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## NUCC CLERGY



### NUCC MINISTRY





as God loves us,



Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf







## Rev. Dr. Mark

## WILLIAMS

February 25, 2024

All are welcome to attend the installation service of the Rev. Dr. Mark Williams as our newest Senior Minister

4 p.m. Sanctuary

#### A LETTER FROM THE CLERGY TEAM

Dear Naples UCC Community,

Last February, our church voted on a very meaningful new Mission Statement: "To love God and all our neighbors as God loves us." Throughout this publication, we hope you find numerous and different ways to live out this calling.

Our Music Ministry is a beautiful way to connect with God and others in our church community. Our Justice and Environment programming offers a myriad of ways to love our community and creation by learning about local issues which impact everyone, especially the most vulnerable people and places around us. Our Board of Mission and Outreach and our Bargain Box Thrift Store offer us tangible ways of loving our community through volunteering and supporting our mission partners. Our Board of Christian Education invites us to love God more deeply through classes, studies, and programs which enrich our faith. We also have a variety of social gatherings that allow us to show God's love to others through fellowship and conversation. Our Children's and Youth programming invites people of all ages to experience God's love and care at Naples UCC. Our Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to care for anyone who needs a little extra spiritual support. And, of course, you're always welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for inspiring worship which invites us to draw closer together as a community of Christ-followers.

Finally, whether you are a longtime member of the church, a newer participant, or a friend gave you this book and you've never been on our campus, we are here for you. If you'd ever like to meet with either of us, please be in touch. It's our privilege to serve as the Clergy Team at Naples United Church of Christ. We hope that in these pages, you'll find ways to love God and all our neighbors as God loves us.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams Senior Minister

Rev. Ongela Wells-Bean

Rev. Angela Wells-Bean Minister for Congregational Care

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#### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5 • 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join us for worship on All Saints' Sunday as NUCC recognizes those loved ones who have passed away in the past year, and the special musical guest is Joy Yanai (cello). During worship, the names of NUCC members who have died in the past year will be read aloud. If you would like to honor your loved one on All Saints' Sunday, please contact the office at (239) 261-5469.

Music Gift Fund Sunday The last Sunday of October is the Music Gift Fund Sunday, brought to you by our talented choir section leaders. It's always a lot of fun and it's their way of raising money for the upcoming year. Find out what they have planned by attending in person or virtually at 9 and 11 a.m. on October 29. The special instrumentalists are Tim Torres, (guitar), Kevin Mauldin, (bass) and Dave Eisenreich, (drums), and Dr. Alexandra Carlson, (piano).





The Music Gift Fund needs your financial support.

Make a gift today!

#### Walk and Wonder

Wednesdays @ 8 a.m.

Join members and friends for fellowship, prayer, and a walk in nature. The Walk and Wonder group welcomes new walkers to attend at any time! They meet on second and fourth Wednesday of the month and depart at 8:05 a.m. from

various locations (which will be listed in the weekly communications). Contact NUCC member Merrill Noble at mwnoble56@gmail.com with questions.



Scan the QR Code to join the Men's New Chapters Spirituality Group. (Passcode: chapters)

#### Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Men's New Chapters Spirituality Group

This men's group reads and discusses current events as they impact our lives. This season, the group will discuss And There Was Light by Jon Meachum. The group meets at 10:30

Wednesdays, October through a.m. in Nelson Hall. Retired Minister April NUCC member Rich Kirschner and serves as facilitator. Scan the OR code HAM above to join the discussion via Zoom.

#### Shop the Alternative Gift Market

November 20.

Nov. 21

Sunday, December 3 » After Both Services » McSpadden Hall

All-Church Thanksgiving Mea

Thanksgiving Meal

Join members and
friends for the annual NUCC
Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on
Tuesday, November 21 in McSpadden Hall.
Enjoy a performance by Angelina Sozio, soloist,

and Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano, as you dine
on traditional Thanksgiving fare. Tickets
will be available in the Gathering
Place after worship beginning
Sunday, November 5.
Please RSVP by

Dec.

All-Church
Christmas Dinner

Join members and friends for
the annual NUCC Christmas Dinner
at 5:30 p.m. on December 13 in McSpadden
Hall. Enjoy a special music performance by our
NUCC Section Leaders as you dine on traditional
Christmas fare catered by Delicious by Design
of St. Matthew's House. Tickets will be
available in the Gathering Place after
worship beginning Sunday,
November 26. RSVP by
December 11.



NUCC will host the NCH Bloodmobile from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, February 16 in the NUCC parking lot.

Naples UCC will host the annual Alternative Gift Market on
Sunday, December 3. Come after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
service for fellowship time in McSpadden Hall and
shop! Many of us love giving gifts to people, but
we also know that many do not need more stuff.

At the Alternative Gift Market,
you can purchase unusual
gifts and make donations.
All proceeds support
our mission partners.



#### NUCC Membership

The writer of the Gospel of Luke tells of Jesus describing the importance of having a home. Finding a home, a church home, a community of caring and hope, full of purpose and service is a cause for celebration. Any who have lost their church home, or perhaps have never found one, know the joy of finding a place that is just right, a place they hoped existed. We hope you will consider taking part in one of these events to learn more about Naples UCC.

Prospective Member Luncheon
This causal gathering is for people interested in
learning more about Naples UCC and what it means
to be a member. It is a chance to meet our ministers,
Mark and Angela, and other members of the
Membership and Growth Committee.

October 8 » November 19 » January 14 February 4 » March 10 » April 14

Joining Sunday

When individuals make the commitment to become members, they will be recognized in worship during a special Reception of New Members.

October 22 » December 10 » January 28 February 25 » March 24 » April 28

## CompassionateCollier



Compassionate Collier Mental Health Dinner

**3.21** Join us for a special presentation and dinner on Thursday, March 21 in McSpadden Hall. Learn a basic overview of mental health from representatives from the David Lawrence Center and all that it encompasses and glean practical tools to support loved ones in our lives who may be struggling. This program is sponsored by the WISE for Mental Health Taskforce. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation is from 6 to 8 p.m.

