

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 College, Pomona, New Jersey.

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE - (609) 822-7147; FAX - (609) 822-5974

Reverend Victoria Ney, Pastor
Rob Tucker - Acting Director of Music
Chris Simonini - Organist
Barbara Parks - Administrative Assistant
Betty Nathanson - Church School Coordinator
Evelyn Gross - Wedding Coordinator
Victor Gutierrez - Sexton

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. - Service of Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
(Ages 3 years to 12th Grade)
Nursery and Toddler Care
(Ages 1 month to 3 years)



A message from the Pastor ...

Why is it that the one season of the year that speaks so much about peace feels so frenzied? I'm sure there are quite a few self-inflicted reasons for those feelings! Traditions. Expectations (both real and imagined). The idea that we can do it all. But as I see it, people seek the same things this season that they hope for all year long. We are really looking for the things that bring us peace – peace of mind and heart that, in our frenzied, dangerous world, there is something of value to hold on to.

The Bible tells us that Jesus came into the world to bring us peace. But where is it? Surely, the Bible writers didn't think that there could be a feeling of peace amid wars and genocide and terrorists. Yet as we think back to the time of Jesus' birth, it was extremely "unpeaceful" as well. Israel had once again been defeated in war and was occupied by a hostile foreign power. Poverty, starvation and disease were the norm. It was a very grim time in history. But God chose that moment to break in on humanity. God was so in love with humans, God wanted to take on our form to show us more fully what love and peace were about. Imagine being loved so much that God would leave the glorious spirit realm and take on a helpless creature-like form, just to be closer to us. Imagine being loved so much that God would suffer and die a horrible death, just so sin and death would never have the last word for us. Imagine love like that—love so strong, that no matter what life throws at us, we can never be separated from it.

That, my friends, is the source of the peace we are asked to receive. At Christmas we are reminded to open our hearts and let the cool clear water of peace wash over us—cleanse us from the memories of mistakes, fear, resentment, anger, hurt—to accept the wondrous gift of the Prince of Peace. Jesus said, "My peace I give to you Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The Bible calls Jesus "Emmanuel," which means "God with us." We are not alone or unloved. God IS with us.

My wish, dear friends, for each of you this Christmas comes from Paul's words in Romans (15:13), "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace."

~ Reverend Victoria Ney



~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Altar/Sanctuary Christmas Sale

Sunday, December 1st and 8th
9:00 am - Noon ~ Parlor

Membership Directory Photos

Mon - Wed, December 2nd - 4th
2:00 - 9:00 pm

The Membership Committee is working on updating the member information and also a new membership directory.

Please click on [Schedule Your Photography Session](#) or stop by the table in Fellowship Hall after services.

Men's Breakfast

Thursday, December 5th and 19th
8:00 am ~ Fellowship Hall

Church Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 6th
Noon ~ Clancy's by the Bay
\$30 per person

Please let Evelyn Gross know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Altar/Sanctuary Guild Church Decorating

Saturday, December 7th
10:30 am ~ Sanctuary

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Women's Night Out

Tuesday, December 10th ~ 6:00 pm
Appetizers ~ Lucy Shoap's Home
(120 Rumson Avenue, Margate)
Dessert ~ Betty Nathanson's Home
(111 North Thurlow Avenue, Margate)
Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

PB&J Sunday

Sunday, December 15th
11:00 am ~ Kitchen

Plan to come to church and stay to help with the creation of the PB&J Sandwiches for the clients of the AC Rescue Mission.

Confirmation Class

Parent/Confirmand Meeting

Sunday, December 15th
11:15 am ~ Youth Room

A confirmation class will be forming in January for young people 6th - 9th grades. Confirmation will take place on Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020.

A meeting for parents of the confirmands and young people will take place after church, December 15 to discuss our scheduling of classes and requirements. Our first class will begin after church on Sunday, January 5th at 11:30 a.m. (pizza included!).

Please call Pastor Vicky (church office or cell (908) 338-7429) if you need further information. We're looking forward to a wonderful time of learning, service and fellowship.

Book Club

Sunday, December 15th
11:30 ~ Parlor

Lilac Girls

by Martha Hall Kelly

This event is open to everyone.

