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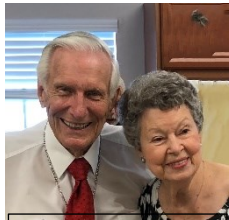
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Our 99th Year

"The friendly little church on the Circle in Everglades City"



1926-2024



Pastor Bob & Millie

AS I SEE IT . . . Everglades Community Church every Wednesday has volunteers gather in Fellowship Hall before eight A.M. under Connie Barker's supervision, to help prepare and distribute food from Harry Chapin Food Bank and Collier Harvest to over 130 families in our area. Wednesday, December 18th Collier Harvest and our own Missions group under Kathy Barnard's direction donated \$2500 towards the purchase of turkeys for the families we serve each week. Harry Chapin added \$600 to that, and we purchased 155 four-pound turkeys, put sugar and 300 boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix in with it that were donated, and distributed to 155 families for Christmas. And hams were coming after that! And we received hundreds of items from the Knights of Columbus at St. Finbar's Catholic Church. They were placed on tables inside Fellowship Hall and out around Fellowship Hall on the covered porch walkway; bed linens and blankets for distribution to our community. We also received monetary donations from the Knights of Columbus for our Food Pantry. And we are received from a couple in Naples, Jane Brannigan and husband Jim Cassidy, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, and games for less fortunate children for which our Jill Whitcomb is coordinating their distribution. The Knights of Columbus has been donating to us for the past five years to help us reach out to the less fortunate families in our community. So, by having strong relationships and community ties, we're helping reduce feelings of hunger, loneliness, and isolation in our community.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 2024



2024 ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 12th FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE

PULLED PORK DINNER

ADULTS \$15.00 – 12 & under \$12.00

TAKEOUTS AVAILABLE

SEE CONNIE, MILLIE or CORNIE

FOR YOUR TICKETS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:45 A.M JANUARY 5th ZECHARIAH

We will be studying the Old Testament book of Zechariah. Zechariah is a significant figure in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. He was a priest and the father of John the Baptist. Zechariah's life and prophecies have had a lasting impact on both Jewish and Christian traditions, highlighting themes of faith, restoration, and divine intervention. Zechariah's prophecies took place during the post-exilic period when the Jewish people were returning from Babylonian captivity and rebuilding their community and Temple in Jerusalem. Plan to come and learn.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Nancy Smith
- 2 – Mitch Peters
- 7 – Mike Collins
- 11 – Sharie Lee
- 17 – Ken Turner
- 20 – Biancia Rossman
- 23 – Donna Kostens

Support your church with your prayers, your presence and your offerings.

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR