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*Seeking to love all people ...
growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of
justice, healing and joy.*

*Sanibel Congregational United
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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

As we continue to move through the sacred season of Lent – a time when we are called to give particular attention to the spiritual path that Jesus traveled during his life – the path that *we* are called to follow – the path of what we in the Christian tradition refer to as “discipleship” – the late writer and retreat leader Brennan Manning suggests that the defining feature of that discipleship is “*uncompromising trust in God and God’s love*”.

It certainly was for Jesus. Imagine the depth of trust in God that Jesus must have had to stay true to God’s ways, knowing what was almost certain to happen if he did. Imagine the depth of trust in God that Jesus must have had to stay true to God’s ways when he was finally arrested. Imagine the depth of trust in God that Jesus must have had to stay true to God’s ways when he was being slandered, beaten, and then finally executed by the Roman authorities who thought they were the ultimate power in the world.

That depth of trust in God would end up overcoming the depths of degradation and suffering Jesus was subjected to. Which is at the heart of what we celebrate as we move through the remainder of Lent, into Holy Week, and then on to Easter during these coming weeks.

I can only aspire to that depth of trust in God. I can only pray for more of it tomorrow than I have today. And so in that spirit of Jesus’ uncompromising trust in our God, I share these words of Thomas Merton with you:

My God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself.
And the fact that I think I am following your will,
Does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
Does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road,
Although I may know nothing about it.
Therefore, I will trust you always.
Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death,
I will not fear, for you are ever with me.
And you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Blessings,

Mark
Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea
Senior Minister



WORSHIP NOTES

On Wednesday, March 5, we entered the sacred season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Commemoration at Noon in the Sanctuary. It was a contemplative time of prayer, Scripture, music, readings, a Reflection from Mark, and the distribution of ashes.

In addition, Mark was available that day to distribute ashes to all who wished from 10 AM - 11:30 AM and again from 1 PM - 3 PM, also in the Sanctuary. Over a dozen people, several who are not members of SCUCC, came in to receive ashes.

On Sunday, March 9, we shared in the Sacrament of Communion as a spiritual community on the first Sunday in Lent. On that day we also introduced our new hymnal, ***Worship & Rejoice***. We will, though, continue to print our hymns in the bulletin, as well as place the lyrics to them on our video screens for those who prefer to participate that way, as well as for the benefit of those who worship online.

On **Saturday, March 15**, the Memorial Celebration for our long-time member and friend **Bob Sheldon** took place in the Sanctuary at 1pm. A Reception in Fellowship Hall immediately followed, and then Bob's ashes were distributed in our Memorial Garden by his family.

Then, on Sunday, March 23, as Mark was away, we were blessed by guest preacher Rev. Dr. Sarah J. Melcher, Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Scriptures at Xavier University in Cincinnati, as well as a retired UCC Minister.

Also that day, this year's Sanibel-Captiva Interfaith Shared Scholar program took place in the SCUCC Sanctuary at 3pm. This year's program featured **Dr. Thomas Cimarusti**, Professor of Music History at Florida Gulf Coast University, who offered a lecture entitled, ***When the Soul Sings the Spirit Soars***, on the Judaic origins of Christian Worship music.

And finally, on Sunday, March 30, it was ***Choir Appreciation Sunday***, where we joined together to formally recognize and offer our enormous gratitude to the SCUCC Choir and Director of Music Mackenzie Albert for their outstanding commitment and efforts as such a vital part of our Worship here at SCUCC.

Following Worship that day, we celebrated the Choir with a brunch in Fellowship Hall given in their honor...

In April, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on **Sunday, April 6**, the fifth Sunday in the sacred season of Lent.

On **Sunday, April 13**, we commemorate **Palm Sunday** and the beginning of **Holy Week** – the only week the Christian tradition specifically labels *Holy*.

Our Holy Week commemorations will then continue on **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7pm in the Sanctuary**, with a Worship time featuring readings from the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, hymns, anthems and solos lead by Mackenzie Albert and the SCUCC Choir, the Sacrament of Communion, and a Dramatic Reflection from Mark.