Christmas Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 15th
5:00 - 9:00 pm
Josie Kelly's, Somers Point
\$50 per person

Please see Karen Morelli if you would like to attend.

Live Nativity

Friday, December 20th
4:00 - 6:00 pm ~ Front Lawn

Please join us for our first Live Nativity on Friday, December 20 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. at the front of the church on Ventnor Avenue. In addition to the stable and a manger, we will have Mary and Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men and animals. A llama, sheep, goat and donkey will be available for the children to see and pet. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to this wonderful opportunity of bringing the Christmas story alive. Sing some Christmas carols and enjoy some refreshments. This event is free and, of course, open to all.

Help us get the word out about MCC's First Live Nativity. Please take a flyer from the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall and hang in your home area.

We will also need volunteers to assist with this event. A sign up will be posted in Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Tuesday, December 24th
Family Service ~ 4:00 pm
Adult Candlelight Service ~ 7:45 pm

Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Sunday, December 29th
10:00 am

The Church Survey

Hard Copy Deadline

- Sunday, December 8th

Online Deadline

- Sunday, December 15th

Please click on this link: [Take Church Survey](#). Hard copies are available at Church, or call the Church Office. Hard copies of the surveys are due December 8th.

All of the results will be available and shared at the annual meeting at the end of January. At this busy time of the year, please remember to individually take the survey by the deadline.



**Don't Forget to
order your
Christmas
Poinsettias!**

Orders due Monday,
December 16th!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Choir Rehearsal ~ Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Advisory Council ~ Sunday, December 8th, 11:15 am (Chapel)

Pulpit Committee ~ Monday, December 9th, 6:00 pm (Library)

Trustees' Meeting ~ Thursday, December 12th, 7:00 pm (Library)

Confirmation Class Confirmand/Parent Meeting ~ Sunday, December 15th, 11:15 am

Deacons' Meeting ~ Monday, December 16th, 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)



Gloria Spinella's memorial service will be on December 7th at Grace United Methodist Church (131 East Central Avenue, Blue Anchor, NJ 08037). Visitation will be at 10:00 am with services starting at 11:00 am.

Member News



For more information, please call 609.822.5050
Visit our website at: www.margatecommunitychurch.com



PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following members and friends of MCC with your cards and prayers.

NURSING/CONVALESCENT/REHAB FACILITIES

Virginia Scheetz
Jean DiMarco

Marie Beuttenmuller
Eleanor Raymond

Lorraine Koshak
Betty Young

AT HOME

Helen Boyd
Betty Ingram

Paul McKay
Charley Myers

George Ingram
Kay Myers

RETIREMENT HOME/OTHER

Joanne Cort



December Coffee Hour
Every Sunday 11:00 a.m.



Preparation: Volunteers & Julie Duncan
Clean up: Altar/Sanctuary Guild

Deacons' December Communion Offering

MCC's Mission Trip to Volusia County, Florida

Our December Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for *MCC's Mission Trip to Volusia County, Florida*. Please be generous in supporting MCC's Mission Trip.



Happy Birthday to all of our December Birthday Members



Lily Edge (12/3)
LoriAnn Barbetto (12/6)
Marie Beuttenmuller (12/6)
Colleen Boyle (12/7)
Carolyn Polisano (12/10)
George Young (12/10)
Loretta Stewart (12/10)
Jeanne Palasch (12/15)

Brooke Imber (12/18)
Tyler Imber (12/18)
Cynthia Fogletto (12/19)
Aiden Himley (12/21)
Kristi Patterson (12/21)
Brian Burke (12/22)
Marlise Siracusa (12/24)
Richard Wingate (12/30)

That we know of!

Note:

Sadie Heyman is performing as Clara in Atlantic City Ballet's "The Nutcracker" on the following dates:
December 13th at Stockton University
December 22nd at Caesars Casino

SERMONS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1st

Communion Sunday & First Sunday of Advent

Worship/CS/Child Care - 10 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

"Have You Caught The Advent Virus?"

