



**NAPLES
UNITED
CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

A Traditional Church
for Progressive People

**OCTOBER 21, 2018
9 A.M. AND 11 A.M.
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GROWING. INTERGENERATIONAL. MISSION-DRIVEN.**



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

INVOCATION

All: Gracious God, grant us the ambition to serve you in all we do. As we seek your presence this day in worship may we also seek ways to serve each other. May your Holy Spirit guide us in the ways of service and peace, just as Jesus did when he taught us this prayer:

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Lord's Prayer
Heather Vicevic, soloist

Albert Malotte

TIME FOR CHILDREN (9 A.M.)

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Servants of Almighty God
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Patterson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

NT pgs. 47-48(NRSV)

MUSICAL RESPONSE #576

Make Me a Servant

Kelly Willard

**Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant,
make me a servant, make me a servant today. (x2)**

SERMON

Ambitious Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

David Schwoebel

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11 A.M.)

***All: We rejoice in recognizing you as members of Naples United Church of Christ. We celebrate the diversity of needs, ideas, and visions that God has created. As our faith journeys are united, we give thanks for our past and ask God's blessing on our church and its future. We promise to support one another in the common task of building here on earth the realm of God.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #466**

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

***WORDS OF BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Rev. Beverly L. Duncan, Minister for Visitation
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist
Jamie Hardesty, Assistant Director of Music and Accompanist
Megan Black, Audiovisual

GREETERS: 9 a.m.: Provided by the diaconate 11 a.m.: Dorothy and Ralph Blattner

USHERS: 9 a.m.: David Bogin, head usher; Joann Aycock, Carolyn Keller, Joe Rickard, Mark Riley, Bill Rumpf, Cynthia Taft, Cheryl Turner

11 a.m.: Ron Sanson, head usher; Gloria Beissinger, J Cunha, Dan Morris, Bob Morse, Bob Nordland, Joe Rickard, Bill Rumpf

STEPHEN MINISTERS: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Louise Brown



Chancel flowers are given by Barbara Converse and Mike Hagan, in honor of their anniversary.



SUNDAY ST

CONCERT TODAY: MEET THE YOUNG TRUMPET

Please join us at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary today for a free concert and dedication of the newly-installed Young Trumpet. There will be a reception to follow in the Gathering Place.

EVENING OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, October 24, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 101. We will be reading and discussing Acts, Chapter 7. Bible beginners are always welcome! This fall, our study is led by Howard Best, member of the Board of Christian Education. Bring your own Bible and come as you are!

THE CHALLENGE OF PAUL, VIDEO SERIES

by John Dominic Crossan

Tuesdays, October 23 - November 20, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Led by Bob or Martha Selby at bselby5186@aol.com or (239) 414-2055. This video series asks if Paul has a message for us today.

Dr. Crossan invites us to imagine Paul writing a letter to Americans. We will also watch the PBS video "Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution." Sign up in the Gathering Place or in the church office.

GOLF FOR FUN

The last golf outing for this year will be this Wednesday, October 24. It will be at La Playa Country Club with tee times starting at 8:45 a.m. There will be lunch to follow for those who wish. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office during the week.

FINE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting for women will be at Citrus Restaurant, 455 5th Ave. S. on October 25 at 12 p.m. To join this delightful combination of catered perfection and conversation, please sign up in the Gathering Place after worship, or the church office, or call Margaret Jack, 239-272-5452.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on October 26 at 2 - 3:30 p.m in Nelson Hall Room 104. All caregivers are welcome.

SUNSET GOOD FORTUNE ROOKERY CRUISE

Saturday, October 27, 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$35

Maximum: 35 people. Deadline: October 21.

Our private charter tour will be led by a Coast Guard-certified captain and a Conservancy naturalist. If desired, bring your own liquid refreshment and snacks, mindful that space is limited. Please allow enough time for arrival, accounting for the 10 minute drive through the wildlife area on Shell Island Road.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us this Friday, October 26 for the annual Trunk or Treat event. We will start with the Precious Cargo Academy Halloween Parade at 4 p.m. There will be pizza, apple cider, games, a bounce house, and a special fall photo area immediately following at 4:30 p.m. At 4:45 p.m. the Children's Choir will be singing Pumpkin Carols in the Gathering Place, and the fun of Trunk or Treat begins right at 5p.m. There will be plenty of treats, prizes, activities, and fun for the whole family to enjoy. This year, the top three car trunks will win a special prize! If you would like to participate by decorating a trunk, please reserve your spot by emailing Leanne at Leanne.badham@outlook.com, or call 239-261-7442. This event is open to the community so invite your friends! There is no cost to join in the fun, simply arrive ready for the excitement. Trick or Treat bags provided. **If you would like to donate candy for our holiday celebrations, there will be a candy donation box in the narthex.**

THE GREEN JUSTICE TEAM INVITES YOU...