Caregivers Support Group
Gather with other caregivers
at 2 p.m. every other Friday in Nelson Hall. The
group is dedicated to supporting all caregivers with
empathy, listening to and meeting them where they
are in their journey. All are welcome. If you know someone
in a caregiving role who can benefit from some support,
please invite them to attend.

Meeting Dates Are:

Oct. 20; Nov. 3 and Nov. 17; Dec. 1, Dec. 15 and Dec. 29. For 2024: Jan. 12 and Jan. 26; Feb. 9 and Feb. 23; March 8 and March 22; April 5 and April 19; May 3, May 17 and May 31; and June 14 and 28.

Contact Joan Millon by email at: joanmillon6@gmail.com.

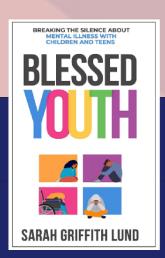
Call for Pastoral Care (239) 261-5469

In case of emergency, call the number above and press 1 when prompted.



#### Mental Health





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10 a.m. Thursdays, beginning January 18 in the Parlor

Join members and friends for an eight-week Grief Group beginning January 18. This is a time for folks to gather who are struggling with the loss of a loved one.

Participants are asked to commit to the entire eight-week program. This event is facilitated by Rev. Angela Wells-Bean in partnership with our Stephen Ministers. RSVP by Sunday, January 14.



#### **WISE for Mental Health**

Facilitated by Rev. Angela Wells-Bean, the WISE Task Force welcomes more people to join in their efforts to be more Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged with folks with mental

health concerns and mental illness. The monthly meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Blessed Youth: WISE for Mental Health Book Discussion 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 12 & 19 Nelson Hall, 104 & Zoom

Join members of the WISE for Mental Health task force as they discuss the book Blessed Youth by Sarah Lund. The discussion is at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 12 and 19 in Nelson Hall, room 104 and via Zoom. This will be a time for us to learn about how to support young people with mental health struggles, as well as an opportunity for us to safely share how mental health challenges have affected us and our loved ones.



Scan the QR Code to join the discussion via Zoom.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3.19

Wrestling with the Divine: Prometheus and Ganymed 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 19 | Nelson Hall, 104

Join us as we explore a pair of so-called "great hymns" during a discussion led by NUCC member Margaret Ward, professor emerita with Wellesley College. Penned in 1774 by the esteemed German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, these verses found new life in the 19th century through musical interpretations by Franz Schubert and Hugo Wolf.



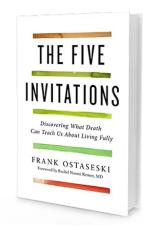
While Goethe ingeniously employed Greek myths to give form to his thoughts, the core of these creations lies in the struggle to fathom the relationship between humans and the divine. Embarking on this voyage, we first immerse

ourselves in the original German verses which will resonate as they are presented, followed by the English translations. Ward will guide the discussion, hoping to unpack the multi-layered meanings inherent in these verses. Concluding this odyssey, we will listen to the harmonious melodies of Schubert and Wolf, seamlessly intertwined with the essence of each hymn. Meet others at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19 in Nelson Hall, room 104.

#### Embrace Life's Wisdoms

Journey through The Five Invitations 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, February 15-March 14 Nelson Hall, 207

We often contemplate our life's journey by looking from today into the future. However, what if we were to reverse this perspective and inquire how the future could illuminate the path to living life to the fullest today? In his book, The Five Invitations, author Frank Ostaseski imparts such wisdom drawn from his interactions with over 1,000



individuals on their end-of-life journey. NUCC members Reverend Katherine Mulhern and Ginny Gilmore invite you to engage in shared conversation and learning through this book in a series of five classes. These classes will take place on Thursdays: February 15, 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall, room 207. Your participation is warmly encouraged as we explore these profound concepts together.

#### Intersections: Between Work and Faith

Select Sundays @ 10:10 a.m., beginning October 29

Learn more about your NUCC family during Intersections, a forum held on the second and forth Sundays of the month beginning October 29. Led by retired minister Rich Kirschner, former NBC news anchor John Bachman and others, there will be interviews and discussions on relevant topics as well as presentations from our mission partners, church updates, history, among others. The group will meet between services at 10:10 a.m. and attendees are encouraged to grab a snack and a cup of coffee before heading to Nelson Hall.

#### Poverty, By America

A Transformative Conversation 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning January 9 | Nelson Hall, 207

Join us for a book study and listen to discussion on Poverty, by America. Why there such a high level of poverty in America? wealthiest Despite being the country Earth, the United experiences States on than most other greater poverty rates advanced democracies. Matthew Desmond,



sociologist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, renowned presents NUCC members novel perspectives on this pressing moral issue. English will Nordland Heather this Candy and lead crucial discussion, slated for 1 p.m. on Tuesdays on January 9, 16, 23, and 30.

#### Progressive Theology

Tuesday, November 7 and 14 @ 10:30 a.m. Led by Rich Kirschner, retired minister

NUCC is a traditional church for progressive people. How did we get here? Learn more about your NUCC beliefs during two sessions on November 7 and 14.

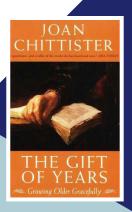


Nurture your soul with
words of wisdom by
reading devotionals from
These Days and the Upper
Room. Copies are available in the
Narthex and are updated every three months.



Women's Book Study: The Gift of Years 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning February 6 | Nelson Hall, 104

Embark on a journey of self-discovery and wisdom with our upcoming women's book study on Joan Chittister's The Gift of Years. In this captivating exploration, we delve into the essence of aging and the transformative power of life's later stages. Renowned author and theologian Joan Chittister provides a guiding light through the complexities of aging. The Gift of Years offers a fresh perspective on the richness that accompanies this phase of life, inviting readers to embrace the passage of time with newfound appreciation. Led by NUCC member Linda Russell, our study promises engaging discussions on purpose, growth, and the joys that come with age. Through shared reflections, participants will uncover the profound insights within the book and connect with others on the journey. The study is held on Tuesdays for six weeks, February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27, March 5 and March 12, in Nelson Hall, room 104.