Coffee Hour - 11 am

Service of Healing - 11:15 am (Chapel)

Sunday, December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship/CS/Child Care - 10 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

"A Visit with Elizabeth"

Coffee Hour - 11 am

Sunday, December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship/CS/Child Care - 10 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

"Bah Humbug!"

Coffee Hour - 11 am

Sunday, December 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship/CS/Child Care - 10 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Coffee Hour - 11 am

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Tuesday, December 24th

Family Christmas Eve Service 4 pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - 7:45 pm

Message by Pastor Vicky

Sunday, December 29th

Carols and Lessons

Worship/CS/Child Care - 10 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Coffee Hour - 11 am



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS

Please order your Christmas Flowers by filling out the enclosed order form. The form is also available on MCC's website: www.mccnj.org or at the church. See Dot Johnston for more information 822-6596.



Giving Tree

Return Gift to MCC by Sunday, December 15th

The Board of Deacons are once again asking for your help in giving the children of our area a Merry Christmas. "The Giving Tree" has been a feature of MCC's holiday ministries for nearly 30 years.

The Deacons have solicited tags from the Salvation Army and the Pajama Project of our area and receive the ages and sizes of children who may go without this Christmas. We then ask you to take an "ornament" and go out and buy a toy or some clothing or both for the child and return the items to the church for distribution through the agencies.

This anonymous, secret Santa-type program has made about 100 children per year very happy.

The "Giving Tree" will be set up in Fellowship Hall and ready for your participation on Sunday, November 24th. Return the unwrapped gifts no later than Sunday, December 15th, and sooner if possible.

Do not wrap the gifts as the agency needs to know what each child is receiving. However, wrapping paper and ribbon can be included in the bag for their use.

* Gift cards should be turned in to the Church Office.

Suggested gift card stores: Shop Rite, Acme, Walmart and Target



Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 6th

Noon ~ \$30.00

Clancy's by the Bay

Menu:

Escarole Soup

House Salad w/ Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Choice of:

* Open Faced Hot Roast Beef with mashed potatoes

* Chicken Parmigiana with linguini

* Broiled Salmon with lemon white wine butter sauce, starch, vegetable medley

Dessert:

Cheese Cake

Tea, Coffee, Iced Tea, Soft Drink

Money is due by Sunday, November 24th.

Please sign up and notate your lunch selection in Fellowship Hall.

Payment can be given to Evelyn Gross or the Church Office.



Church Christmas Dinner/Dance

Sunday, December 15th

5:00 pm: Reception: Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

6:00 pm: Dinner & cash bar continues

\$50 per person

Music and Dancing

Josie Kelly's, Somers Point

Adare Ballroom (1st Floor)

Entrée Choices:

*Filet Mignon

*Chicken Piccata

*Salmon

*Fish ~n~ Chips

Tickets are on sale now.



If you would like to go and need a ride, please call the Church Office at 609.822.5050.



Please see Karen Morelli or Bill Schweitzer for more information.



MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday First Sunday of Advent 9:00 - Noon A/S Guild Christmas Sale (Parlor) 10:00 Worship/CS/Child Care 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:15 Service of Healing (Chapel)	2 9:00 - Noon NS 2:00 - 9:00 Membership Photos	3 9:00 - Noon NS 2:00 - 9:00 Membership Photos	4 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA 2:00 - 9:00 Membership Photos 7:00  CHOIR	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 Nursery School Luncheon Bob Barker Set Up	6 9:00 - Noon NS Noon Church Christmas Luncheon (Clancy's by the Bay)	7 10:30 A/S Guild Christmas Set Up
8 Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 - Noon A/S Guild Christmas Sale (Parlor) 10:00 Worship/CS/Child Care 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:15 Advisory Council (Chapel)	9 9:00 - Noon NS 6:00 Pulpit Committee Meeting (Library)	10 9:00 - Noon NS 6:00 Women's Night Out Appetizers - Lucy Shoap's House Desserts - Betty Nathanson's House	11 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA 7:00  CHOIR	12 9:00 - Noon NS 7:00 Trustees' Meeting (Library)	13 9:00 - Noon NS	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship/CS/Child Care 11:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 PB&J Sunday 11:15 Confirmation Mtg 11:30 Book Club (Parlor) 5:00 - 9:00 Church Christmas Dinner/Dance (Josie Kelly's)	16 9:00 - Noon NS 6:00 Deacons' Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	17 9:00 - Noon NS	18 10:00 - NS Christmas Program 12:30 AA 7:00  CHOIR	19 Nursery School Closed 8:00 Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)	20 Nursery School Closed 4:00 - 6:00 Live Nativity (Front Lawn)	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship/CS/Child Care 11:00 Coffee Hour	23 Nursery School Closed	24 Christmas Eve Nursery School Closed Office Closed Early 4:00 Children's Christmas Service 7:45 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office and Nursery School Closed 12:30 No AA	26 Office and Nursery School Closed	27 Nursery School Closed	28
29 Service of Lessons and Carols 10:00 Worship/CS/Child Care 11:00 Coffee Hour	30 Nursery School Closed	31 No NS Office Closed Early		<p><i>UPCOMING ...</i></p> <p><i>Annual All Church Meeting (1/26)</i></p> <p><i>MCC Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner (3/29)</i></p> <p><i>MCC Mission Trip (4/26 - 5/2)</i></p> 		

