



Jean Lemmon is a Naples resident and joining as a Full Member.

This Month's New Member Luncheon: February 6th following the 11:00 am service in Nelson Hall

This Month's New Member Sunday: February 13th

UCC Theology Classes Led by Dr. Patterson: February 3rd and March 3rd at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm in Nelson Hall 101.

Please call Susan Pratt at 239-261-5469 for more information.

Anniversaries

David and Shirley Adams2/1
 William and Joan McNagny2/2
 Ken and Nancy Bruce2/4
 Ralph and Margaret Jackson...2/6
 Ted and Ann Sanderson2/8
 Tom and Peg McCausland.....2/9
 Joan and Lloyd Byerhof2/10
 Harry and Nettie Morton2/11
 Bill and Barbara Roy2/13
 William and Mary Ann Fouse ..2/14
 Wilbur and Debbie Witman....2/15
 Al and Carole Hannigan2/20
 Brian and Kathy Johnson2/20
 Lane and Sherry Latimer2/20
 William and Patricia Frey2/26
 Boyd and Ann Silbert2/27
 Charles and Karen Crowell2/27



In Our Prayers:

CW2 Jeffery A. Cook

February Birthdays

Patty Scott.....2/1	Velma Cook2/14
Sophie Hautmann.....2/1	Barbara Wilson.....2/15
John Recco2/2	Lorraine Messner2/15
Gay Lindquist.....2/2	Robert Showalter2/16
Megan Noe2/2	Mary Ann Fouse2/16
Trixie Szilagyi2/2	Jay Blanton2/16
Liz Galbreath.....2/3	Carroll Arnold2/17
T'Lene Anderer.....2/4	Albert Abrahams2/17
Douglas Gebbie.....2/5	Doug Brown.....2/17
Bennett Hudson2/5	Gilbert LaCroix2/18
William Richmann2/5	Cynthia MacDonald2/18
Morgan Humphrey2/5	Joyce Agnew2/18
Marguerite Jung2/5	Winifred Rothrock.....2/18
Beth Bacon.....2/6	Elizabeth Thomason2/19
Claire Akemann.....2/7	Grace Humphrey.....2/19
Wayne Hoy2/7	Elaine Lyons2/19
Robert Brown.....2/7	Joan Parekh.....2/19
Jane Edison2/7	Barbara Bergwall.....2/20
Porter Daniel.....2/7	Ken Borgman.....2/20
Paul Gordon2/7	Roger Conant2/20
Jeff Lambert2/7	Paul Wright.....2/20
Robert DeShetler.....2/8	Budge Sherwood.....2/20
Jane Kitchen2/8	George Pattison.....2/20
Lizanna Angeli.....2/8	Dudley Lyons2/20
Kelsey Braun2/9	Penny Isermann.....2/20
Tim Schrader2/9	Randy Bass.....2/21
John Montag2/10	Milta Garrastazu.....2/22
Stephanie Ogilvie2/10	Margaret Ward.....2/22
Mark Makara.....2/10	Beth Smith2/23
William Gossett2/11	Larry Smith2/23
Shirley Ramsey2/11	Marianne Palmason2/24
Joan Byerhof2/11	Edward Sunder2/24
Bobbi Richardson2/12	Jane Stephen2/27
Allen Smith2/12	Jennifer Rainey2/28
Susan Scheessele2/12	Julianne Cox.....2/28
Mary Ellen Stevenson2/12	Jerry Hunsaker2/28
Fred Heimburger.....2/12	Carol Novosel.....2/28
Mary Elizabeth Beadle.....2/13	Morris West.....2/28
Charlie Moore.....2/13	Sherry Latimer.....2/29
Adam Mackey2/14	William Cash.....2/29

Condolences

To the Family of Betty Oliphant Hosmer who passed on December 28th.
 To Margaret Robichaud and family on the loss of Joe on December 30th.
 To Ken and Judy Novak and family on the loss of their parents:
 Joe on January 2nd and Emily on January 19th.
 To the family and friends of Laverne Smith, who passed on January 2nd.
 To the family of Leona Muenze who passed on January 18th.
 To Terry Moore and family on the loss of his mother, Peggy Moore.
 To Bruce and Merrill Langton on the loss of their daughter-in-law Marianne.
 To Eric Flesher and family on the loss of his mother.
 To Stephanie Braun and family on the loss of her sister-in-law Cindy.
 To Donna and Paul Blais on the passing of Paul's grandfather.

More on "Estate Focused" Endowment Gifts

As more members talk with us about the church's "Preserving Our Future" Endowment Campaign they like the idea that we are not asking for a gift today. This campaign is asking members to consider making a commitment now for a gift to come to the church from their estates to be paid after they are no longer living.

