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Our 99th Year

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



1926-2025



Pastor Bob & Millie



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

18 – Stephanie Burke
26 – Sue Turner
28 – Joyce Scott

FLAG DAY

June 14

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution marking the birth of the American flag as a national symbol.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 15th is a special occasion to honor and celebrate fathers, father figures, and the impact they have on our lives. It's a day to recognize their love, sacrifices, guidance, and strength—whether shown through quiet support, hard work, or life lessons passed down through the years. Whether it's heart-felt note, a shared memory, or simply time spent together, Father's Day is a chance to say thank you for all the little (and big) things dads do—often without expecting anything in return.

AS I SEE IT . . . I was 12 years old **June 6, 1944**, the day Allied forces launched the largest amphibious invasion in history and I was told the Allies were storming the beaches of Normandy, France. It was during World War II. And that operation, codenamed *Operation Overlord*, marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Allied armies were primarily from the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada, along with troops from other Allied nations. **D-Day** happened at Normandy, France, across five beachheads code named: Utah and Omaha (U.S.) Gold and Sword (British) Juno (Canadian). **D-Day** involved about 156,000 Allied troops who landed on the first day. The purpose was to open a Western front against Nazi Germany and begin pushing German forces back East out of occupied France. Planning and deception, called *Operation Bodyguard* was a complex deception plan that misled the Germans about the invasion location. The Allies used fake equipment, double agents, and false radio transmissions to suggest the main invasion would be at Pas de Calais in Northern France, rather than Normandy in the South. The invasion was successful. But costly! Especially at Omaha Beach with 2,000 to 3,000 casualties. D-Day marked a critical turning point in WWII, leading to the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany in May 1945. On this **June 6th, D-Day**, **pray this prayer for Peace in the World.** *"Almighty God, I lift my prayer this day asking for Your mercy upon a world torn by conflict and fear. Where there is war, bring peace. Where there is hatred, sow love. Where there is division, create unity through Your Spirit. Guide the leaders of all nations with wisdom, Lord. And let Your peace begin in me—in my home, in my church, and in my heart and life. Help me to be a peacemaker in word and deed, by bearing witness every day to the love of Christ in all that I do. Through Jesus Christ, Amen."*

CENTENNIAL NOTES

The Rev. James L. Glenn became Pastor in this area February 1926. Church services were held in the Community House, a historic and cherished gathering place that served as a central hub for community events, meetings, and social activities, reflecting the town's rich cultural heritage. Interrupted only by hurricane floods in September 1926 and the fire of 1927, the present church was completed before July 21, 1940. The only church building that existed in the area was a mission at Chokoloskee. That mission did not have a resident pastor, so Rev. Glenn served there, as well as regular preaching appointments at Collier City (Marco and Caxambas) and Naples, his having been accepted by the Presbyterian Church in Ft. Myers on April 9, 1926. He received some relief when a church with its own pastor was formed in Naples. He also had services for the blacks until they organized their own church in 1927. He frequently visited the construction camps along the Tamiami Trail preaching to state prisoners working under the direction of the highway department. Chapel services were held at the Everglades School every Monday morning. Rev. Glenn helped get the school on the accredited list. Little religious work had been done among the Seminole Indians in Collier County and he chaired the committee on the Indian Presbytery of Southwest Florida and considered teaching English to the Native Americans. After that, many pastors came and went! March 14, 1951, ECC officially renounced jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church.

The **U.S. Army 250th Anniversary Parade** is scheduled for **June 14, 2025**, in **Washington, D.C.**, marking both the Army's 250th anniversary and President Donald Trump's 79th birthday. This event is to be one of the most significant military parades in U.S. history. **6,600 to 7,000 troops** from at least 11 Army corps and divisions. Around **150 military vehicles**, including **Strykers, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, M109 Paladins**, and potentially **tanks. 50 helicopters**, such as **CH-47 Chinooks** and **UH-60 Black Hawks. Seven military bands. Historical re-enactors** representing various American conflicts. **Golden Knights** parachute team performing a flag presentation to the President. You won't want to miss it!

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