

Our New Floor Project

Thank you for your generous response to our new floor project. Except for the sanctuary, we are retiling the floor of the of the entire building. Contributions are still coming in.

You received a letter from Pastor Vicky some weeks ago telling you of specific giving opportunities for donating towards sections of the building. But it is important to note, that **donations of any size or amount** are much appreciated to help defray the cost. We are grateful for your support for this much needed project!

Altar Flowers

There are dates available in the upcoming months to honor a loved one with Altar Flowers.

\$50 Altar Flowers \$40 Piano Flowers \$10 Bud Vase

\$40 Chapel Altar Flowers (Communion Sunday Only)

Please contact **Dot Johnston** at **609.822.6596** to reserve your date now!

Spire Lighting

If there is a week of remembrance, honor or celebration which you would like to reserve for a loved one, please contact the **Church Office** at **609.822.7147**

Notary Public Service

Margate Community Church will now offer notary services to church members during Church Office hours. Please do not sign any documents to be notarized until in the presence of the notary.

Please check out our website:

www.margatecommunitychurch.com

for ...

Pastor Vicky's Weekly Sermons

*Information on: Weddings, Baptisms, Antiques,
Arts & Craft Show and our Nursery School*

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Mid - February MCC Update

A word from Pastor Vicky ...

All of us go through hard times. There is no life that is exempt from difficult circumstances. It can be illness, finances, jobs, relationships, any number of situations. Whatever the events, at some time or another, we all feel varying amounts of anxiety, we lose sleep, and we worry.

Our world situation also raises some anxious moments for all of us. Violence seems so random and senseless. We all ask, "What kind of world do we live in?" All of us feel frightened at times in our lives.

But Jesus was very clear in the Sermon on the Mount when he said worrying was useless. He asked his listeners, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his/her life?" (Matt. 6:27). Useless or not, we still seem to do it!

Ancient people in the Bible knew anxiety as well. (We modern folks aren't the only people who have concerns!) But in Psalm 131, the Psalm writer said that he had "stilled and quieted" his soul." (Ps. 131:2). How did he do that?

I believe one of the ways to quiet our hearts is through remembering God's promises that are found in the Bible. A beloved congregant in my former church called those promises "shock absorbers." That's exactly what they are—shock absorbers—words from our loving God that can take some of the impact out of the bumps and jolts we receive from life. There are promises in Scripture that can bring rest and assurance to our hearts and minds.

May I suggest a few "shock absorbers" from the list I use?

You might want to try—"I will never leave you or forsake you." (Joshua 1:5).

Or "My God will meet all your needs according to God's glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19)

For sleepless nights you might want to remember this verse: "In peace I will lie down and sleep; for you, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." (Ps. 4:8)

You might even want to visualize, "I will hold you by my powerful right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

I also recommend this personal favorite that I used many times when my son

Stephen was in Iraq and Afghanistan, “I know whom I have believed and am convinced that God is able to guard that which I have entrusted to Him until that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12)

God has given us these—and many other promises to remind us that we are not alone—that we are cared for—that we are loved with an everlasting love. I encourage you to try some of the “shock absorbers” God has given us in Scripture. I hope they will be a source of strength and comfort, whatever your circumstances might be.

Sermon Series during Lent

There’s no doubt about it: We live in a stressful world! Job pressures, financial problems, loneliness, family troubles, strained relationships, ethical decisions, health dilemmas, the death of a loved one—these are just some of the many stresses that face each of us every day.

During Lent, Pastor Vicky’s sermons will focus on “Is There Life After Stress?” Each week her message will focus on creative ways to deal with the stressful problems, heartaches, challenges, disappointments, and broken dreams of life, with the intent to show us how to make stress work *for* us rather than against us by *redeeming* our stress. Pastor Vicky hopes to strengthen and reinforce our spiritual defenses by helping us recognize our fears and then entrusting those fears to God.

Plan to be with us each Sunday through the month of March for these uplifting and encouraging sermons.

Confirmation Class News

Our eight Confirmands continue to meet after church for pizza and study.