The following day, on **Good Friday at Noon in the Sanctuary**, we will offer a contemplative time of readings, music, and reflection focused on ***The Seven Last Words of Christ***.

Then, of course, on **Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10am in the SCUCC Sanctuary**, we will celebrate the triumph of God's ways embodied in Jesus over the ways of violence and death with a time of spirit-filled music, brass musicians, prayer and a Message from Mark.

Finally, we will close out the month of April with the return of our friend and regular guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes on **Sunday, April 27**, as Mark will be away.



New Hymnals

After a lengthy process of evaluation and discussion, the Music Committee, in conversation with Mackenzie and Mark, has chosen the ***Worship & Rejoice*** hymnal to replace the previous ones which were mostly destroyed in Hurricane Ian. The new hymnals have been placed in the pews.

Please know that the hymns will continue to be on our video screens and printed in the bulletin for those who prefer to participate in those ways, as well as for the benefit of those who worship online.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday, from 9am-3pm.

Mark is normally on campus Tuesday-Thursday pending pastoral visits or off-site meetings. Please feel free to just “drop by” or make an appointment directly with him by email: **mark@sanibelucc.org** or text/phone call: 908-477-5426.

Mackenzie Albert, our Director of Music, is normally on campus each Wednesday and some Fridays. Please make an appointment by phone or text at 203-517-5427.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues in April on the following Thursdays at **10:30am on Zoom:**

April 3
April 10
April 17

The passage(s) to be looked at each week, as well as the necessary information for joining in, will be sent by email the day before.

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Our most recent Spiritual Exploration Unit has concluded.

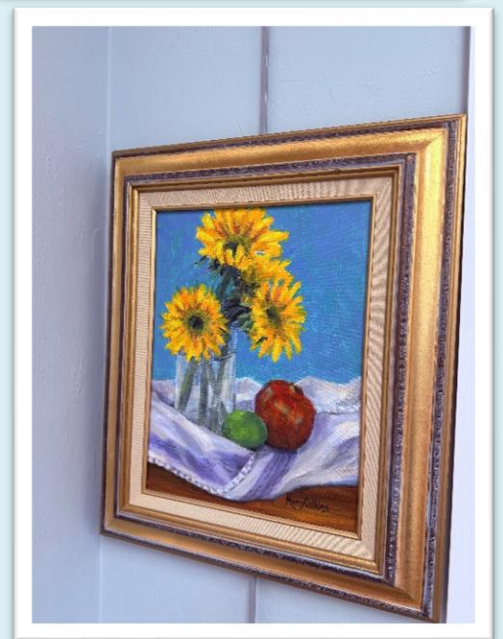
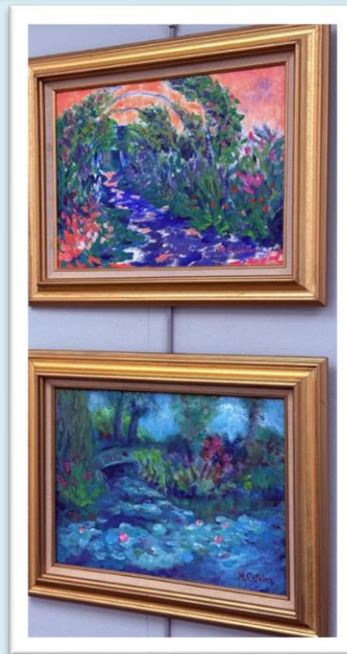
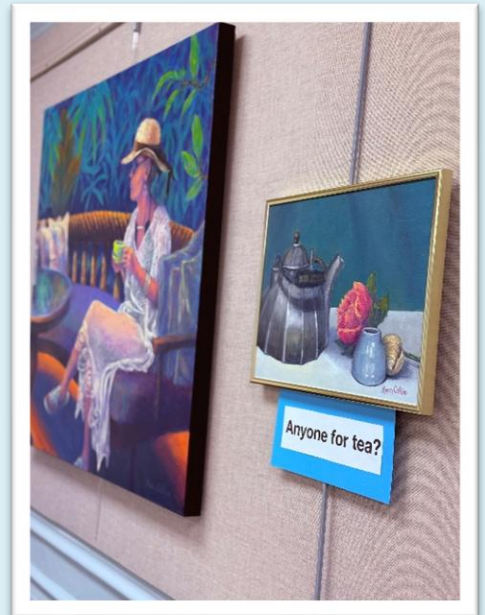
The topic and schedule for our next unit has yet to be determined.