## SanctuaryConcerts

Music Ministry extends our church's extravagant welcome to members and visitors. Come and experience a concert or performance.



2.4 Lindsay Garritson, piano Back by popular demand



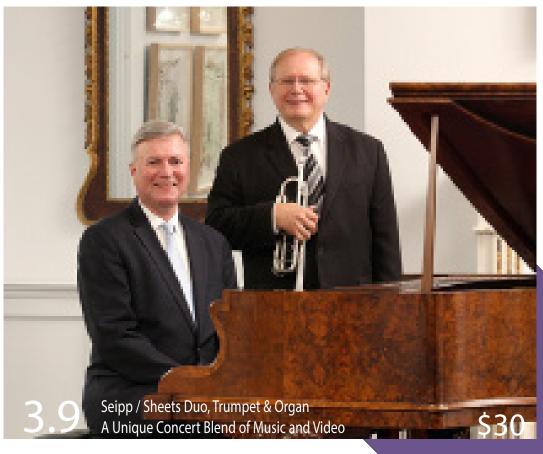
The Music Gift Fund needs your financial support.
Give a gift today!

Join others for the annual piano performance of Lindsay Garritson at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 4. A highly accomplished pianist known for her performances in the United States and abroad, Lindsay is an active chamber musician and a member of the Bergonzi Piano Trio. She is passionate about new music and has premiered works by various composers and holds degrees from Principia College, Yale School of Music, and the University of Miami, and has studied under notable piano teachers. Currently, she resides in Jensen Beach, Florida.

#### 2023-24 Concert Series @ NUCC

Support the Ministry of Music » Buy Tickets online at NaplesUCC.org

All musical offerings are led by Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music. The concerts listed below are held in the Sanctuary. Tickets are required, as our lovely Sanctuary seats 650 people and doors open 30 minutes prior to start of concert. You may secure tickets online at NaplesUCC.org/Music, beginning October 29.



The Seipp/Sheets Trumpet & Organ Duo is a unique ensemble known for custom musical arrangements, blending virtuoso performances with humor, patriotism, and engaging visuals. Comprised of trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Randall Sheets, both accomplished musicians, the duo captivates audiences with their thoughtfully curated programs and interactive video presentations. The concert is at 3 p.m. on March 9. Tickets are \$30 each.



4.14







## NUCC DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

Gary Dorrien: Distinguished Speaker & Guest Preacher Presidents' Day Weekend » February 17-18 | Select Locations

On the weekend of February 18, Rev. Gary Dorrien will join us at NUCC. He will deliver sermons at both Sunday services and lead lectures throughout the weekend. Currently, Rev. Dorrien teaches social ethics, theology, and philosophy of religion as the ReinHold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, and he is also a Professor of Religion at Columbia University. Previously, he served as the Parfet Distinguished Professor at Kalamazoo College



where he taught for 18 years. He also held the roles of Dean of Stetson Chapel and Director of the Liberal Arts Colloquium. Professor Dorrien has authored 21 books and has written over 300 articles spanning various fields, including social ethics, philosophy, theology, political economics, social and political theory, religious history, cultural criticism, and intellectual history.

Registration Requested | Watch for more details in weekly communications

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM @ NUCC**

Unveiling Environmental Racism: Solutions and Insights 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 9 | Nelson Hall, 207

Explore environmental racism in a concise presentation at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9. Delve into its definition, history, and local impact. Listen to Dr. Robert Bullard, pioneer of the Environmental Justice Movement, recount its early days. John Oliver's humorous yet poignant examples illustrate its effects on marginalized communities.

Discover actionable solutions and receive a draft letter for collective action. Join us for this enlightening session, delving into a path for change.

Environmental Racism: 10 Egregious Examples 10:10 a.m. Sunday, January 21 | Nelson Hall, 207 Discover 10 stark examples of environmental racism in the U.S. during a discussion with the Environment Subcommittee at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, January 21. Learn how marginalized communities are impacted by facility siting decisions that jeopardize their health. Explore solutions during a 45-minute eye-opening discussion.

UCC's Role in Environmental Justice: 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, January 30 | Nelson Hall, 104

Discover the United Church of Christ's impactful journey in the Environmental Justice movement. Join us for a revealing session tracing UCC's commitment from inception. Learn from the People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit and explore actionable solutions to this urgent issue.

# Tuesdays a Twilight

ministry Discover the of music by attending a concert in Beverly Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person or you can buy series package for \$80. Look for the Music Concert Series program brochure for more details and specifics each concert. on Visit NaplesUCC.org/Music



Ragtime Piano Concert

Join us for Peter Bergin,

Ragtime piano with video,
at 7 p.m.



2.20 Flute and Cello Concert
Join us for a concert featuring Suzanne Kirton (flute),
Joy Yanai (cello), and Dr. Alexandra Carlson (piano).



Violin & Piano
Join us for a concert at 7 p.m. with
Magdiell Antequera (violin) and
Dr. Alexandra Carlson (piano).



Violin & Piano



Join us for a concert with Askar Salimdjanov (violin) and Tamila Salimdjanov (piano) at 7 p.m.

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## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Register to attend!



Scan the QR code to secure your spot.

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These events will be livestreamed on our website NaplesUCC.org.
Scan the QR code below to join!

Watch the Livestream



REDUCE
THE RANCOR



Presentation & Panel Discussion 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 10 Sanctuary & Online

Leaders from seven Collier and Lee organizations will take part in a free forum that will focus on the increased incidence

of youth mental health issues and the need for more resources in our community. They are coming together to tackle head-on the escalating crisis of youth mental health. Join them from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, in the Sanctuary and online.

