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OUR 96th YEAR

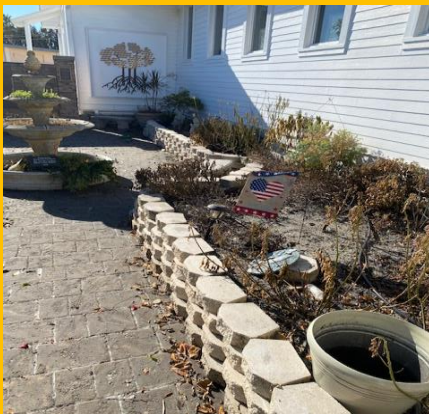
"The friendly little church on the circle in Everglades City, FL"



Millie and Pastor Bob+

GOOD NEWS!

Everglades Community Church will be having Worship at 11:00 AM this Sunday morning, October 9th. There was no water damage to the Sanctuary, but there was in Jinkins Fellowship Hall. So, we are postponing our Sunday church luncheon until further notice. Come, bring a friend and be ready to thank God for His loving care and watchfulness over us all during the Hurricane. The sermon will be, *"How to Increase your Faith."* You will want to hear this one! Millie and I look forward to being with you and seeing you this coming Sunday morning. God is good! Pastor Bob+



Memorial Garden damage

HURRICANE IAN REPORT

It's been five years since our last hurricane, Wilma. Yes, we had damage from water with Ian. But not the mud we had with Wilma. Four inches of water came into Fellowship Hall, but thankfully, no water entered the Sanctuary. Our custodial staff will be able to clean out the water and prepare the floor for inspection of damage by removing some tiles. If there is damage the floor will have to be carefully removed as the tiles are of the type we can put back down, However, our mechanical equipment did not fare as well. We lost three of our refrigeration equipment used for Food Distribution.



Jinkins Fellowship Hall drying out
four inches of water.



Photos Courtesy: Marya Repko
Corner of Broadway and Collier Ave. S.R.29. (Seafood Depot to right out of picture)



Stahlman's Grocery with ECC behind



Seafood Depot

SUNDAY LUNCH

Our regular Sunday lunch will resume sometime in October. We look forward to fellowship around the table and catching up on everyone as you return.

The numbers speak for themselves. We have a ministry reaching into over 115+ homes per week feeding an average of 246+ persons every week. God is good!



SOME OF OUR 15+ PANTRY WORKERS

"IF THE ONLY PRAYER YOU SAID WAS **THANK YOU,** THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH."

-Meister Eckhart

Because we as a community and church have endured much suffering, heartache, and loss over the past week, if you would like to help our community or church financially, please send a check to: Everglades Community Church, P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139 and mark your check for Food or Church and it will be applied. Thank you.

Pantry Statistics for August 2022

	adults	children	seniors	total	# households	duplicates		unduplicated	
						people	househol	people	househol
3-Aug	176	40	73	289	122	0	0	289	122
10-Aug	170	51	68	289	114	187	80	102	34
17-Aug	191	61	55	307	118	263	102	44	16
24-Aug	169	51	80	300	119	264	105	36	14
31-Aug	163	54	63	280	114	269	109	11	5
total	869	257	339	1465	587			482	191

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE <https://evergladescommunity.church>

DID YOU SEE THIS?

Christianity could possibly become a minority religion in US as early as 2045 U.S. Christians projected to fall below 50% of population if recent trends continue

Pew researchers said, "A recently released study suggests the number of Christians in the U.S. is diminishing quickly and being replaced by those who do not identify with any religion."

Jon Brown of FOX NEWS tells of a new report by Pew Research Center and the General Social Survey, published Tuesday, September 24th, found a surge of adults leaving Christianity to become atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular." It predicted that if the number of Christians under 30 abandoning their faith accelerates beyond the current pace, adherents of the historically dominant religion of the U.S. could become a minority by 2045. Noting how approximately 90% of Americans identified as Christians in the early 1990s, the study observed that number, which includes children, had fallen to only 64% by 2020. The number of people in the U.S. who identify as religiously unaffiliated, meanwhile, skyrocketed from 16% in 2007 to 29% in 2020, the research showed. Other religions such as Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, accounted for approximately 6% in 2020.

The study presented four hypothetical scenarios by which the U.S. religious landscape could change in the coming decades. In one scenario, researchers analyzed the potential impact of young Christian adults abandoning their faith and switching affiliation without limitation.

The other three scenarios hypothesize other types of increasing religious disaffiliation. But "they all show Christians continuing to shrink as a share of the U.S. population, even under the counterfactual assumption that all switching came to a complete stop in 2020." All four scenarios project swelling ranks among the religiously unaffiliated, or "nones" throughout the next half-century. The only scenario that projects Christians maintaining a majority in the U.S. through 2070 is if no one changes their religious affiliation after 2020. Pastors are battling skyrocketing burnout amid politics, pandemic: 'wearing on the soul'.

"Of course, it is possible that events outside the study's model — such as war, economic depression, climate crisis, changing immigration patterns or religious innovations — could reverse current religious switching trends, leading to a revival of Christianity in the United States," the study said. "But there are no current switching patterns in the U.S. that can be factored into the mathematical models to project such a result." In such a scenario, the number of religiously unaffiliated would stand at 52% and the number of Christians dip to 35% by 2070. "Switching has not ended and there is no reason to think it will come to an abrupt stop," the researchers said, adding, "Still, if fewer future young adults switch from Christianity to no affiliation, or if movement in the opposite direction increases, the future religious landscape might resemble the results of this projection." The researchers predicted, based on recent generational trends, that the most likely scenario among their hypotheticals is: Christianity declining, but still remaining capped at 50%.

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11 WE WILL HONOR THEM AT 11:00 AM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13th

It's "Veterans Day," not "Veteran's Day." It could seem like just a silly grammar choice – but it's not. The Department of Veterans Affairs notes that Veterans Day is a day for recognizing the veterans with us right now. "Veteran's Day" with an apostrophe would instead be a day that belongs to veterans. Veterans Day was previously celebrated on the fourth Monday of October instead of November 11. In the late 1960s Congress passed a law intended to stimulate the economy by adding more three-day weekends. They thought it would help encourage travel and other, [Memorial Day](#), Columbus Day and Veterans Day all Mondays. But many states disagreed with the choice, especially since Veterans Day was designated as November 11 – 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour – for historic reasons. So in Sept. 1975 President Gerald Ford signed a law returning Veterans Day to Nov. 11 starting in 1978.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 – Arlene Gates
8 – David Heansler
10- Virginia Kanning
10- Jim Miles
11- Jim Tom Butler
17- Melissa Berry
20- Roberta Stone
20- Chuck Hicks
21- Boyd Tuttle
21- Mary Ford
22- Mark Simms
26- John Leigh
27- Judy Jury
28- Darrell Hicks
28- Wilma Peabody



Please text or e-mail Millie at miwall@centurylink.net or call her (615)889-8560 with any news, information, sickness, hospitalizations, or prayer requests. She has no way of knowing unless you tell her. Her "crystal ball" doesn't always let her know all things!

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READ PASTOR'S
SERMONS ON OUR
WEBSITE WEEKLY**

SUPPORT ECC COMMUNITY CHURCH

During the months you are away, some of you may have a church "up North" which needs support. But please remember to help ECC. You can by *mailing your check* to:

**P.O. Box 177,
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or by clicking the [DONATE NOW](#) button on our new website. Just remember, YOU may be on vacation, but this church is not! [Please help!](#)