



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10 O'clock in the Morning April 26, 2026

"You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance" ~ Kalil Gibran

Please silence cell phones.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship based on Psalm 40 **Richard Ney**

Leader: We are blessed with a new day to worship God!

People: God leans in toward us and hears our prayers.

Leader: God draws us up from the pit of despair and fear.

People: The Lord sets our feet securely on the right path.

Leader: God puts a new song in our hearts.

People: Blessed are we because we put our hope and trust in God.

Leader: We gladly proclaim God's faithfulness and love!

People: Let us lift up our voices in thanks.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn: #715 Rejoice, the Lord is King (vs. 1-3)

The Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, we gather together this morning to say "We believe." We cast our doubts at the foot of the cross and at the mouth of the empty tomb. We're here to have our faith

** 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

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist

Visit our website for current news and information :

www.margatecommunitychurch.com

Our Greeters this week 4/26/26

Paul & Renee Alford

Deacons' April Communion Offering

Our April Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for
Salvation Army.

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,
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Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Ken Heck Seashore Gardens / Atlas
22 N Jimmie Leeds Road
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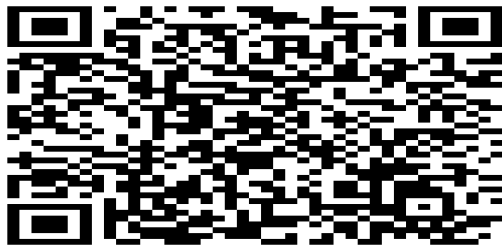
AT HOME

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

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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strengthened and our hope renewed. Meet us as we come together to worship the One who died, but who now lives. Amen.

Time with the Children

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God --

who brings sunshine after rain and works healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love, and longs for us to know we are beloved. God splashes the world with springtime color and fills the air with the singing of birds and the roar of the ocean. God meets us at the tomb of our fears and sends us out with hope and joy.

We believe in Jesus --

the risen Christ and Savior of the world; who loves us without judgment yet persuades us to change. Jesus walks with us wherever we are, befriends us when we feel lonely, prods us when we get complacent. Jesus loves all children, dances with the elderly, and blesses the breaking of bread.

We believe in the Holy Spirit --

who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations and races. The Holy Spirit comforts us in every trial and brings us God's peace.

We believe we are called to be Easter people --

challenging despair with glowing hope and living joyfully even in the midst of harsh realities.

We believe in the church --

the hand-holding, heartily singing, passionate, caring fellowship of seekers and finders. Amen.

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

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: Down to the River to Pray

*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: **Luke 18:1-8**

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary to pray consistently and never quit.

He said "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

"He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice – otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black and blue by her pounding.'"

Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon: Too Busy Not to Pray **Reverend Vicky Ney**

***The Hymn: #352** **It's Me, It's Me, O Lord**

The Benediction

The Benediction Response

The Postlude

Colin Walker

~ **THIS WEEK AT MCC** ~

Kid's Play

Sunday April 26, 11:00 am Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting

Monday April 27, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Recorder Group

Wednesday April 29, 3:00 pm Sanctuary

Bell Choir

Wednesday April 29, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesday April 29, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Cherry Blossom Festival & Flower Sale

*Saturday May 2, 12:00 – 4:00 pm Ventnor Parkway
in front of the church*

~ **UPCOMING EVENTS**~

Guest Speaker ~ Eli Gbayee

Sunday May 3, 10:00 am Sanctuary

Hope SNJ

Monday May 4, 4:00 pm Parlor

MCC Nursery School Art Show

Monday May 6, 6:00 pm Nursery School

Bell Choir

Wednesday May 6, 6:00 pm Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Wednesday May 6, 7:00 pm Sanctuary

Men's Breakfast

Thursday May 7, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Margate Cherry Blossom Festival

PRESENTED BY THE PET SALON 

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026 FROM 12-4PM
 ON VENTNOR AVENUE BETWEEN SUMNER & UNION
 IN FRONT OF THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH (RAIN DATE MAY 3)

FREE ADMISSION

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



FOOD, DRINKS & CRAFTERS

- ADULT BEVERAGE TASTING
- BEER GARDEN WITH PRODUCTS FOR PURCHASE
- VARIETY OF FOOD VENDORS
- ARTISAN CRAFT VENDORS



LIVE MUSIC

12-3:30PM





ACTIVITIES

- 12PM TAI CHI WITH GERRI MEDOFF
- 2PM DOG COSTUME CONTEST WITH THE PET SALON
- FLOWER SALE
- PETTING ZOO
- EGG TOSS & POTATO SACK
- FACE PAINTING
- FREE PLAY CORNHOLE
- ENVIRONMENTAL ROW WITH GREAT ORGANIZATIONS

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Church Directory Update

We're getting ready to print our new membership directory this May!

To ensure everything is accurate, please take a moment to login and update your details. 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.