Sponsored by NUCC Justice Committee, this event emphasizes NUCC's commitment to mental health support. Nationally, youth mental health has become a priority. In Florida, over 33 percent of young people contemplate life's worth, over 45 percent feel worthless, over 30 percent see themselves as failures, and more than 34 percent have considered suicide. Collier County mirrors these statistics. Hear more from the panel on the services offered by these organizations: David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health, Collier County's NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Naples Children & Education Foundation, FSU Center for Child Stress & Health, Lee Health Systems, and Healthcare Network. The Collier County Public Schools will also participate and FGCU's Tom Felke, Ph.D., MDM, will moderate the panel.

A Community Forum on Civil Discourse 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 7 » Sanctuary & Online



Sponsored by Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) this forum will and the Justice Committee, examine the current state of civility/incivility our community, raise the issue of media, the Internet and how artificial intelligence compounding the problem, and provide and suggestions resources for correcting the situation. Join us on Wednesday, February 7 from 3-5 p.m.

in the Sanctuary and online.



Join members and friends for Sunset on the Beach at Lowdermilk Beach Park. We will meet at the gazebo and enjoy the sunset. Bring a picnic dinner or sharable snack.



Play Mahjong with other experienced players at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.
On the second Monday, beginners can learn to play.



Join members and friends for a Social Soirée. Held on Tuesdays in season, we meet at area restaurants during happy hour and appetizers.



**Games Galore!** 

Play board games or cards on the forth Monday in January & February • Play begins at 1 p.m.





#### **BOOK CLUB**

#### **Monthly Discussions**

In-Person & on Zoom @ 2 p.m., Nelson Hall, room 104.

Oct. 23

Mad Honey » Jodi Picoult



Amid a newfound happiness, a mother's life crumbles when her son comes under suspicion. Mad Honey is a suspenseful novel delving into secrets, risks, and self-discovery.

Nov. 27
Zabelle » Nancy Kricorian



As Zabelle's family assembles for her funeral in present-day Massachusetts, it becomes clear that her children hardly knew her. But as this alternatively comic and heartbreaking novel unfolds, an unforgettable character emerges.

Dec. 11

Small Things Like These » Claire Keegan



It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to

meet him — and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church.

Zoom with Book Club!

Scan the QR code to join the Zoom meeting.



Jan. 22

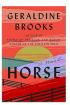
Lessons in Chemistry » Bonnie Garmus



In the 1960s, Elizabeth Zott, an exceptional chemist, stands out among her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute. Only Calvin Evans recognizes her brilliance and they form a genuine connection. Lessons

in Chemistry is a witty and astute story, reflecting its vibrant protagonist.

Feb. 26
Horse» Geraldine Brooks



Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

Mar. 25

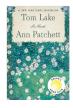
The One Hundred Years Lenni and Margot » Marianne Cronin



Seventeen-year-old Lenni Pettersson resides on the Terminal Ward at Glasgow Princess Royal Hospital where she befriends Margot, an 83-year-old rebel. The story is a poignant, funny, and

uplifting tale that explores friendship, legacy, and life's preciousness.

Tom Lake » Ann Patchett



In spring 2020, Lara's three daughters gather at their Northern Michigan orchard and urge her to recount her romance with actor Peter Duke. Tom Lake delves into youthful and married love, revealing the hidden lives of parents before their children. Despite a world in turmoil, it explores the pursuit of happiness.





### Paul's Letter

TO THE PHILIPPIANS



## Senior Minister Mark Williams is leading a Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Paul's letter to the Philippians is one of the most hopeful and encouraging books of scripture in all the New Testament. The letter includes significant insights into the nature of Christ, the mission of the Church, and living out our faith in a world that is broken. Bring your favorite Bible of any translation.

Classes are now underway through November 15. Sessions are one hour on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. in-person and at noon via Zoom. A simple handout with discussion questions will be distributed each session. Never been to a Bible Study before? No problem. The discussions will be open to all interpretations, respectful of all opinions, and never dogmatic. Can't make all the sessions? No problem. Each Wednesday the discussions will be unique. Hop in whenever you can!

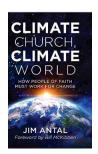
October 11
Philippians 1:27–2:4 » Christian Unity
October 18
Philippians 2: 5-18 » Who Is Christ?
October 25
Philippians 2: 19-30 » Colleagues

November 1
Philippians 3: 1-16 » Value
November 8
Philippians 3: 17- 4: 9 » Citizens of Heaven
November 15
Philippians 4: 10-23 » Contentment

All classes are held on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. (in-person) and Noon (Zoom)

### LEARN @ LUNCH

#### Begins in April

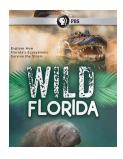


Join Rev. Angela Wells-Bean for a program which is sponsored by the Environment Subcommittee. She will facilitate a discussion on the book, Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change, at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in April. The group

will meet on April 2, 9, 16, and 23 in Nelson Hall, room 104 and via Zoom.

#### **Environmental Movies**

Wild Florida 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 17 | Nelson Hall



Watch Wild Florida, a PBS-produced Nature special that focuses on the unique ecosystem found in Florida, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17. The state is known for white-sandy beaches, sunny days, blue

water, pine forests, coral reefs, manatees, alligators, and the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S., Everglades. But Florida faces powerful the destructive hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires. Plus, the state has seen a large population increase that coupled with climate change are threatening this wild paradise. Thankfully, Florida's ecosystems being helped by scientists and conservation efforts. Watch the film in Nelson Hall, followed by a discussion. The event is sponsored by the Environment Subcommittee in conjunction with the Justice Committee.

Tours of the SWPL Environment = Page 35



Birding & Ancient Forest Tour





Meet the Author!

Join the Zoom final session



Erin Brockovich: Real-Life Environmental Battle 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 16 | Nelson Hall, 207

Catch the riveting biographical drama Erin Brockovich at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16. This film, directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Julia Roberts, chronicles Erin Brockovich's true story. Witness relentless battle against **Pacific** her energy giant Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) over the Hinkley contamination incident. film aroundwater The achieved both box-office success and critical acclaim. shedding light on crucial environmental Following the screening, delve into a discussion on the film's impact and the real-world challenges it portrays. Explore actionable steps individuals take to contribute to positive change in Florida and beyond. Don't miss this

matic and informative event
held in Nelson Hall, room 207.