ART DISPLAY

We are delighted to continue showcasing the beautiful and scenic art creations from our talented members and the Sanibel community, on display in Fellowship Hall.

A heartfelt thank you to Carol Good for her dedication, countless hours of organizing the pieces, and her encouragement to those eager to learn the art of painting and drawing. Her passion and commitment have truly brought this vision to life.



Thank you to all who contribute to the beauty and creativity of our community.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

This month Carol Good is pleased to present artwork from Marcy Calkins.

Mixed Media Artist

Website: marcycalkins.com

marcycalkins@gmail.com



Biography

Marcy Calkins, a teacher and educational consultant, earned her BS, MS, and administrative degrees from Northern Illinois University. Marcy taught professional development courses for educators. For 34 years, she served as a financial literacy teacher and school-to-career coordinator at a Chicago suburban high school.

Memberships in Florida include the Sanibel-Captiva Art League, BIG Arts, Alliance for the Arts. Marcy has served as president and board member of SCAL. Chicago affiliations include Palette & Chisel, Old Town Triangle Association, and Plein Air Painters of Chicago.

Art studies include artists of various mediums from around the U.S.

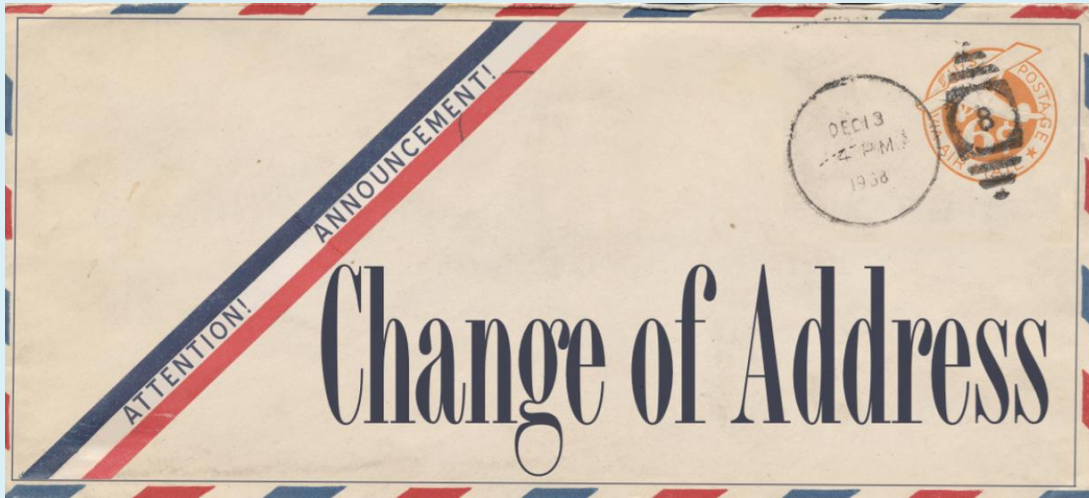
Artist Statement

Whether painting outdoors “plein air” or at the easel in my studio, it transports me to a quiet state of being.

I paint using primarily oils and acrylics but occasionally create 3-dimensional work as well. Subjects vary from local to foreign landscapes, as well as human, animal, and still-life forms. Painting is most enjoyable when I feel passionate about the concept. Juggling composition, form, perspective, light, and color for a translation onto a canvas is an intriguing cognitive challenge.

Creating a visual invitation on canvas to a “current event” or an “introspection” are favorites for juried exhibit entries. My creative “multiple personality” sometimes channels Monet, Audubon, Hopper, Magritte, or Matisse. Eliciting viewers to immerse, ponder, or to laugh drives my painting.

My work is held in private collections in the U.S. as well as some abroad. Paintings may be viewed on marcycalkins.com.



NEW ADDRESS for Rev. Dr. John Danner

John has forwarded his and Linda's new address and asked that it be shared with our community.

