

THE MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
"An Ecumenical Family of Faith"
8900 Ventnor Avenue
Margate City, New Jersey 08402

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www.margatecommunitychurch.com

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 national and global ministries. MCC is a sponsor of Margate Terrace, 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, Pomona, New Jersey.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
10:00 a.m. - Service of Worship

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE - (609) 822-5050; FAX - (609) 822-5974

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor
Rob Tucker - Director of Music

Chris Simonini - Organist

Carmella Marcheski- Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson - Church School Coordinator

Scott Chaffin - Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist



A Message from the Pastor

There's a great verse in Ephesians (2:10) that made me giggle when I read it. It says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." I have to tell you that my giggle came from the fact that I did NOT feel like a masterpiece that day!

But thank God, there is one person—the One who matters most—who sees all of our flaws and failures and still loves us completely just the way we are.

Actually, most of us are very good at pointing out our flaws and failures. Some folks just see their lives as a series of mistakes and disappointments and difficulties. But according to that Ephesians verse, God doesn't see us that way at all.

God views us from a totally different perspective. When God sees our lives, he sees a person of worth and great promise. After all, we were created in God's image and we were created for a purpose in this world. Even though we are works in progress, God can see the final portrait. God sees the whole "us." He knows exactly which parts of our lives need attention. God can turn every joy, every frustration, every disappointment—everything—and use it all to work together for good, for us and for those around us. (Romans 8:28)

Life at its best is not without trouble and pain, but rather it includes all of the experiences that lead to a deeper wisdom and knowledge of God's grace and love. I don't believe God causes bad things to happen to us, but I do believe that God can use each challenge to teach us and shape us into the masterpieces he originally had in mind. God wants the best for each of us. And God has a plan for each of us as well. During this Lenten season, we can walk and talk more with God, so that the plan becomes clearer, and so we can be all that God intends us to be.

Remember, you are God's masterpiece!

~Pastor Vicky

Greeters List for March

- March 1 Dan & Kim Heyman
- March 8 Bobbie Mario / Carol Zerbe
- March 15 Anthony & Casey Edge
- March 22 Joe & Sue Clark
- March 29 Rich Tolson & Sonya Bertini
(Palm Sunday)



Save the Date

New Members Luncheon at Pastor Vicky's House
Sunday April 19, 12:30 pm



Deacons' March Communion Offering

Our March Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for
The Covenant House.

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



Ladies Lunch Out

This month's Ladies Lunch Out will be on
Thursday March , 12 pm at

Dooney's Pub (The old Tilton Inn)
6823 Tilton Road,
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234



PB & J Project

WE GO TOGETHER LIKE



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Please join us!
We will be making our peanut butter and
jelly sandwiches for the
Atlantic City Rescue Mission after Church
on Sunday March 29, in Fellowship Hall

Ladies Night Out

This Month's Ladies Night Out will be on
Thursday March, 6:00 pm

At

LB One Steakhouse
6605 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor
Township, NJ 08234



~ UPCOMING MEETINGS ~

Hope SNJ (Grief Group)

Mondays, 4:00 pm Parlor

Bell Choir

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 pm Library (note time change)

Deacons' Meeting

Monday March 23, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Confirmation Class Continues

Sunday March 1, 15, and 29, 11:15 Youth Room

Lenten Bible Study

Tuesday March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast

Thursday March 5, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Charity League

Tuesday March 10, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

Ladies Lunch Out

Thursday March 12, 12:00 pm Dooney's Pub

Book Club Meeting

Sunday March 15, 11:30 am Library

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday March 17

Men's Breakfast

Thursday March 19, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Ladies Dinner Out

Thursday March 26, 6:00 pm LB One Steakhouse



Services in March

Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday of Lent

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend David Fleming

Sunday, March 15th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, March 22nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, March 29th

Palm Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Happy Birthday to all of our March Birthday Members

Leah Edge (3/2)
Gail Forrest (3/3)
Barb Kyle (3/8)
John Wagner (3/8)
Clare Durham (3/10)
Rev. Vicky Ney (3/14)
Rachel Bachman (3/15)
Richard Patterson (3/16)

Lisa Gamache (3/21)
Betty Nathanson (3/24)
James Tucker (3/24)
Natalia Vasquez (3/27)
Dan Heyman (3/27)
Leo Mazza (3/28)
Jennifer Wagner (3/29)
Bill Mohan (3/31)

That we know of!

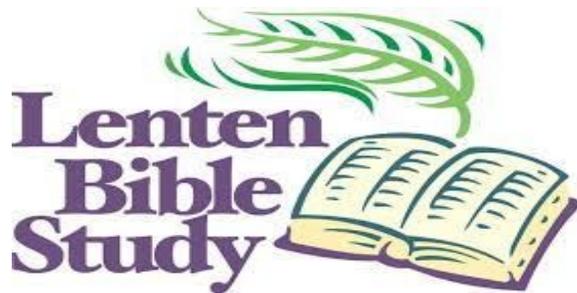
The Confirmation Class is ongoing!

Our young people continue their studies of the Bible, our beliefs, and our faith tradition. In keeping with that, we will be attending a Roman Catholic Mass and a Shabbat service at a local synagogue during our time together. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they continue their Confirmation journey.



Lenten Bible Studies

During the Lenten season, you are invited to attend four Bible studies in Fellowship Hall on starting on Tuesday March 3rd and continuing March 10th, March 17th and March 24th at 6:30 p.m. This Lenten Bible Study will be announced soon. Come and enjoy the warmth of good fellowship while you feed your spirit during the Lenten season.



