

# PASTOR'S E-NEWSLETTER

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**OUR 96<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

***“The friendly little church on the circle in Everglades City, FL”***



Pastor Bob & Millie



**OUR CHURCH WILL HAVE A  
TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AT  
THE 11 am WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**



Photo-Jenny Staletovich/WLRN



Photo- Pastor Bob Wallace

**AS I SEE IT . . .** We are in the midst of cleaning up our community after Hurricane IAN. The Lord blessed us as there were no reported deaths or injuries. We were inundated with about four feet of flood water, but very little mud, which helped tremendously in cleanup; however, we were without water and electricity which delayed that. Telephone and Wi-Fi service was out for a long time. A lot of homes were flooded, but those homes on stilts suffered damage below with the loss of appliances and cars. The weekly food distribution at our church missed only one day due to water that got into Fellowship Hall but did no damage to the floors which were cleaned up in a week. Many charitable organizations brought truckloads of food and water for over two weeks. The Lord is good, and we have received the bounty of His blessings every day. God bless you all.

*Pastor Bob+ and Millie*

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. Veterans Day 2022 will occur on Friday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or because of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. **God Bless America!**

# OUR CHURCH LANDSCAPING NEEDS YOUR HELP

October 19, 2022 ↓



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March 20, 2022 ↓



Photo-Millie Wallace

Hurricane IAN was pretty rough on the church landscaping and shrubs. As you can see from the photos, all of the crotons that were planted along the driveway are gone. They were submerged in the brackish water that surrounded our church. We lost all of them and they had to be removed. We are back to bare rocks and sour soil. We need your help to replace this; however, we are advised not to plant back into the ground. Instead, it is suggested we use planters that have good soil. You can see in the first picture how it will look with planters. The second picture shows two colors for the planters. Those who have been asked, have preferred the red planter. So, the challenge is this: \$20 will buy one bag of soil, or one plant, or one planter. It is a long driveway and will take a goodly amount of money to replace what we had. We have not fully evaluated the damage to our Memorial Garden yet and will let you know what it will take to restore it. You can make a donation by going to our website: [www.evergladescommunity.church](http://www.evergladescommunity.church) or sending a check to: Everglades Community Church, P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139 and indication your donation is for LANDSCAPING REPAIR. Thanks.



October 5, 2022 ↓

September 28, 2022 ↑ Photo-Marya Repko



Photo-Virginia Kanniing

You can see from the pictures on the left how beautiful our butterfly Memorial Garden looked before Hurricane IAN. When the flood waters came you can see the church in the picture above where four feet of water entered the garden and destroyed the beautiful plants and flowers. We haven't seen a butterfly since! We will be planning how to rebuild the garden and restore its beauty soon, so the butterflies can return.

Make a donation by using [www.evergladescommunity.church](http://www.evergladescommunity.church) and click on DONATION

or

Mail a check to: Everglades Community Church, P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139



## Ft. MYERS BEACH AFTER HURRICANE AFTER HURRICANE IAN SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>



**FT. MYERS NEWS PRESS photos by Saul Young taken of Fort Myers Beach two weeks after Hurricane Ian on October 11, 2022.**

### WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

1. By placing your tithe or offering in the *Offering Plate* as you attend each week.
2. If you're not present, you can always *mail your check* to the church Post Office Box 177.
3. You can go to our website and make your offering by pressing the DONATE button, or through *Tithe.ly* or our website [www.evergladescommunity.church](http://www.evergladescommunity.church) It's easy and you will always have a receipt.
4. By a *direct gift*:
  - A *specific bequest* makes a gift of a specific dollar amount or specific assets, such as securities, real estate, or personal property.
  - A *residuary bequest* makes a gift of all (or a fraction) of the remainder of one's estate, following the payment of all expenses and specific gifts made to other beneficiaries.
  - A *contingent bequest* will result in a gift being given only in the event of the death of other beneficiaries or the fulfillment of certain conditions described in the will.

**ART IN THE GLADES**  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Arts and Crafts Sale  
Book Signing  
For info. Call  
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