They can be reached at:

**John Danner and Linda Bradbury-Danner
4830 Sterling Brooke Lane
Winston-Salem, NC 27103**



A Note from the Deacons

Our Deacons have had a very busy month. We partnered with Bat Yam during the annual Pulpit Exchange on March 1st and celebrated after with a wonderful Fellowship Hour. We want to thank Jenny Chacon and all of our Deacons who worked with the Bat Yam group to make this day special.

We also assisted with the Memorial Celebration for Bob Sheldon, which was a very moving tribute to Bob by his family and friends. Sherry Halleran organized the reception, and the Deacons, with the help of Cindy Boyea and Jo Hardy, served.

We want to thank our fabulous Green Team for hosting and providing food for the Fellowship Hour following the March 16th Worship Celebration. They did such a wonderful job celebrating all things green, including our food and drink.

Many thanks also go out to our very loyal helpers, Jill Bugby and Judy Palaia, who work every single Sunday to provide a wonderful Fellowship, following our Worship Celebrations.

If you are willing to help, or provide treats for Fellowship, please contact Mary Cavendish with your information.

Shirley Akins
Chair



Meet Our Church Leaders

JANICE VAN BUSKIRK **Chair of the Green Team**



Janice Van Buskirk, also known as Jan, is a second -generation SCUCC member. She moved to Florida in 2015 to live near her

Mom, Helen Van Buskirk. Helen became a member of SCUCC after moving to Florida in 2004. Helen followed her life-long friend, Jean Marshall, also a SCUCC member. Helen passed away in 2021 at the age of 96.

Jan, who lives on Sanibel, keeps busy with part time work and volunteer positions. She also joined the choir this past year (as a tenor), and loves the music and camaraderie!

She has had an array of professions in her five decades of work, mostly as a personal assistant, caterer, and retail salesperson. She had a twin sister, Alice, who passed away in 1987. Jan often feels the presence of Alice and Helen as she moves forward with her life on Sanibel, and feels blessed for the many wonderful connections she has made here.

FRANK PALAIA

Vice Moderator

After working at a medical device company in New Jersey, Frank and Judy Palaia moved to Fort Myers in 1994 where they currently reside. They joined SCUCC in 1995 and have been members ever since. In

fact, they were married by Rev. Dr. Ran Niehoff in 1996. Frank has held positions at SCUCC Children and Youth Education, Trustees, Endowment, Nominating and Finance.

Frank obtained BS and MS degrees in physics and a PhD in engineering at the University of Virginia, and over the next 30 years developed medical products for seven companies to support physicians, nurses and patients. The products were in hemodialysis and hemoperfusion, parental and enteral feeding, colon and rectal surgery, ostomy and wound care, urinary incontinence, synthetic vascular grafts, and cancer radiotherapy. His level of responsibilities gradually expanded from Senior Scientist, Director, Vice President and President at the various companies. Developing and marketing state-of-the-art products was his greatest pleasure, along with developing professional growth opportunities for his colleagues.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, he loved martial arts, running and aerobic exercise, teaching these disciplines at health clubs over the years. He was president of the Rotary club in Libertyville, Illinois and on the Board of Directors of the Medical Center of Lake County. For more than 20 years he was a director of the Scientists' Society of Southwest Florida in Fort Myers, Florida.

After a few years as a personal financial advisor for American Express and John Hancock companies, he has since taught science for 25 years in the Lee County School District and currently teaches at Florida Southwestern State College. He is a strong advocate for providing a sound science education to America's youth.



HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Wearable Health Devices

Technology is revolutionizing health and wellness, and wearable health devices are leading the charge! Rings, watches, and other smart wearables are providing real-time data that can help identify health trends, detect potential risks, and support lifestyle changes.

One of the most compelling reasons to embrace wearable health devices is their ability to detect abnormalities that might otherwise go unnoticed. A well-documented case is that of a woman whose Oura Ring helped lead to her lymphoma diagnosis. Her ring consistently detected changes in her temperature, heart rate, and recovery metrics, prompting her to seek medical attention. Upon further examination, doctors diagnosed her with cancer, allowing for early intervention and treatment.