The schedule is as follows for February and March:

Sunday Class Meetings 11:30 - 12:30 pm:

February 23rd

March 1st, 22nd

Class Trips:

Saturday, February 22nd St. Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Church, AC 4:00 pm Service. *(Please meet at MCC by 3:15 pm.)*

Friday, March 20th Shirat Hayam Temple, Ventnor 7:30 pm Sabbath Service. *(Please just meet at 7:15 pm at the Temple.)*

They will be attending a service at St. Nicholas RC Church on February 22nd, as they study the “roots” of our beliefs. They will be confirmed on Sunday, June 7th. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they continue their journey of study

Ash Wednesday Communion Service

You are invited to attend an Ash Wednesday Supper and Service on Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. A light supper of soup and bread will be served. A Communion Service around the tables will follow at 6:30 pm. If you would like the disposition of ashes, Pastor Vicky will make them available following the service.

Please sign up after church in coffee hour in Fellowship Hall or call the office (609) 822-5050 and let them know the number who will be attending.

Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers and Bible Studies

Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & April 1st

6:00 pm Supper ~ 6:30 Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

During the Lenten season, you are invited to attend soup & bread suppers and Bible study in Fellowship Hall. Supper begins at 6:00 pm and Pastor Vicky will lead the Bible study starting at 6:30 pm.

The study we will use for the series is by author Adam Hamilton entitled “Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters.” For Christians and for others seeking faith, some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles’ Creed, a historic statement of foundational Christian faith. Through video, written material, and discussion, this study invites us to explore not only what Christians believe, but why it's important.

Come and enjoy the warmth of good food and fellowship while you feed your spirit during the Lenten season. All dinners are free and everyone is invited.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office (609) 822-5050 and let us know you are attending, so that we may adequately prepare the food.

New Member Inquiry Meeting

On Sunday, March 15th at 11:30 am in the Parlor. If you are interested in learning more about the church and our non-denominational status, or if you are looking to explore your faith, or if you want to make our relationship with the Margate Community Church more "official", please join us. Child care is available upon request. Please contact the Church Office (609) 822-5050 or Pastor Vicky directly. Light lunch provided.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Choir Rehearsal ~ *Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm (except February 26th at 7:30)*

Deacons' Meeting ~ *Monday, February 24th, 6:00 pm (Library)*

A LOOK AHEAD ...

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 16th

Worship Services/Church School/Child Care 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Book Club 11:30 am (Parlor)

Monday, February 17th - President's Day

Church Office and Nursery School Closed

Wednesday, February 19th

AA 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, February 20th

Men's Breakfast 8:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Wisznat/LaFave Scholarship Dinner Fundraiser 5:30 pm
(Sofia Restaurant)

Saturday, February 22nd

Confirmation Class Trip (please meet at MCC at 3:15 pm)
(St. Nicholas of Tolentine Catholic Church, AC)

Sunday, February 23rd

Worship Services/Church School/Child Care 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

PB&J Sunday 11:00 am (Kitchen)

Baptism 11:15 am (Broll Chapel)

Confirmation Class Meeting 11:30 am (Youth Room)

Monday, February 24th

Deacons' Meeting 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 26th - *Ash Wednesday*

AA 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Communion Worship Service 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, February 27

Nursery School Board Meeting 12:30 pm (Parlor)

Women's Night Out 6:00 pm (Renee Alford's House)

MARCH

Sunday, March 1st - *First Sunday of Lent & Communion Sunday*

Worship Service/Church School/Child Care 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Service of Healing 11:15 am (Broll Chapel)

Confirmation Class Meeting 11:30 am (Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 3rd

Music Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (Parlor)

Wednesday, March 4th

Nursery School Dad's Day

AA 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 5th

Men's Breakfast 8:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 8th - Second Sunday of Lent

****Day Light Savings Time - Set Your Clocks Ahead An Hour****

Worship Service/Church School/Child Care 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)

Advisory Council Meeting 11:15 am (Parlor)

Tuesday, March 10th

Trustees' Meeting 7:00 pm (Library)

Wednesday, March 11th

No Nursery School - Parent Teacher Conferences

AA 12:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Soup & Bread Supper 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12th

Lunch Out Noon (Clancy's by the Bay)

Sunday, March 15th - *Third Sunday of Lent*

Worship Service/Church School/Child Care 10:00 am

Coffee Hour 11:00 am

New Member Inquiry Meeting 11:30 am (Parlor)

Book Club 11:30 (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 16th

Pulpit Committee Meeting 7:00 pm (Library)



Communication

 Please let the Church Office know at least two weeks prior to schedule events and a month prior for advertising purposes.

Also, let the Church Office know of any changes to the Church Calendar/Schedule.

Thank you!