Don't miss this Oscarwinning performance
by actress Julia
Roberts!





#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Unveiling the Health Impact of Plastics: A Global Insight 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 14 | Nelson Hall, 207

Discover the hidden perils of plastics on human health and the environment at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14. Learn from top experts, including Dr. Philip Landrigan, director of the Program on Global Public Health and the Common Good and the Boston College Global Observatory on Planetary Health, about the alarming risks presented by plastics at every stage of their lifecycle. The prerecorded presentation offers insight from the Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health report, as Dr. Landrigan deciphers complex findings into practical knowledge. Join us in Nelson Hall, room 207 for this enlightening session, delving into the profound relationship between plastics, well-being, and our planet's health.

#### Eco Swamp Tour

Beyond Babcock Ranch
9 a.m. February 10 | Depart NUCC parking lot

Experience a mesmerizing 90-minute eco swamp buggy adventure, delving into the untouched wildlife and picturesque surroundings of historic Babcock Ranch. Wander through the innovations of Florida's first solar-

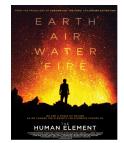


powered town and marvel at the town's sustainability. Lunch is provided. Tickets are \$129 per person.

The Human Element Documentary 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 Nelson Hall, 207

Mark your calendars for 4 p.m. on March 12 as the **Environment** Subcommittee introduces the compelling documentary Element. Renowned film-The Human maker and photographer James Balog takes viewers on a visual journey, highlighting the critical interplay between humans and nature. From the Chesapeake Bay to California's Balog's forests, lens captures far-reaching effects of environmental the change on American lives. Join us for a exploration thought-provoking of our role in shaping the planet's future. Don't

miss this enlightening cinematic experience that urges us all to consider our collective responsibility.





#### Special Offering & Christmas Dedications

The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on Sunday,

November 19.



This annual tradition will go to NUCC's efforts to address local food insecurity.

You are invited to donate in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one for our Christmas Flower Offering. A portion of the money will be used to decorate the chancel, but most of the funds will be donated to one of our mission partners.

All dedications will be listed in the bulletin on December 17.

DonateToday!

## Christmas Dr. Becky & Friends

Sunday, December 10, 3 p.m.

Join us for a Christmas celebration of timeless classics during the annual Christmas concert, showcasing the musical prowess of Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, renowned concert pianist Dr. Alexandra Carlson, the Chamber Choir and NUCC Section Leaders. The whole family is invited to enjoy an afternoon of carols, cookies, and surprise appearances by some of your favorite Christmas characters, including Santa, Rudolph, and Mrs. Claus! Let us put the cheer in your holidays this season. A freewill offering will go to a local mission partner.

#### 12.24 • Christmas Eve

Sunday Worship Services

Family Service » 10 a.m.

Radu Paponiu, violin, Sanctuary Choir, Children's & Youth Choir

A Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols » 6 and 8 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Javier Abreu, tenor

A Communion Candlelight Service » 10 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Javier Abreu, tenor Sunday, December 17 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A popular service at

NUCC, the special

musical worship

service will feature

the Sanctuary

Choir & Chamber

Orchestra

## All Mid-Week Advent Meditations begin at noon on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.

11.29

30-Minute Meditation Rev. Angela Wells-Bean Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Organ 12.6

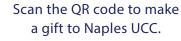
30-Minute Meditation Rabbi Adam Miller, guest Radu Paponiu, violin



12.13

30-Minute Meditation Rev. Dr. Mark Williams Suzanne Kirton, flute 12.20

30-Minute Meditation Rev. Rich Kirschner, guest Jen George, violin



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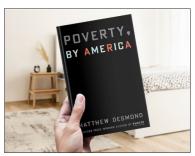


Ancient Forest & Birding

January 8 | 9 a.m.

Tour Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Offsite ◆ \$40 | Page 35



A Conversation: *Poverty*January 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 1 p.m.
Discuss Matthew Desmond's book
Nelson Hall | Page 13



Environmental Racism Jan. 9 & 21 | 4 p.m. & 10:10 a.m. Explore environmental racism Nelson Hall | Page 16



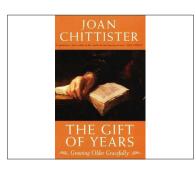
Youth Mental Health
Forum
January 10 | 3 p.m. & Online
Protecting Collier's precious resources
Sanctuary & Online | Page 18



Stephen Ministry: Three-part series Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15 | 10 a.m. Finding Joy, Hope and Forgiveness Nelson Hall | Page 27



Lindsay Garritson, piano February 4 | 3 p.m. Annual Concert Sanctuary ◆ Freewill Offering | Pg. 14



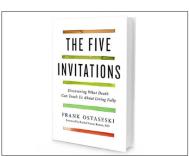
Women's Book Study Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, & 12 Ajourneyofself-discoveryandwisdom Nelson Hall | Pg. 13



Reduce the rancor February 7 | 3 p.m. ACommunityForumonCivilDiscourse Sanctuary & Online | Page 18



Beyond Babcock Ranch
February 10 | All Day
Eco Swamp Tour, Lecture & Lunch
Offsite ◆ \$129 | Page 23



Embrace Life's Wisdoms Thurs. Feb. 15- March 14 | 5 p.m. A book study, The Five Invitation Nelson Hall, 207 | Page 12



Gary Dorrien: Speaker Presidents' Day weekend Distinguished Speaker & Guest Preacher NUCC Campus | Page 16



Sunset Cruise
February 26 | 5 p.m.
Sail Naples Bay with Double Sunshine
Offsite ◆ \$45 | Page 19



#### **BOOK TALK**

#### **Senior Pastor Discussions**

Join the group at 9 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month from October to May and meets in Nelson Hall, room 207.