Similarly, smartwatches have saved lives by detecting atrial fibrillation (AFib). Apple Watch, for example, has alerted numerous users to irregular heart rhythms, leading them to seek medical care before experiencing severe complications like strokes. These real-life stories highlight the power of wearable technology to serve as an early-warning system for potentially life-threatening conditions.

With so many options available, it's important to understand the different types of wearable health devices and their benefits:

1. Smart Rings

- Examples: Oura Ring, RingConn, Circular Ring
- Key Features: Measures heart rate, heart rate variability (HRV), body temperature, blood oxygen levels, and sleep quality
- Benefits: Compact and comfortable, excellent for sleep and recovery tracking, long battery life
- Drawbacks: Limited display and controls, requires syncing with a mobile app for data review

2. Smartwatches & Fitness Trackers

- Examples: Apple Watch, Fitbit, Garmin, WHOOP
- Key Features: Tracks heart rate, oxygen saturation, activity levels, ECG readings, sleep stages, and stress levels
- Benefits: Provides real-time feedback, includes workout and movement tracking, syncs easily with smartphones
- Drawbacks: Shorter battery life, bulkier design, some features may require subscriptions

3. Chest Straps & ECG Monitors

- Examples: Polar H10, KardiaMobile by AliveCor
- Key Features: Provides more accurate heart rate readings, detects AFib and other arrhythmias
- Benefits: High precision for athletes and people with heart conditions
- Drawbacks: Less convenient for 24/7 wear, mainly used for workouts or specific medical monitoring

4. Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs)

- Examples: Dexcom G7, FreeStyle Libre
- Key Features: Monitors blood glucose levels in real time, provides trend data for diabetes management
- Benefits: Helps with blood sugar regulation and dietary adjustments
- Drawbacks: Requires sensor replacement, can be expensive



Wearable devices collect a wide range of health data that can be invaluable for improving overall well-being.

- **Heart Rate & Heart Rate Variability (HRV):** Can indicate stress levels, fitness improvements, and cardiovascular health
- **Oxygen Saturation (SpO₂):** Helps detect sleep apnea, lung conditions, and altitude adaptation
- **Activity & Steps:** Encourages movement and can track workout efficiency
- **Sleep Patterns:** Identifies disruptions and overall sleep quality, helping with energy and recovery
- **Temperature & Skin Conductance:** Detects illness onset, menstrual cycle changes, and hydration levels
- **Electrocardiogram (ECG):** Screens for heart rhythm abnormalities such as AFib
- **Glucose Levels:** Critical for diabetes management and metabolic health

For people with diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart conditions, wearables provide real-time data that can help adjust lifestyle choices.

While wearable devices offer incredible benefits, they do come with some limitations:

- **Accuracy Variability:** Some devices may not be as accurate as medical-grade equipment.
- **Over-Reliance on Technology:** People may become overly focused on numbers instead of how they feel.
- **Subscription Costs:** Many devices require premium memberships for advanced features.
- **Privacy Concerns:** Data security should be considered when choosing a device.

With so many options, you may be confused about choosing the right wearable. Here's a simple way to help you decide:

- For Sleep & Recovery: Oura Ring or WHOOP
- For Fitness & General Health: Fitbit, Garmin, or Apple Watch
- For Heart Health Monitoring: Apple Watch with ECG, KardiaMobile
- For Diabetes Management: Dexcom G7, FreeStyle Libre

Consider your budget, comfort, and health goals when selecting a device. Ask for advice from your physician. Research multiple options. Request information from others who are using such devices. Take your time when purchasing a wearable device.

Wearable health technology is evolving rapidly. Future devices may include even more advanced biometric tracking, AI-driven insights, and integration with telehealth services. Whether it's tracking sleep, monitoring heart health, or promoting better lifestyle choices, these devices provide valuable data that can help you monitor your overall health and achieve your fitness goals.

**Caring for you and your health,
Linda Convertine RN BSN
Parish Nurse**



Proverbs 3:13-14

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold.

REQUEST FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY

Calling all Knitters

The Health Committee needs your help in giving one of our programs a new start. We have a Prayer Shawl program that needs knitters to make the shawls. We hope the knitter will say a prayer while they work. Linda Convertine will then give a shawl to our ill members and those who are unable to leave home.