There are many different types of estate gifts or "planned gifts."

Bequests from estate plans are the most common vehicle for endowment giving. We are finding that parishioners have listed NUCC as a beneficiary in either their wills or certain trusts in their estate plans. Some have included a set dollar amount and others have chosen to use a percentage of whatever their eventual estate might be. Proper implementation of estate bequests will involve your attorney. Talking with us during this process can help assure that we understand your intentions and the language in your estate documents reflects them.

Non-cash gifts transferred via your estate may be a good fit for you. Examples would include real estate, securities (public companies, private companies and mutual funds), personal property and more.

Some types of non-cash assets can be transferred simply by changing the beneficiary in the records of the relevant sponsoring organization. The most common examples would be:

- Existing life insurance policies, no longer needed for family protection,
- IRA assets, designate the church as a partial beneficiary.

These beneficiary designation changes can often be done fairly simply without rewriting your estate documents. However, it is always advisable to make sure your estate planning attorney is informed of your intentions and actions.

Finally, there are many types of deferred gifts where members can transfer assets to the church now, but retain lifetime income and certain tax advantages while they are still living.

When considering your endowment gift, your Endowment Committee is here to help explore various ways to make it. By talking with us up front, you can also be certain your gift is set up to do exactly what you intend for it to do. Please call us with your questions and let us help.

Fred Berlet: 262-8803

Jane Gaillard: 435-1626

Jim Lozelle: 261-6680

Sam McCullough: 591-0496

Alan Olson: 261-1437

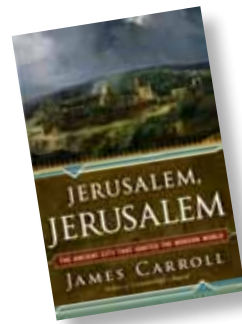
Charlie Sellman: 304-2253

Marilyn Sherwood: 254-0823

Dave Stevenson: 593-6860

JoAnn VanDegriff: 947-9340

James Carroll Event



Temple Shalom and The Unitarian Universalist Congregation present:

James Carroll, award-winning historian, journalist and author of NY Times best seller, *Constantine's Sword*

He will be speaking on the subject of his newest book, *Jerusalem, Jerusalem - How the Ancient City Ignited Our Modern World*

Carroll traces the richly intertwined history of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths in the city of Jerusalem. To be released in March, *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* reveals how this ancient city became an incendiary fantasy unlike any other in the world.

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 7:00 pm
at Temple Shalom
4630 Pine Ridge Road
Naples, Florida 34119-4063

\$15 prepaid, \$40 includes signed book, \$20 at the door. \$100 Sponsorships for private reception with the author, including book and lecture.
Checks payable and mailed to Temple Shalom noting "James Carroll"
Temple Phone: 239-455-3030 or UU Phone: 239-455-6553

World Day of Prayer

Please Join Us for our
Fourth World Day of Prayer

March 4, 2011 at 5:00 pm

In Gates Chapel, with a reception following the service.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Throughout the entire day, we collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. Our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. WDP motto is "Informed Prayer Leads us to Prayful Action."

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

World Day of Prayer is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME.

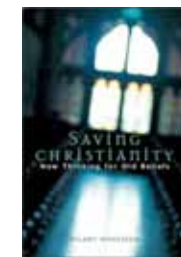


Book Recommendations



"The Naked Now"
by Richard Rohr

For Christians seeking a way of thinking outside of strict dualities, this guide explores methods for letting go of division and living in the present. Drawn from the Gospels, Jesus, Paul, and the great Christian contemplatives, this examination reveals how many of the hidden truths of Christianity have been misunderstood or lost and how to read them with the eyes of the mystics rather than interpreting them through rational thought. Filled with sayings, stories, quotations, and appeals to the heart, specific methods for identifying dualistic thinking are presented with simple practices for stripping away ego and the fear of dwelling in the present.



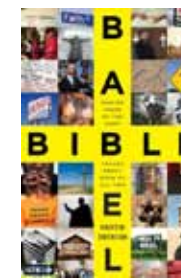
"Saving Christianity - New Thinking for Old Beliefs"
by Hilary Wakeman

One of the central themes of the book is that we need to find new ways of expressing old truths. She describes in detail the origin and context of the main tenets of Christian beliefs, and considers ways that these core doctrines can be brought up to date and expressed with honesty and integrity.



"Putting Away Childish Things A Tale of Modern Faith"
by Marcus Borg

The author weaves his insightful teachings on Christianity into a new form – fiction. In this compelling tale, we learn about the important issues dividing Christians today. Along the way, we join with the characters to ask the hard questions such as what does the Bible really teach? Who is Jesus? What is the nature of faith today?