Topics are Theology, American History, Racial Justice, Ethics and Sociology

October 26 » Genre: Theology



The Patient Ferment of the Early Church
By Alan Kreider

November 30 » Genre: American History



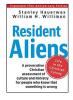
The American Miracle: Divine Providence in the Rise of the Republic By Michael Medved

January 25 » Genre: Racial Justice/Forgiveness



Picking Cotton
PICKING By Jennifer Thompson-Cannino

February 29 » Genre: Ethics/Ecclesiology



Resident Aliens By Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon

March 28 » Genre: Memoir



Everything Happens for A Reason and Other Lies I've Loved By Kate Bowler

April 25 » Genre: Sociology/Business



A Prefect Mess By Eric Abrahamson and David Freedman



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

#### **A PROSPECTIVE**

Your participation is encouraged for a thought-provoking exploration.

Finding Joy in Life » 10 a.m. Friday, January 19 Nelson Hall, 207

Join NUCC member Bill Steinmetz and Stephen Minister for an intriguing personal perspective and an interactive discussion session on the concept of joy, its spiritual connections, and how we can actively pursue it. The first of a three-part series, this session will draw insights from various sources, including The Book of Joy and After the Diagnosis... A Guide to Living. It will also integrate ideas and materials from Stephen Ministry training and continuing education.

Finding Hope » 10 a.m. Friday, February 16 Nelson Hall. 207

Join us for an enlightening conversation led by NUCC members and Stephen Ministers Kathy Book, Ronnie Bellone, and Kris Fishman. In this session, we will explore the concept of hope, drawing inspiration from both historical and contemporary spiritual leaders. Guided by scripture, we will delve into the essence of hope and its distinction from mere optimism. Together, we will unravel the secrets to preserving hope in a world marked by adversity and challenges.

Finding Forgiveness » 10 a.m. Friday, March 15 Nelson Hall, 207

Discover the essence of forgiveness through the lens of Stephen Ministry. Delve into its biblical significance, emphasized in more than 200 instances, including Jesus' counsel to forgive without bounds. Join NUCC members and Stephen Ministers Molly Baker and Joe Rickard as they explore the healing power of forgiveness using book, The Gift of Empathy and Dr. Dick Tibbits's research.



#### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

The Board of Mission and Outreach (BOMO) continues to dedicate its efforts during the 2023-24 program year on expanding economic opportunities for Collier County residents. The focus will be on families or individuals who are at or near the poverty line or living a paycheck away from a financial disaster.

BOMO supports worthy organizations providing education, workforce readiness, childcare, affordable housing, food assistance, and other services in the community. BOMO has established relationships with many local agencies for which it organizes regular

volunteer opportunities for church members. BOMO recommends church appeals or hosts fund raising events such as the Alternative Gift Market to benefit our mission partners.

BOMO's newest mission program, Refugee Welcoming, provides support for resettlement of a refugee family in Southwest Florida. A dedicated group of parishioners provides hands'-on support such as providing in-kind

donations and facilitating transportation, school enrollment, ESL classes, medical care access, and employment interviews.

BOMO maintains a close relationship with its international mission partner, People for Guatemala (PFG) through mission trips and annual events which highlight the work of PFG. Its founders routinely visit the church to report on the success and challenges to empower impoverished Mayan families to live productive lives.

Through financial support made possible by the Bargain Box Thrift Store, BOMO issues grants to local organizations. This work is done in partnership with the Community Foundation of Collier County (CFCC). BOMO can leverage CFCC's knowledge of local non-profits and its professional grantmaking capacity so NUCC can invest its mission dollars wisely and efficiently.

#### **Habitat Build Days**

Naples UCC organizes monthly volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. Work begins promptly at 8 a.m.

October 21 February 3
November 4 March 2
December 2 April 6
January 6 May 4

Our team builds homes in The Whitaker Woods Project, at 5825 Whitaker Road, in Naples, directly across from Youth Haven.

If you are interested, please register to participate at: tinyurl.com/NUCCbuild. You will receive confirmation with site location and other details.

#### Facility Tour & Lunch

Join other NUCC members and friends for a Habitat for Humanity Bus Tour on Saturday, February 10! This exciting outing departs the NUCC parking lot at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 3 p.m. The group is limited to 50 participants.

Attendees will take part in a Habitat home dedication and will enjoy a guided tour of several Habitat communities, including the Esperanza neighborhood where NUCC has played a crucial role.

The narrated tour is free of charge, and you can also pre-purchase boxed lunches if you'd like. Please note that this tour is not intended as a fundraiser. Instead, it's a fantastic way to witness and appreciate the impactful work done by Habitat in Collier County.





## Serve&Grow @

### **NUCC**

Learn more about NUCC ministries. After church each Sunday, members of a few of the ministries will be in the Gathering Place to share information and answer your questions. Below is a schedule of ministries for the winter and spring.

October 22 » Growth And Fellowship
Book Club
New Chapters/Men's Spirituality Group
Walk And Wonder

October 29 » Ministry of Music Music Gift Fund & Music Committee

November 5 » Feeding The Hungry Grace Place/Cans For Communion Harry Chapin Food Bank

November 12 » Housing & Justice
Habitat For Humanity of Collier
Justice Committee

November 19 » People For Guatemala People For Guatemala

November 26 » Caring For Youth Angel Tree Baby Basics of Collier County Youth Haven

December 3 » Alternative Gift Market Shop in McSpadden Hall during fellowship time. Read more on page 9.

December 10 » The Environment Environmental Subcommittee

Dec. 17 » Supporting Social Services
Women Engage!
Refugee Relief

January 7 » Mission & Thrift Store Board of Mission and Outreach Bargain Box Thrift Store

January 14 » Congregation of Care Stephen Ministry: The Support Caregivers Support Group Grief Group

January 21 » Spiritual Practice Centering Prayer/Labyrinth WISE: Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive & Engaged for mental health

January 28 » Socializing Social Soiree/Dinner & A Movie Golf For Fun! Mah jongg/Games

February 4 » Endowment Endowing A Future



BOMO has selected Grace Place for Children & Families as a mission partner. There are various opportunities to support the local nonprofit.