The shawls are approximately 4 ft. by 2 ft. using soft and thick yarn. No pattern is needed. If you are not a knitter, please consider donating yarn. Any questions, contact Pam Rothmann Cokes at pamrothcokes@gmail.com.





Go Native!

From the Green Team

Please join SCUCC and Bat Yam for our annual joint Vegetarian Potluck Luncheon **THIS Sunday, April 6th at 11:30am** in Fellowship Hall.

During that time there will be a presentation by Barb Wyskowski, a FL Friendly Landscaping Professional and Advanced FL Master Naturalist. Barb will teach us about the importance of choosing Native plants.

Native Plants are known to be resilient, beautiful, economical and in harmony with nature; key reasons to choose plants native to SW Florida. This is especially true in the face of climate change.

The deadline to sign up has passed. However, if you have decided last minute that you would like to participate, please send your information via email to the office@sanibelucc.org. Include your name, contact information, and the dish category (appetizer, salad, main, side, bread or dessert), as well as what dish you are bringing.



Opportunities to Make a Lasting Gift

As we move forward with our rebuilding efforts, we have exciting plans to enhance our campus. We invite all members and friends to contribute to these meaningful projects that will have a lasting impact:

- **New Parking Lot Lighting** — Estimated cost: \$30,000–\$50,000
- **Beautiful Front Landscaping & Irrigation** — \$100,000–\$140,000
- **Lower Level Rebuild for Offices & Meeting Rooms** — \$400,000–\$900,000
- **Memorial Garden Upgrade & Possible Expansion** — \$60,000–\$120,000
- **Potential Solarization** — Starting at \$100,000 (dependent on chosen options)

Every contribution makes a difference, and we welcome your input on the design and vision of these projects.

If you would like more information or wish to discuss a potential gift, please contact the Trustees.

Be a part of our reimagining.

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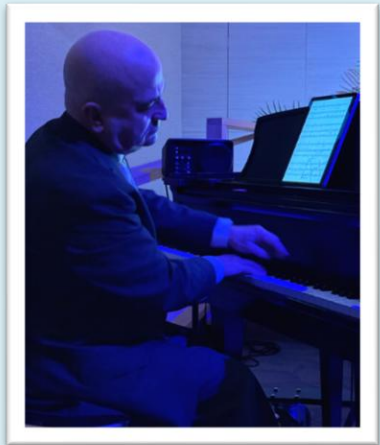
MUSIC FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

We are proud to have welcomed the return of the **Sanibel Music Festival** for its 38th season! The festival continued its tradition of presenting classical music of the highest caliber at affordable prices, while also promoting the careers of emerging artists through exceptional performance opportunities.

This year's program was both exciting and diverse, offering a rich array of musical experiences. The season opened with a **Gala Benefit Concert** featuring the renowned **David Finckel (cello)** and **Wu Han (piano)**, followed by an exclusive private home cocktail party for benefit pass holders.

This special event marked a joyful and hopeful return to our region following the challenges of Hurricane Ian. Thank you for your continued support and for celebrating the power of music with us.





FROM THE GREEN TEAM

The Benefits of Native Landscaping

Native plants provide conservation benefits that plants introduced from other areas rarely measure up to. When landscaping plants adapted to local growing conditions are selected, they require very little attention once they are fully established. They will not need extra water or fertilizer to thrive, nor do they need pesticides to cope with typical insects.

‘Traditional’ landscaping tends to emphasize ‘mastery and geometry.’ Native plants literally bring ‘life’ to landscapes! They form the only real foundation for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, including hummingbirds, songbirds, and other wildlife. Such living landscapes connect us to God’s creation bringing a sense of wonder and sustainability. Choosing native plants does not limit choices or aesthetics as there are hundreds of wonderful plants to choose from!

Selecting native plants that are adapted to local soil, moisture, and light conditions saves money as they not only need less maintenance, but they are better able to survive when stressful growing conditions do occur. Creating a native landscape helps the planet and expresses a natural partnership between the earth and ourselves, and is in line with SCUCC’s Covenant to “do all we can to protect the birds, animals, and plants on this fragile earth.”

Resources:

FNPS.org-The Florida Native Plant Society keeps a plant database by Location, name, light, water, soil, etc.

FlaWildflowers.org-A colorful website with many tips and downloads on how to grow native wildflowers including from seed.

PlantRealFlorida.org-The Florida Association of Native Nurseries retail Website. Find your local native nurseries and native landscapers.

FloridaNativeNurseries.org-lists professional and wholesale resources.

RegionalConservation.org-The Institute for Regional Conservation is expanding statewide. Natives for Your Neighborhood provides reliable species information and soil types.

Books:

Native Wildflowers and Other Groundcovers for Florida Landscapes
by Craig N. Huegel

A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants by R. Osario
The Art of Maintaining a Florida Native Landscape by G. Stilbolt

And last but not least:

Join a City of Sanibel Native Plant Walk: <https://bit.ly/mysanibel>

Adapted from: "Native Landscaping West Coast: Restoring Beauty and Balance to Florida" brochure by Craig N. Huegel

Linda Graf

Green Team Committee





COMING ATTRACTIONS

Music of J. S. Bach on the Afternoon of April 27

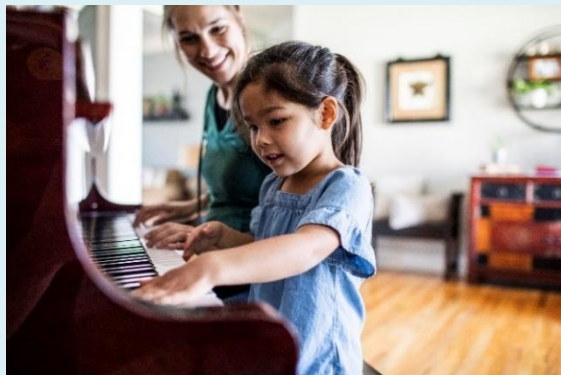
Organ music, guest singers, and a Baroque orchestra playing Bach's 3rd orchestral suite with guest dancers from the Southwest Florida Ballet Company.

Come Sing with Us

Our choir continues to grow and always welcomes new members. If you would like to give it a try, we encourage you to come to a rehearsal on a Wednesday at 4:30 PM. We rehearse until 6 o'clock and often go out to dinner together at a local restaurant.

If you are sitting in the congregation and you hear a piece of music which you really like that's sung by the Choir or played on the piano or organ, we would love for you to mention it to Mackenzie Albert. She is always interested in revisiting favorite pieces which the Choir or congregation, particularly love.

For more information on participating in our music program by singing in the choir or playing a musical instrument, please call or text Mackenzie at 203-517-5427.



DINNERS FOR 6, 7 or 8

We would like to start incorporating group pictures from the monthly group dinners. Kindly have someone take a group picture, if possible, at your next gathering.

Here are pictures from two groups that met in March.



BOOKED FOR LUNCH 2025

Booked for lunch will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 11:30 in the church library. Catrina Drotleff will review “The Women” by Kristen Hannah, a history of nurses serving in the Vietnam War. It is not necessary to read the book before attending. Please bring your own lunch.



Participation At SCUCC

Be An Artist

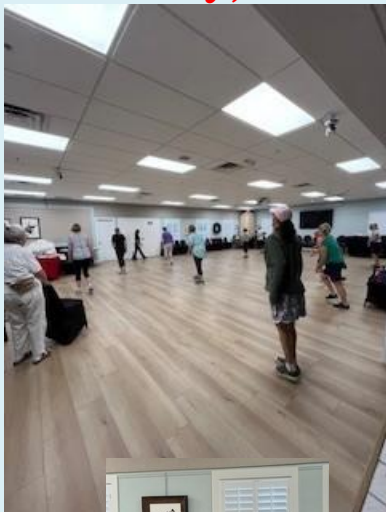


Join Carol Good on **Tuesdays** in Fellowship Hall at **11:00am** for painting, conversation and fun. A time and space to explore your creative side.