... to a screening of the movie *The Plastic Ocean* on November 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 207.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. Location: Gathering Place. Our annual Blessing of the Pets will be held in the Gathering Place this year. Whether your animal is of the fur, the feather, or any variety, bring it in to be blessed. Join us in celebrating our NUCC pets and how much they enrich our lives.

MIDLERS PLUS WELCOME ABOARD TO A NEW SEASON IN NAPLES: SURF AND TURF BUFFET

Wednesday, November 7, 2018. \$54 per person. There will be a Meet and Greet at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by Brad Jamison and Greg Economos. Registration forms are available in the Middlers Plus mailbox or in the Gathering Place after worship on Sunday. Deadline for sign-up is 12 p.m. Sunday, October 28, as long as space is available. Questions: Call Bobbi Richardson at 239-207-6615 or Hilde Higuchi at 239-331-8358.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer is on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BARGAIN BOX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bargain Box needs you. We are in need of volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Call Sandy 262-3802.



Care for God's Creation: Whether re-purposing old t-shirts as cleaning rags or investing in towels, cloth presents a more eco-friendly alternative to paper. Use cloth towels for cleaning projects, cloth napkins for meals, and cloth diapers for children.

EEPLELIGHTS

ANNUAL NUCC BAZAAR: NOVEMBER 10, 2018

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many opportunities are available for donations – time, talent and/or treasure! Did you know: You can buy your holiday supply of quality pecans, cheddar and Swiss cheese at the Bazaar? And Pewter NUCC ornaments will be on sale at the Bazaar? We need jewelry and linens as soon as possible. These are two of our most successful booths! We need cookies, casseroles, pies, cakes, breads, relishes, salsa, jams, soups, entrees, brownies, appetizers. And crafts and garage sale items and almost new items and “real” treasures. Our tool and sports area continues to be very successful! Donate your small hand or power tools, lawn tools, fishing or golf gear, or other items for our “men’s area”! Any of these items can be donated at the drive-through drop-off under the portico on Sunday mornings or the office during the week. We need your help in placing a poster/sign somewhere in SW Florida to help with the advertising. Pick one up in the office. Did you know there are jobs available? Come and get involved. Call Hilde at 331-8358 or Pat at 659-5312 to volunteer. They’ll find a job for you that fits your interests and time. We need buyers. You will not believe the beautiful items that have been donated! Come, see, and buy, whether it be gifts for yourself, others, or just for fun! We appreciate your help and support.

ANNUAL NUCC THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wednesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m. Led by Pat McGee at pamcgee1234@aol.com or 239-659-5312 Cost \$20. Deadline: November 11. Join your church family and friends for the annual NUCC Thanksgiving Dinner. Besides the turkey and dressing and all the sides, we will enjoy musical entertainment. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS THROUGH A SEASON OF GRIEF

Thursday, November 15, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Led by Deb Kaiser-Cross, Leigh Hindman, and Ron Saul.

In past years, the holiday season may have been a time of great anticipation and excitement... but this year, the prospect of facing the holidays without your loved one may cause anxiety and dread. You are not alone. NUCC is hosting a one-time event to help you connect with support, encouragement, and advice in surviving the holidays. You will learn more about the grieving process and discover some practical, stress-reducing ideas that will help you face the holiday season. We hope you will come and join us as together we begin to walk through this season of grief.

PALETTE PALS

Please join us for our annual trip to Art Basel in Miami on December 8. The price is \$100 per person and includes your transportation to Miami and your ticket into the exhibit. Lunch will be on your own within the event or surrounding areas of Miami. Sign up for this trip today in the Gathering Place. For more information, call Pat Slater at 239-262-4867.

IMPORTANT CUBA TRIP REMINDER

A note for those on the NUCC trip to Cuba, February 26 through March 2, 2019: Please check your passport. Passports must be valid for six months after our return (September 2, 2019). Please call Susan Melick with any questions regarding the trip (239-293-8446).