Book Club Meeting

Sunday March 15, 2026

11:30 Parlor



Book of Lives: A Memoir of Sorts

by Margaret Atwood

Raised by scientifically minded parents, Margaret Atwood spent most of each year in the wild forest of northern Quebec: a vast playground for her entomologist father and independent, resourceful mother. It was an unfettered and nomadic childhood, sometimes isolated but also thrilling and beautiful.

From this unconventional start, Atwood unfolds the story of her life, linking key moments to the books that have shaped our literary landscape, from the cruel school year that would become Cat's Eye to the unease of 1980s Berlin, where she began The Handmaid's Tale. In pages alive with the natural world, reading and books, major political turning points, and her lifelong love for the charismatic writer Graeme Gibson, we meet poets, bears, Hollywood stars, and larger-than-life characters straight from the pages of an Atwood novel.

As she explores her past, Atwood reveals more and more about her writing, the connections between real life and art – and the workings of one of our very greatest imaginations.

Upcoming Book Club Meetings:

April 19, 2026 *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

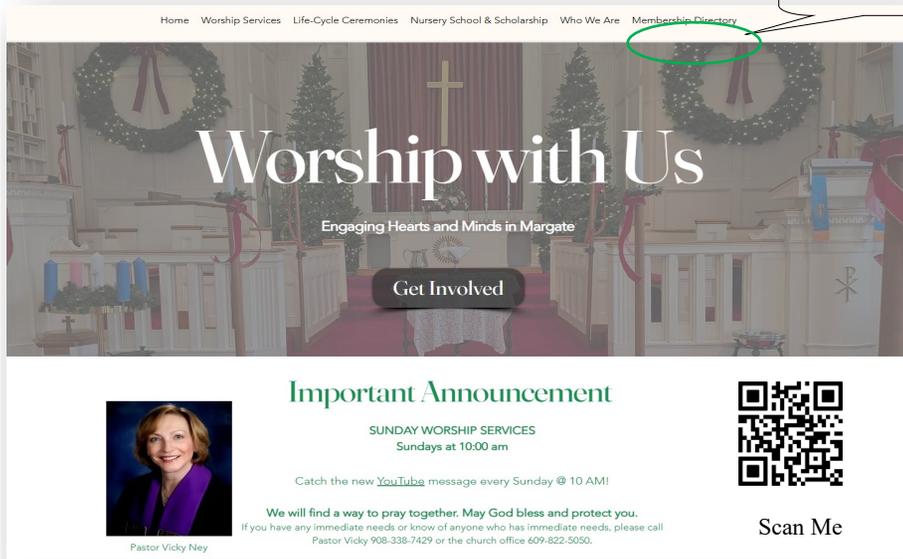
May 17, 2026 *Trip to the Stockton University Holocaust Resource Center*

June 14, 2026 *In the Hands of Women* by Jane Rubin

Announcing the 2026 Margate Community Church Website

<http://margatecommunitychurch.com>

New Online



Connect with us: Our New Website and Church Directory is Live!

Dear MCC Members,

We are excited to announce that our church directory is now available right at your fingertips! Whether you are on your computer or mobile phone, you can stay connected with our church family through the **Instant Church Directory**.

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.



Easter Basket Items Needed

Deadline: March 25th

We will again be donating Easter baskets to children in need. Some ideas of what to donate are:

Easter baskets, Toy filled Easter Eggs, Bubbles, Socks, Coloring Books and Crayons, Small Stuffed Animals, and Wrapped Candy.

Plastic Eggs Are Not Needed

A basket is in the Narthex for your donations. You may also call the Church Office to arrange a time to drop off your donations.

(609) 822-7147



PALM SUNDAY/EASTER SUNDAY
FLOWER ORDER FORM

Below is a list of available flower suggestions for Palm Sunday (March 29th) and Easter Sunday (April 5th):

Palm Sunday - Altar Arrangement	\$150
Palm Sunday - Chancel Steps Arrangement	\$75
Sunday - Altar Arrangement	N/A
Easter Sunday - Chancel Steps Arrangement	\$75
Piano Arrangement	\$60
Lilies	\$30 each
6" Hyacinth	\$10.00
6" Pansies	\$5.00
	6" Tulip \$10.00
	6" Daffodil \$8.00

*Please note that flower orders are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be received by **Friday, March 20th**.* Be sure to include a check with your order (payable to "MCC Altar Sanctuary Guild") and send it to the Church Office.

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Item 1. _____ Qty. _____ x price each _____ Total _____

Item 2. _____ Qty _____ x price each _____ Total _____

MESSAGE (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AS YOU WISH IT TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN, BUT LIMIT TO 15 WORDS MAXIMUM)

Flowers are delivered to shut-ins unless otherwise specified. Please check box if you will be picking up your flowers after the 10 a.m. Easter Sunday service. Flower purchases are announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

*All orders must be received by **Friday, March 20th!***
(Please Note The Deadline Date)



Margate Community Church 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship Communion Sunday 11:15 Confirmation Class	2 9:00 - Noon NS 4:00 pm Hope SNJ	3 9:00 - Noon NS 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	4 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 - Noon NS	6 9:00 - Noon NS	7
8 Daylight Saving Time 10:00 Worship 	9 9:00 - Noon NS 4:00 pm Hope SNJ	10 9:00 - Noon NS 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	11 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 9:00 - Noon NS 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch Out	13 9:00 - Noon NS	14
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22 10:00 Worship	23 9:00 - Noon NS 9:30 Marie Stewart Memorial Service 4:00 pm Hope SNJ 6:00 Deacons' Meeting	24 9:00 - Noon NS 6:30 Lenten Bible Study	25 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	26 9:00 - Noon NS 6:00 pm Ladies Dinner Out	27 9:00 - Noon NS	28
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