Get Healthy

Santiva Islanders with Mahnaz Bassir for cardio & strength on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**, two sessions each day: **9:30-10:30am** and **11:00am-12:00pm** in Fellowship Hall.



Gentle Yoga with Grethe

Join Grethe Christensen on **Thursdays** at **9:30am** in Fellowship Hall.



Easter Flowers

As we prepare to celebrate Easter together, we would like to offer you the opportunity to donate toward Easter lilies in remembrance of a loved one for our Easter Worship Celebration. These beautiful flowers serve as a symbol of hope, renewal, and remembrance during this special time of year.



If interested, please fill out the form available at the Sanctuary entrance table. You may also call the Church Office with your request at 239-472-0497, or send your information via email to **office@sanibelucc.org**.

The lilies will be displayed during our Easter Celebration as a special tribute to those we hold dear in our hearts. Your dedication will be included in the Easter bulletin.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL



Tuesday, 4/1: Melvin Manker, Robert Scherer

Thursday, 4/3: Dick Hoffman

Friday, 4/4: Sanda McKnight, John Sheer, VJ Wilson

Sunday, 4/6: Judith Daugherty

Monday, 4/7: Greg Baran

Friday, 4/11: Richard Weiss

Sunday, 4/13: Diana Day, Helen Sullivan

Monday, 4/14: Suzanne Bennett

Tuesday, 4/15: Bruce Findley

Wednesday, 4/16: Charlotte Bond, Tom Louwers

Saturday, 4/19: Emily Kletzien

Monday, 4/21: Linda Graf

Wednesday, 4/23: Marilyn Niehoff

Saturday, 4/26: Ellen Hoeltgen

Sunday, 4/27: Jean Chandler

Monday, 4/28: William Blaze, Andrea Gainer

4/29: Nina Klaudt



Happy Birthday Everyone!



Shell Point Men's Group April Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Men's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, April 8th at noon at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Bruce Findley at bruce.findley@gmail.com.

Shell Point Women's Group April Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Women's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Friday, April 11th at 11:30am. The ladies will meet at the two round tables located outside the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Emily Kletzien at emily.kletzien@gmail.com.

Dinners for 6, 7 or 8

One of our most loved offerings are the social gatherings known as "Dinner for 6, 7 or 8". If you would like to participate, please send your names, email addresses and phone numbers to Shirley Akins at akinsteach@gmail.com.



Ushers Wanted

Please reach out to Inky Meng if you would like to be added to the contact list to help serve as an usher at Worship. She can be reached at inkymeng@hotmail.com.



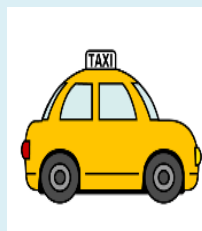
Interested in Joining SCUCC???

If you are considering becoming a member of SCUCC, or would simply like to find out more about us, please let Rev. Mark know. After you and he discuss the expectations and, as the old commercial says, “the benefits of membership”, you and he can schedule a Sunday that works best for you to become an official part of the SCUCC community.



Like A Ride To Worship?

If you would like a ride to Sunday Worship from Shell Point or Cypress Cove, please contact the Church Office at office@sanibelucc.org by Noon on Thursdays.



MAY 2025 SANIBEL LIGHT DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions to the May edition of the *Sanibel Light* is **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

Please send all submissions as a Word document to:

Jenny Chacon, Church Administrator at jenny@sanibelucc.org

AND

Tammy Flatley, Assistant Church Administrator at tammy@sanibelucc.org

YOU'VE GOT PLANS: SANIBEL & CAPTIVA



April 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm

BIG ARTS COMMUNITY CHORUS &

BIG ARTS CONCERT BAND

900 DUNLOP ROAD

SANIBEL, FL 33957

Your Favorites ... from Gershwin to the Beatles



Please join us for the indoor Arts & Crafts Fair on April 13th, 2025, from 9 am - 2pm!

Featuring:

- Fine Art • Handcrafted Jewelry & Accessories • Gifts • Greeting Cards
- Pottery • Tropical Décor
- Delicious Baked Goods

BITS & BOBS

Giving is Easy:

1. PayPal link is available from the church's homepage (www.sanibelucc.org).
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