INTO THE EVERGLADES TOUR AND LUNCH

Thursday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Led by Susan Melick, susanmelick@gmail.com or 239-293-8446 Cost: \$109 includes bus transport to Everglades City and the Everglades National Park, an informational talk by Fran Mainella, the first woman to be this country’s National Parks Director, and lunch at City Seafood in Everglades City. The bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at the Vineyards at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Maximum – 30 people.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REMINDER

Please note that sign-ups for all of the trips are done through NUCC in the Gathering Place after worship on Sundays or in the church office. The only exception is the trip to Cuba, which reservation is made directly with Trendy Tours 239-438-4222. For trips that require payment, your payment is your reservation. This may be done with a check or card on Sunday mornings or in the church office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call Susan Melick at 239-293-8446 with any questions.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: \$15 EACH

SPEAKING OF FAITH: WHY RELIGION MATTERS - AND HOW TO TALK ABOUT IT
by Krista Tippett

The New Chapters Men’s Study Group is a weekly Men’s spirituality forum with David Kaiser-Cross and Dawson Taylor. Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12 Noon, N104. Join us each week for a time of laughter, serious contemplation, prayer, and refreshment! Come and go as it fits your schedule. Let us know your intentions by signing up in the Gathering Place. Starting October 31, we will be exploring the book *Speaking of Faith*.

Today in the Gathering Place

- Social Activities Sign-ups
- Book Sales and Class Sign-ups
- Bazaar Donation Bin (Portico)
- Palette Pals Art Basel Sign up

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (OCTOBER 21-28)

- Sunday 10/21** Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
9 a.m. Worship Service (S)
10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
11 a.m. Worship Service (S)
12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
3 p.m. Meet the Young Trumpet Concert (S)
3:45 p.m. . . . Young Trumpet Reception (GP)
- Monday 10/22**
9:30 a.m. . . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
2 p.m. Book Club: *Little Fires Everywhere* (N104)
4:30 p.m. . . . Centering Prayer (P)
5 p.m. Youth Choir (BH)
5:30 p.m. . . . *When the Heart Waits* Book Study (N101)
- Tuesday 10/23**
10:30 a.m. . . *The Challenge of Paul* Video Series (N207)
6 p.m. Church Council Meeting (N104)
- Wednesday 10/24**
8:30 a.m. . . . 2019 Budget Meetings (N104)
9:30 a.m. . . . *13 Things* Book Study (N207)
10 a.m. Palette Pals (N202)
3:30 p.m. . . . Junior Disciples (MH)
4 p.m. Alleluia Singers (Grades 3 - 5) (BH)
4:45 p.m. . . . Joyful Noise (4yr - 2nd Grade) (BH)
5:45 p.m. . . . Open Bible Study (N101)
7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)
- Thursday 10/25**
8:30 a.m. . . . 2019 Budget Meetings (N104)
9 a.m. Board of Mission and Outreach Meeting (N101)
10 a.m. Preschool Chapel (S)
11 a.m. 3F Women's Lunch Group (Off-site)
12:30 p.m. . . Mah Jongg (MH)
- Friday 10/26**
9:30 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Interviews (P)
12 p.m. Al Anon Meeting (N207)
1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Interviews (P)
2 p.m. Caregivers Support Group (N104)
4 p.m. PCA Halloween Parade (GP)
4:30 p.m. . . . Halloween Games, Treats, and Fun (GP)
5 p.m. Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)
- Saturday 10/27**
5 p.m. Sunset "Good Fortune" Rookery Cruise (Off-site)
- Sunday 10/28** Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
9 a.m. Worship Service (S)
10 a.m. Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
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12 p.m. Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

S = Sanctuary P = Parlor N = Nelson Hall
MH = McSpadden Hall GP = The Gathering Place
ACR = Administrative Conference Room GC = Gates Chapel

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YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL (Ages 4 to 5th Grade) will meet after the "Time for Children."

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will meet on Wednesday, October 24, in Nelson Hall Room 207.

YOUTH CHOIR meets on Mondays, 5 p.m., in Beverly Hall.

PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Nancy McKimm and family, on the passing of her father, Melvin E. Snyder.

To Stephanie McClung and family, on the passing of her partner, Bob Allan.

To Mark Riley, on the passing of his Aunt, Kay Riley.