Sign up to support the monthly food pantry by volunteering from noon to 2:30 p.m. on the following dates:

November 10 February 16
December 8 March 15
January 19 April 12

Tour the Grace Place facilities with other NUCC members and friends at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 15. Space is limited to 15 and you must secure your spot by contacting Sara Morgan at SaraMorgan644@gmail.com.

Grace Place has various ways you can volunteer: teach English to adults; serve as an aid in the pre-K classroom; offer homework assistance to middle- and high-school students; among others! To sign up, go to Volunteer. Grace Place Naples. org.

#### **Angel Tree**

An annual tradition at NUCC, there is a collection each winter for Christmas presents, which go to babies and families who participate in NUCC's Baby Basics.

#### **Baby Basics**

Baby Basics provides free diapers to babies of lowincome working families who do not receive federal or state cash assistance. For more information, send an email to: Judye Baer at judyeb202@gmail.com.

#### Mission Opportunities

#### **Bargain Box Thrift Store**

Since 1975, this volunteer-run community thrift store has filled a gap for residents seeking value in quality used merchandise. The store, located at 3906 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, is open year-round!

Revenue created by Bargain Box funds the church's many outreach efforts. In fact, over the years, the Bargain Box has contributed over \$2 million to charities that provide human services both locally and globally. These funds are disbursed by our Board of Mission and Outreach.

The Bargain Box welcome donations at the store and at the donation center in the church parking lot. For more information, contact Sandy Goldstein, store manager, at Sandy@NaplesUCC.org. Volunteer today!

#### **Food Packing**

NUCC supports monthly volunteer opportunities at Harry Chapin Food Bank, and once a year NUCC hosts a special weekend packing event during season. Look for further details in weekly communications and for ways you can offer financial support to BOMO's mission partner and local nonprofit.

All-Church Food Packing Event November 11 » 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Monthly Food Packing Dates:

November 2 February 1
December 7 March 7
January 4 April 4

Our team meets at the facility, 3940 Prospect Ave., #101 in Naples.

Support NUCC Mission Efforts!

Scan the QR code to make a gift. Select Missions-General from the drop-down to support NUCC missions.







## March-May@NUCC





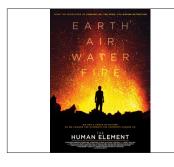
Monday @ Moonlight March 4 | 7 p.m. Adam Satinsky in concert Beverly Hall ♦ \$30 | Page 32



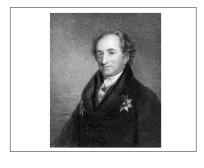
Meet our Schantz Organ March 7 | 11 a.m. A look at our Sanctuary's instrument Sanctuary| Page 32



Trumpet & Organ Duo March 9 | 3 p.m. A Concert Blend of Music and Video Sanctuary ◆ \$30 | Page 15



The Human Element: Film March 12 | 4 p.m. The critical interplay between humans and nature Beverly Hall | Page 23



Wrestling with the Divine
March 19 | 10 a.m.
Adiscussiononso-called "greathymns"
Nelson Hall | Page 12



Tuesdays @ Twilight
March 19 | 7 p.m.
Violin and piano concert
Beverly Hall ♦ \$30 | Page 17



Compassion Collier March 21 | 5:30-8 p.m. Join us for dinner and presentation McSpadden Hall| Page 10



Holy Week and Easter March 24-31 Join us for worship to celebrate Jesus' resurrection NUCC Campus | Page 34



Learn @ Lunch: Climate
April 2, 9, 16, & 23 | 12:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by Environment
Subcommittee
Nelson Hall, 104 & Zoom| Page 22



Four Hands Concert
April 14 | 3 p.m.
A piano duo with Jodie DeSalvo and
Dr. Alexandra Carlson
Sanctuary | Page 15



Habitat Build Day
May 4 | 8 a.m.
Support efforts to have affordable housing in Collier County
Offsite | Page 28



Return to one Service May 19 | 10 a.m. Just one Sunday Worship service Sanctuary | Online

#### Cello & Piano

Adam Satinsky, cello, and Dr. Alexandra Carlson will be in concert on Monday, March 4 in Beverly Hall. This is a unique Monday @ Moonlight concert. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the door.

Planning Worship Music with Dr. Becky 11 a.m. February 8 | Sanctuary

Explore the cohesive themes in our Sunday services and delve into the behind-the-scenes process that the worship team undergoes to plan each service. Led by Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, our music director, uncover creative ways to use our hymnal and elevate your worship experience. The class meets at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 8 in the Sanctuary.



### ALL ABOUT THE ORGAN

Schantz about the Learn organ and all that it can do during a class with Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, director music. Limited to 12 people, who will sit at the console and test out some of the sounds. Join unique Dr. Becky in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 7.



## Children&Youth@NUCC

During the first worship service, children ages 4 and older will hear a message from Jeanne Snedeker, Interim Director of Christian Education, and are invited to Sunday School following the Time for Children.

#### Parent Cafe

All parents, <u>qua</u>rdians and invited to after Sunday School select Sundays for Parent Cafe. Held upstairs in Nelson Hall after the first worship service, this is an opportunity to connect and grow together in faith. Parent Cafe is a time to strengthen our a church family, share in meaningful bonds as conversations, and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

October 8 » November 19 » December 10 | Nelson Hall

School-age children, kindergarten from through fifth grade, are invited to join the midweek program from 3 to 5 p.m., now through the school year. running The features opportunities program for fun, fellowship and growing in our faith. Students will crafts participate in games, faith lessons with Ms. and Jeanne. Children & Youth Choir follows with Dr. Becky.

#### Youth Group

The NUCC Youth Group is open to middle and high school students and gatherings will focus on fostering relationships through fun, faith-based activities, such as going bowling, watching movie, or taking part in service projects like beach cleanups. Come to the meetings from 4 to 6 p.m. on select Sundays of the month in Nelson Hall. The meeting will include a light supper. The NUCC Youth Group is open to all youth and NUCC membership is not required. Contact Youth Director, Sara Treiser at youth@naplesucc.org.