"Bible Babel - Making Sense of the Most Talked About Book of All Time"
by Kristin Swenson

The author both enlightens us and entertains us. Her book is written for ordinary readers in an engaging prose style. This is a fun, easy to read introduction to the uses and abuses of the #1 best seller of all time. This is a well paced, well informed, and accessible guide to Bible basics and biblical literacy.

~ Don Snyder

Lectionary

Our music and worship resources each Sunday are based on the lectionary readings. The lectionary is a three-year cycle, which takes the reader through all the major themes in the Bible. Use these readings to prepare for Sunday and for your private devotions.

February 6th
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16)
Matt 5:13-20

February 13th
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9
Matt 5:21-37

February 20th
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
Matt 5:38-48

February 27th
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm 131
1 Cor 4:1-5
Matt 6:24-34

Stewardship

Dear Members and Friends,

After the Holiday Season is over, the Church turns its attention to our Stewardship needs. February 6th is Stewardship Sunday. Ron's Sermon will revolve around Stewardship. Our theme this year is from Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Your financial support is the life blood of our Church. Your gifts support our operations and our mission giving for 2011. Please pray about your gift and remember the good work that our Church does in Naples and beyond.

God Bless,
The Stewardship Committee

Financial Report

CATEGORY	2010	2009	% CHANGE
Church Revenue	\$1,480,908	\$1,298,094	14%
Church Expenses	\$1,400,056	\$1,316,573	6%
Church Net	\$80,852	\$(18,479)	
Trustees Reserve Balance	\$151,990	\$77,068	97%
Stewardship Pledges Received	\$1,037,006	\$918,589	13%
% to Goal	97%	88%	
Precious Cargo Revenue	\$998,205	\$884,812	13%
Precious Cargo Expenses	\$1,026,831	\$948,260	8%
Precious Cargo Net	\$(28,626)	\$(63,448)	
Bargain Box Revenue	\$373,281	\$240,948	55%
Bargain Box Expenses	\$231,630	\$189,936	22%
Bargain Box Net	\$141,651	\$51,012	
Bargain Box (BB) Donations to Missions	\$80,000	\$25,000	220%
Total Mission Giving Including BB	\$327,578	\$218,575	50%
Capital Campaign (CC) Pledges Received	\$389,719	\$898,785	
CC Pledges Outstanding at Year End	\$357,693	\$794,774	
Outstanding Mortgage Balance at year end	\$996,133	\$1,400,000	-29%
Shortfall (Mortgage O/S - pledges O/S)	\$638,440		
NOTE: Paying off the current balances of the church mortgage loan liabilities would significantly benefit the entire church program.			
Endowment Funds total at year end	\$783,766	\$600,683	30%
Total Restricted Funds on hand at year end	\$1,305,441	\$1,110,200	18%
Total Church Membership at year end	1092	1104	-1%
Children - Nursery through High School 2010	67		

Treasurer - Charles L. Hanscomb
Assistant Treasurer - Paul Wright

Save the Date!

Upcoming Events and News

Men's Coffee and Conversation

February 10th at 10:00 am. The discussion will be end of life issues.

Single Seniors

Sunday February 27th at 12:30 pm

Our buffet lunch will be held at the Vineyards Country Club.

Jean and Bob Partridge will be our hosts.

Please sign up at the coffee hour or call Dana at the church office.

Tommy Scholarships

Applications are available in the Church office. The deadline is March 1st.

Mark This Date: March 9th

On Wednesday, March 9th, please join us at 5:00 pm in our Sanctuary for our **Ash Wednesday Service of Healing and Anointing** followed by a Soup For The Soul Supper.

More will be in our March Steeplelights, but it's never too soon to think about helping with the creation of our Homemade Soup! Call Susan in the office if you would like to help serve this blessed meal.

Didn't see your State listed this month?

We are continuing State Recognition Sundays through April. Check the dates below to see when your State will be recognized. Pick up your state name tag at the kiosk on your state date, then visit with your state neighbors during coffee hour.

March 6th: New York, Alaska, Hawaii and New Hampshire

March 13th: Michigan, Wisconsin and Nebraska

March 20th: Pennsylvania

March 27th: Connecticut and New Jersey

April 3rd: Ohio, Iowa and Indiana

April 10th: Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, California, Tennessee and Texas

The PSP 7th Annual Awareness/Memorial Walk

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (or PSP falls under the Parkinson domain as a "Parkinsonian" disorder) is a fatal neurodegenerative brain disease. This event will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at Mackle Park on Marco Island. Registration is 10:00 am, the walk is at 11:00 am with a luncheon following the walk. Call Cindy MacDonald, (239) 353-3960 for more information.