



THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
8900 Ventnor Avenue
Margate, New Jersey 08402

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10 O'clock in the Morning July 12, 2026

"I believe if you keep your faith, you keep your trust, you keep the right attitude, if you're grateful, you'll see God open up new doors." ~ Joel Osteen

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Ray Hunsicker

The Call to Worship

Sonya Bertini

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: When we call upon the Lord, God comes to us to save us.

People: When our hearts are troubled, God comes to us with blessings.

Leader: When our spirits struggle and are discouraged, God comes to us with healing.

People: God's extravagant love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: # 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness

The Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for your providential grace at work in our lives and in our world. We rest in the knowledge that

** Indicates standing for those who are able*

MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ECUMENICAL
"A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE"
8900 Ventnor Avenue, Margate, NJ 08402

Office Hours: Monday - Friday; 9 am - 3 pm
Office Phone - (609) 822-5050 Fax Number - (609) 822-5974

Founded in 1929, MCC is an interdenominational congregation with membership in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Through these affiliations our church participates in a seniors residence at 610 N. Fredericksburg Avenue and is a Covenant church with Habitat for Humanity. We are lifetime members of the Holocaust Resource Center, Stockton University.

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor

Rob Tucker, Director of Music

Colin Walker, Pianist

Carmella Marcheski, Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson, Director of Christian Education

Luis Meneses, Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

Visit our website for current news and information :

www.margatecommunitychurch.com

Our Greeters this week 7/12/26

Andrea Cimino

Deacons' July Communion Offering

Our July Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for
Grace's Place Food Pantry.

Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support those in need.

✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

SAY A PRAYER

SEND A CARD

NURSING /CONVALESCENT HOME/REHAB FACILITY

Julie Duncan Mira Vie at Warren
274 King George Road,
Warren, NJ 07059 (908) 647-3005

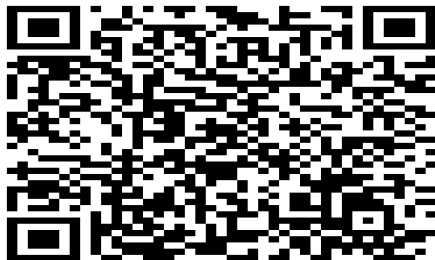
Lois "Jean" Ponteri C/O Villa Raffaella
917 S Main Street
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

AT HOME
David McCann Kay Lee Ken Heck

Prayer Requests

We are happy to include names of hospitalized persons or others with special concerns in the liturgy of prayer each Sunday. If you wish to have a name included, please provide us with a first name, the length of time requested to be on our prayer list, and the name of the person requesting the prayer. Thank you.

*If you would like to make a donation to the
Margate Community Church
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when all seems out of control, you are still God of the universe. When life seems chaotic, we find order in you. When evil appears to have the upper hand, your goodness is not threatened. When violence shakes the foundation of our lives together, you still come in peace. Lord, give us patience, faith and hope. Give us eyes to see beyond the real to the "really real," the ways in which you never stop working for the redemption of our world. Amen.

Time with the Children

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/tresspass)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Offering

Anthem: God So Loved the World

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14 (NLT)

Some time later, God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called.

"Yes," he replied. "Here I am."

"Take your son, your only son — yes, Isaac, whom you love so much — and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."

The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back."

So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac's shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together, Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"We have the fire and the wood," the boy said, "but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

"God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.

When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said.

"Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the LORD will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

**This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God**

The Sermon: What's Better Than Luck

Reverend Vicky Ney

***The Hymn: #133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Ray Hunsicker



Christmas in July!

Pastor Vicky and Richard Ney invite you to their annual open house. This year, Christmas in July will be on – Thursday, July 23, at their house:
2002 West Riverside Drive, Atlantic City.
Open house from 4-7 p.m.

~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

Advisory Council

Today Sunday July 12, 11:00 am Parlor

PB & J Project

Today Sunday July 12, after Worship Fellowship Hall

Hope SNJ

Monday July 13, 4:00 pm Parlor

Men's Breakfast

Thursday July 16, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

FMT Presents: The Drowsy Chaperone

Friday & Saturday July 17 & 18, 7:30 pm

Sunday July 19, 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

OCMC Mini Craft and Bake Sale

Sunday July 19, 11:00 am Fellowship Hall

Book Club Meeting

Sunday July 19, after Worship Fellowship Hall

Hope SNJ

Monday July 20, 4:00 pm Parlor

Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday July 21, 7:00 pm Library

Chancel Choir

Wednesday July 22, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

FMT Presents: The Drowsy Chaperone

Friday & Saturday July 24 & 25, 7:30 pm

Sunday July 26, 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

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at foolmoontheatre.org or at the Door

Group sales available for 10 tix or more - **Text 609-457-0903**

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to run the Sunday video live streaming. This is not difficult and quick training will be provided.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in the office, to answer phones and help with small office tasks. The hours are 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please call the office at 609-822-7147 if you are interested.



Heirloom Booth ~ Summer Market Place

Hi, Friends- I have volunteered to run a scaled back heirloom booth at the summer sale on behalf of MCC. I will look for some volunteers to help staff as we get closer to the date. We will accept donations only after August first - because we do not have any room until then. So, if you have some items you have been meaning to find a home for - please gather them for delivery to the church stage any time after 8-1. All proceeds will go to the church of course, and anything left over will be donated to Angels in Motion for their thrift shop.

If you have any questions- please feel free to email me at **EMEGLATH@COMCAST.NET**

Church Directory Update

The new church directory is almost complete.

We need you to check your picture and information before we make some printed copies. If you would like to have a printed version, rather than the one online, please call the office and let them know so that we will order enough copies.

If your profile is missing a photo, we'd love for you to upload one so everyone can put a face to the name.

<https://www.margatecommunitychurch.com/>

How to Access the Directory:

Website: Visit margatecommunitychurch.com and look for the link in the top right-hand menu.

- ♦ Getting Started: To log in, simply enter the email address we have on file for you.
- ♦ If your email isn't recognized or needs to be updated, please reach out to Greg Walters at:
gregswalt@gmail.com.
- ♦ Once you enter your email, follow the on-screen prompts to create your login and secure your account. The online directory syncs in real-time, so you will always have access to the most up-to-date member information.

For any questions, feel free to contact Greg at the email address above.

For those livestreaming:

A special welcome to everyone streaming with us today! To help you engage with the service from home, you can now find our weekly Sunday bulletin directly on our website. It's a great way to stay connected and follow along with the liturgy and announcements.



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How to Participate: go.pressofatlanticcity.com/bestof26

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If the business you want to nominate is listed, just hit Nominate!

Write-ins: If they aren't listed, write them in! For people, you must include their full name and workplace.
(Approval can take up to 72 hours).

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