#### In-person & via Zoom

Senior Minister Mark Williams will teach a 12-week Bible Study on Ecclesiastes. Sessions will be one hour on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Zoom. Feel free to bring your preferred Bible translation to our sessions. We'll provide discussion questions in a handy handout for each meeting. If you're new to Bible Study, don't worry - our discussions welcome all interpretations, respect every viewpoint, and avoid rigid doctrines. Can't attend every session? No worries at all! Each Wednesday, our discussions will offer something different, so feel free to join us whenever it suits you.

Wednesdays 9 a.m. in-person & 1 p.m. on Zoom

January 3
Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11
Meaningless?
January 10
Ecclesiastes 1: 12 – 2:16
Fulfillment?
January 17
Ecclesiastes 2: 17-26
Work Matters
January 24
Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 4:3
Who is In Control?

January 31
Ecclesiastes 4:4 – 5:7
Attitude
February 7
Ecclesiastes 5:8 – 6:12
Contentment
February 14
Ash Wednesday Break!
February 21
Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:1
Wisdom
February 28
Ecclesiastes 8: 2-17

March 6
Ecclesiastes 9: 1-12
Death's View of Life
March 13
Ecclesiastes 9:13 – 10:20
Foolish or Sensible?
March 20
Ecclesiastes 11:1 -12:8
Worth the Risk?
March 27
Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14
Meaningful?



## WOMEN ENGAGE! Monthly Discussions

**Under Authority** 

10.19 » Andy Wells-Bean » Make your home more friendly to birds and other wildlife

11.16 » Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing » Separation of Religion and Government

1.18 » Nancy Cherney » The Blue Zones

2.15 » Janet Nacu » Youth Mental Health

3.21 » LeAnn Pope » From Colorblind to Clearer Vision: A Christian Woman's Journey Toward Redemption

4.18 » Carole Fay » Discussion: Managing Transitions Throughout Our Lives, and Mastering the Accompanying Changes

> 5.16 » Rev. Angela Wells-Bean » Fatphobia: What it is and why we should care

This is a regular discussion group that meets at 10:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month in Nelson Hall to discuss a wide variety of contemporary issues. To provide food for thought, articles are distributed through links provided in weekly communications.



#### AshWednesday, HolyWeek & Easter NUCC

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continues for 40 days until Easter Sunday, March 31. During Lent, we walk the path of human suffering and death toward triumph and joy. The contrast between death and new life in the resurrection explodes on Easter morning. Join us for this season of reflection and celebration.

#### **LENT**

Noon » Wednesdays in the Sanctuary

2.21

30-Minute Meditation
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano

2.28

30-Minute Meditation Andrew Snedeker, oboe

3.6

30-Minute Meditation Adam Satinksy, cello

3.13

30-Minute Meditation Chelsea Godwin, viola

3.20

30-Minute Meditation Pamela Jimenez, soprano

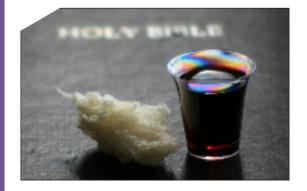
3.27

30-Minute Meditation Ryan Little, horn

Easter Flower Dedications
Support our mission
partners and make a flower
dedication on
Easter Sunday, March 31.

2.14 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes There will be a Lenten Meditation with imposition of ashes at noon with Rev. Dr. Mark Williams and Rev. Angela Wells-Bean on Wednesday, February 14 in the Sanctuary. Musical selections are by Dr. Caycee Benton, soloist and Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, organ.





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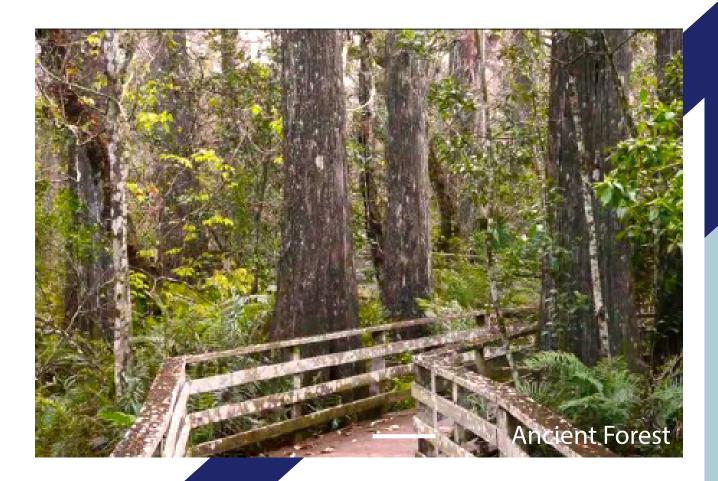
Maundy Thursday Join us for a Tenebrae service with music at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Musical guests are Ryan Little, French horn, Radu Paponiu, violin, and Sanctuary Choir.

#### **EasterSund**

for 3.31 Service at 7 a.m. on Clam Pass Beach with music Rebecca bv Richardson, soloist, and Brass Quintet. Or join us at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary with music by Sanctuary Choir, brass quintet, double timpani, and percussion. Look for more details in weekly communications.



#### **ENVIRONMENT**



Scan the QR code to view the NUCC calendar. Register for these events by navigating to the individual event.



Birding & Ancient Forest Tour: Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Monday, January 8 » Offsite » \$40

A tour of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary with a focus on birds and the ancient forest. The tour begins at 9 a.m. and participants will be split into groups of 12, with a limit of 36 participants. Cost: \$40.

Trendy Tours: Explore the Everglades

Wednesday, February 7 » Offsite » \$155

Explore the Everglades with a former national park director, Fran Mainella. Led by Trendy Tours, the day trip includes a boat tour of the Ten Thousand Islands and a visit to the Cylde Butcher Art Gallery. Plus, Mainella will talk about the Everglades and its wildlife. Cost: \$155

Trendy Tours: U.S. Sugar Experience

Wednesday, February 28 » Offsite » Tickets will be available in January

A private tour of America's "sweetest town" and nearby sugar fields. Look for more details in weekly communications.



