



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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10 O'clock in the Morning July 26, 2026

*"Our primary pursuit in productivity is not doing more things,
 but doing more good." ~ Bill Pence*

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call to Worship

Kathy Westhafer

Leader: The word of God comes into our lives in many
 ways.

*People: God's calls us by name, calling us to action and to
 new life.*

Leader: God's calls us now, here in our worship.

*People: God invites us to service and ministry, to praise
 and thanksgiving.*

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: # 314 In the Garden

The Prayer (Unison)

*Merciful God, you desire our attention and faithfulness, yet
 we are very distracted. We lend our ears to voices that speak
 about prestige and success, pleasure and power. We are stunned at
 how easily we are lured by temptations. We often find ourselves
 living in a wilderness, wandering without purpose.*

** 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 7/26/26

Lynne Daley / Celestine Perry

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

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NURSING /CONVALESCENT HOME/REHAB FACILITY

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Lois "Jean" Ponteri

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Pleasantville, NJ 08232

AT HOME

David McCann

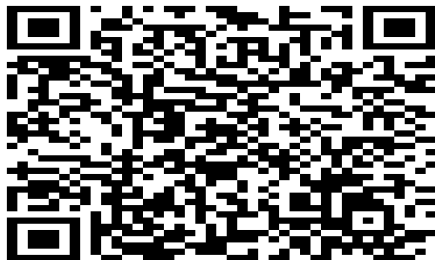
Kay Lee

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.

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You desire us to work for your kingdom, but our calendars are jammed with meetings, minds filled with lists and trivia, and hearts filled with worry and care.

Dear Lord, lead us through our days into the deeper stillness where priorities become clear, vision becomes focused, and your Word is heard and obeyed. Give us the strength and courage to live with open eyes, ready hearts, and ears that hear when you call to us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time with the Children

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of beauty, source of every breath, foundation of every movement. God leads us beside still waters, makes us lie down in green splendor and lets nature heal and restore us.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, who loved the least, the last and the lost. Christ loves us, calls us by name and cleanses us from our sins.

We believe in the Spirit, who gathers us into a community, gives us a song to sing, and helps us as we work as partners with God.

We live as God's people, filled with everlasting hope and showered with blessings.

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

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: Be Thou My Vision

***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

The Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3:12-16

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon: Don't Run Out of Gas

Reverend Vicky Ney

***The Hymn: # 398**

Jesus Calls Us

(vs. 1, 3, 5)

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Colin Walker

~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

OCMC Mini Craft and Bake Sale

Today Sunday July 26, 11:00 am Fellowship Hall

FMT Presents: The Drowsy Chaperone

Today Sunday July 26, 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Hope SNJ

Monday July 27, 4:00 pm Parlor

~ UPCOMING EVENTS~

Hope SNJ

Monday August 3, 4:00 pm Parlor

Chancel Choir

Wednesday August 5, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Thursday August 6, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Summer Market Place

Saturday August 8, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Church Grounds

Wiznat ~ Lafave Scholarship Awards

Sunday August 9, during worship Sanctuary



*The flowers on the Altar are in loving
memory of my late husband,
Raymond Daley, Sr.*

~ from Lynne Bowen Daley

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.



Nominations Start: July 8 - July 29

How to Participate: go.pressofatlanticcity.com/bestof26

Nominate: Scroll down and select a category.
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).

Voting Phase: The Top 5 with the most nominations in each category advance to the voting round on **September 2**.

Contest Timeline 2026:

Nominations: July 8 - July 29

Voting: September 2 - September 23

Winners Announced: Saturday, November 7



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