



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

*Trinity Sunday*

**10 O'clock in the Morning    May 31, 2026**

*"Faith is not believing that God can, faith is knowing that God will."  
Unknown*

*Please silence cell phones.*

**The Prelude**

**The Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit**

**The Call to Worship**

**Kathy Westhafer**

Leader: God gives us one day at a time:

*People: Long enough for laughter to follow tears;*

Leader: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together.

*People: Time enough to help someone in need;*

Leader: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Creator.

*People: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down  
a wall of resentment;*

Leader: The right time to embrace friends and smile at strangers,

*People: Ample time to sing praise to God.*

*All: Let us worship God!*

**Hymn: # 110    A Mighty Fortress Is Our God    (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

**The Prayer (Unison)**

*Almighty God, you have given us so much. We pray today for  
thankful hearts— hearts that are ready to open our hands and share the  
bounty you have given to us. We pray also for courage to trust in your  
greatness so that we are able to wholly lean on your everlasting care.*

*As we worship today, help us to be vividly aware of your  
presence. May we be conscious of your power and protection, and may we  
experience in our beings the wonder and grace of your peace. Amen.*

*\* 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**  
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*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 5/31/26*

*Jenn Barr / Michael Owen*

**Deacons' May Communion Offering**

Our May Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for  
**The Community Food Bank.**  
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  
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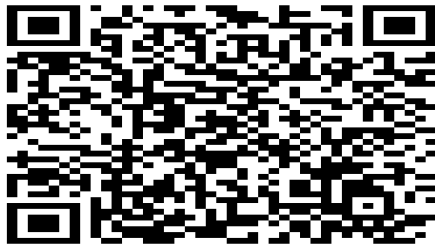
AT HOME

**David McCann** **Carl Ekstrom** **Kay Lee**

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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  
please scan our  
QR Code Here:*



**Time with the Children**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a bold God, Creator of splendor, spinning stars into night skies, warming the planet with life-giving sunshine, filling the earth with all creatures great and small.*

*We believe in a big God, Creator of 150 billion galaxies, who is big enough to receive our praise and loving enough to answer our prayers.*

*We believe in the risen Christ, who meets us in the brokenness of life, accompanies us on all our*

*wanderings and forever seeks to welcome us home with open arms.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, guide and companion, who fills the church with windy hope and fiery compassion.*

*We believe in the church, where we can find a safe haven when we are in need and live as a renewed people for the world.*

**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: I Believe**

**\*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**

**Judges 3:12-**

Once again the Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight, and the Lord gave King Eglon of Moab control over Israel because of their evil. Eglon enlisted the Ammonites and the Amalekites as allies, and then he went out and defeated Israel taking possession of Jericho, the city of palms. And the Israelites served Eglon of Moab for eighteen years.

But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord again raised up a rescuer to save them. His name was Ehud son of Gera, a left-handed man of the tribe of Benjamin. The Israelites sent Ehud to deliver their tribute money to King Eglon of Moab. So Ehud made a double-edged dagger that was about a foot long, and he strapped it to his right thigh, keeping it hidden under his clothing. He brought the tribute money to Eglon, who was very fat.

So the king commanded his servants, "Be quiet!" and he sent them all out of the room.

Ehud walked over to Eglon, who was sitting alone in a cool upstairs room. And Eglon rose from his seat. Ehud reached with his left hand, pulled out the dagger strapped to his right thigh, and plunged it into the king's belly. The dagger went so deep that the handle disappeared beneath the king's fat. So Ehud did not pull out the dagger, and the king's bowels emptied. Then Ehud closed and locked the doors of the room and escaped out the porch.

After Ehud was gone, the king's servants returned and found the doors to the upstairs room locked. They thought he might be using the latrine in the room, so they waited. But when the king didn't come out after a long delay, they became concerned and got a key. And when they opened the doors, they found their master dead on the floor.

While the servants were waiting, Ehud escaped, passing the stone idols on his way to Seirah. When he arrived in the hill country of Ephraim, Ehud sounded a call to arms. Then he led a band of Israelites down from the hills.

"Follow me," he said, "for the Lord has given you victory over Moab your enemy." So they follow him. And the Israelites took control of the shallow crossings of the Jordan River across from Moab, preventing anyone from crossing.

They attacked the Moabites and killed about 10,000 of their strongest and most able-bodied warriors. Not one of them escaped. So Moab was conquered by Israel that day, and there was peace in the land for eighty years.

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

**The Sermon:    The Left Hand Advantage            Reverend Vicky Ney**

**\*The Hymn: #117    O God, Our Help in Ages Past            (vs. 1, 2, 6)**

**The Benediction**

**The Benediction Response**

**The Postlude**

**Colin Walker**

~ THIS WEEK AT MCC ~

**PB & J Project**

*Sunday May 31, after worship Fellowship Hall*

**Confirmation Class Continues**

*Sunday May 31, 11:15 Youth Room*

**Martha Martucci Memorial Service**

*Monday June 1, 1:00 pm Sanctuary*

**Hope SNJ**

*Monday June 1, 4:00 pm Parlor*

**Men's Breakfast**

*Thursday June 4, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall*

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

**Confirmation Sunday**

*Sunday June 7, during worship Sanctuary*

**Hope SNJ**

*Monday June 8, 4:00 pm Parlor*

**Charity League**

*Tuesday June 9, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall*

**Bell Choir**

*Wednesday June 10, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

**Chancel Choir**

*Wednesday June 10, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

**Boruta/Lynn Wedding**

*Thursday June 12, 4:00 pm Sanctuary*

## 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.



Volunteers  
needed

## Thank You All

To my church family- thank you all for the texts, phone calls, cards, and most importantly your prayers over the past few weeks.

~ Much love, Lisa Gamache



*The flowers on the altar are in loving  
memory of my father,  
Malcolm Bowen*

*~from Lynne Bowen Daley*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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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A “New” Church School Summer Program for  
2026**

**OUR CHILDREN MAKING CHANGE**

We have a team that will be gathering and working to raise monies to donate to several local and international charities. The children look forward to your support in their doing “Kindness Outreach” through some events and sales over the summer months.

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**TUESDAY June 9<sup>th</sup> @Tighe-Middle School in Margate  
4:00 pm with a food truck following the meeting.  
(serving some kid favorites for dinner)**

There will be a special closing event in August in Ocean City, for all of their Kindness work. The children will be treated to an afternoon at Castaway Cove.

If you have a child interested in being a part of this special summer team,  
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