Nicholas Vincent Adamo

Alan and Susan

Joel Basham

Joe Bejcek

Roberta and Ben

Jared Billips

Carolyn Briggs

Al Cahen

Jay Cahill

Steve Chalfant

Carol Chidister

Chris

Ann Culshaw

Cynthia and Family

Ken Davis

Diego

Jamie DePalo

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Barbara Dunnigan

Ben Dyals

Beth Endres

Erin and Leslie

Tom and Kate Frantz

Betty Freimann

Gayle

Debbie Graham

Calvin Grayson

Shelly and Katie Hull

Karen Howick

Alley Hoza

Margaret Hustad-Perrin

Jill

Mario Jimenez

Sheila Jung

Sandra Johnston

Jennifer Jolls

George Kessel

Kathy Kircher

Irv Koehler

Anne Kruse

Maryann Lauber

Mary Ellen LeMasters

Paul Leutert

Jon Lindblom

Lynn and Marilyn

Susi Martinsen

Mervyn Maxwell

Helene Melnick

John McGowan

Dinny Nemachek

Sara Nonken

Jean Partridge

Tracie Pustizzi

Sharon Rainey

Ray

Dave Remley

Tara Reynolds

Rose and Jim

Roger Rhodes

Bob Robida

Carol Rudolph

Carol Saul-Smith

Sean, Jo and Kevin

Deb Scott

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Mary Simeone

Harvey Slavnik

Dean Smith

Derek Smith

Damon Surgener

Dawn Teston

Brenda Taylor

Tor and Sunny

Bill Uhlemann

Vera L

Monika Vincent

Bob Waller

Helen Weese

Debbie White

Joshua Wills

Nancy Wyckoff

Ashley Young

Darlene Zoretich

Our Children

Maggie Bella

Maxwell Bost

Clayton

Ella

Emmanuel

Gracie Faith

Michael Jerrold

Jonathan

Garrett Kaulbars

John Kennedy

Baby Miles

Olin

Phoebe

Finn Sears

Vanessa

Jackson Varty

Violet

In Service to our Nation: Captain Keagan Callanan, Staff Sergeant Corey Cunningham, Captain Robert Cook, TSgt Donovan Fredericksen, MSgt Matthew Fredericksen, Lieutenant Commander Timothy Minor, SPC Austin Payne and Major Matthew Wright.

WELCOME, FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS

First-time guest information cards are located in the pew racks, and can be brought to the first-time-guest welcome kiosk in the narthex, or placed in the offering plate. We invite you to journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member.

 Our sanctuary is equipped with the T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System. Additional hearing devices are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, there is nursery care for infants and toddlers available. There is also a "cry room" near the nursery if you wish to stay with your child and observe the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104.

Wednesday, December 5: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Dr. Taylor's Home.

Sunday, December 9: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday
October 28 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
White Canes and Deep Questions
Mark 10:46-52
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching

The 2018 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating chancel flowers.

Our Services are livestreamed and recorded. DVDs from today's service are available for a suggested donation of \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the church office on the reception desk and place it either in the offering plate or leave it on the reception desk. A recording of today's service may be found at www.naplesucc.org.

Cans for Communion - We welcome your donations of nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate Communion together. These donations will be delivered to the Grace Place food pantry.

Weekly Steeplelights arrives via email each Friday. If you are not receiving it, please contact Wendy in the church office, or at wendy@naplesucc.org to sign up.

Come visit our Bargain Box Thrift Store at 3906 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112 to find great items for any occasion or to volunteer! We also accept lightly-used donations. We can also assist in the pickup of larger donated items. If you have questions, please contact the store at (239)262-3802.

4 WAYS TO GIVE

Envelopes are available in worship



Online via our website



Text to Give
Text NAPLESUCC to 73256 and click on the link in the reply text to complete your gift.



Stocks & IRA's

Please call Sharon in the church office.



As a **mission-driven congregation**, Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. We are not only active in community outreach, but passionate about social causes. As an **intergenerational congregation**, we engage with people of all ages and stages of life to be a place where people not only believe, but also belong. As a **growing church**, we do not ask people to "check their brains at the door," rather to ask deep questions of faith of each other and of God.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that not only welcomes, but celebrates all people. We are proud to be one of more than 5,000+ congregations in the United Church of Christ and of our identity as a "Traditional Church for Progressive People."

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