Mission Project 2020

MCC's Mission Team is planning to once again volunteer in Volusia County Florida, Daytona Beach area. We will be traveling to Holly Hills, FL on Sunday April 26th, staying at Union Congregational Church in Holly Hills and working in Volusia County for a week, returning Saturday May 2nd.

We need you! Don't worry about skill level, there is a job for everyone! Want to know what it is like? Feel free to speak with any of us who have participated previously.

You can support our efforts through a financial donation to the Deacons' Mission Fund, and by supporting the Mission Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday March 29, 2020.

The Mission Team is looking forward to using their skills to serve the people of Volusia County. Thank you for making these trips possible!

Nomination Committee for 2020

The Nomination Committee is actively looking for church members willing to serve on the Trustees, the Deacons, or the Board of Christian Education.

Please contact the church office or speak to the following:

Trustees - Dr. Gene Carroccia

Deacons - George Kyle

Board of Christian Education - Betty Nathanson

Sunday Morning Counters - Karin Wren

Ushers - Tom Klein

Greeters - Audrey Owen

New terms begin February 1, 2020

Successful Stewardship Campaign

MANY THANKS to everyone who sent in their estimate cards for our 2020 Stewardship Campaign. They were dedicated on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24. These estimates greatly help our Budget Committee plan for next year. Each of us is a steward of the resources God gives us. As such, we can provide for the needs of others and show our love for God. The estimate cards represent not only your commitment to our wonderful church, but also your participation in God's work in this community and the world. As the Bible tells us: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

If you did not return an estimate card, but intended to, it's not too late! Just place it in a Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office (8900 Ventnor Ave, Margate, NJ 08401)

God bless you for your dedication to the Lord!

Church School Holiday Activities

December 1st

- * Practice our song "Joy Bells"
- * Selling Christmas Cards for the "Smile Train" Organization

December 8th

- * Pajama Sunday – wear your pajamas to church and bring in a pajama set and a book (The Pajama Project) for those in need.
- * Practice our song "Joy Bells"
- * Selling Christmas Cards for the "Smile Train" Organization

December 15th

- * "Hanukah" Celebration and Party
- * Practice our song "Joy Bells"

December 20th

- * "Live Nativity" 4:00 – 6:00 pm

December 22nd

- * Singing "Joy Bells" song during church service.
- * Practice the Christmas Pageant at the Family Service.

December 24th

- * Family Christmas Eve Service – 4:00 pm
- * Taking part in the Pageant Story in costume.

December 29th

- * "Lessons and Carols" during Church Service

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.

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!



MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDER FORM 2019

Time to sign up to help the Altar/Sanctuary Guild make the church festive for the holidays. Even though we've gone "artificial" with many decorations, we still need your contributions for the following:

***Poinsettias
are still available!
\$30 each***

All of the above contributions may be given in memory or honor of those you hold dear. In addition, gifts in celebration of the season are always welcome, as we have expenses throughout the month of December that must be met. Call Dot Johnston at (609) 822-6596 with any questions. Thank you for your help.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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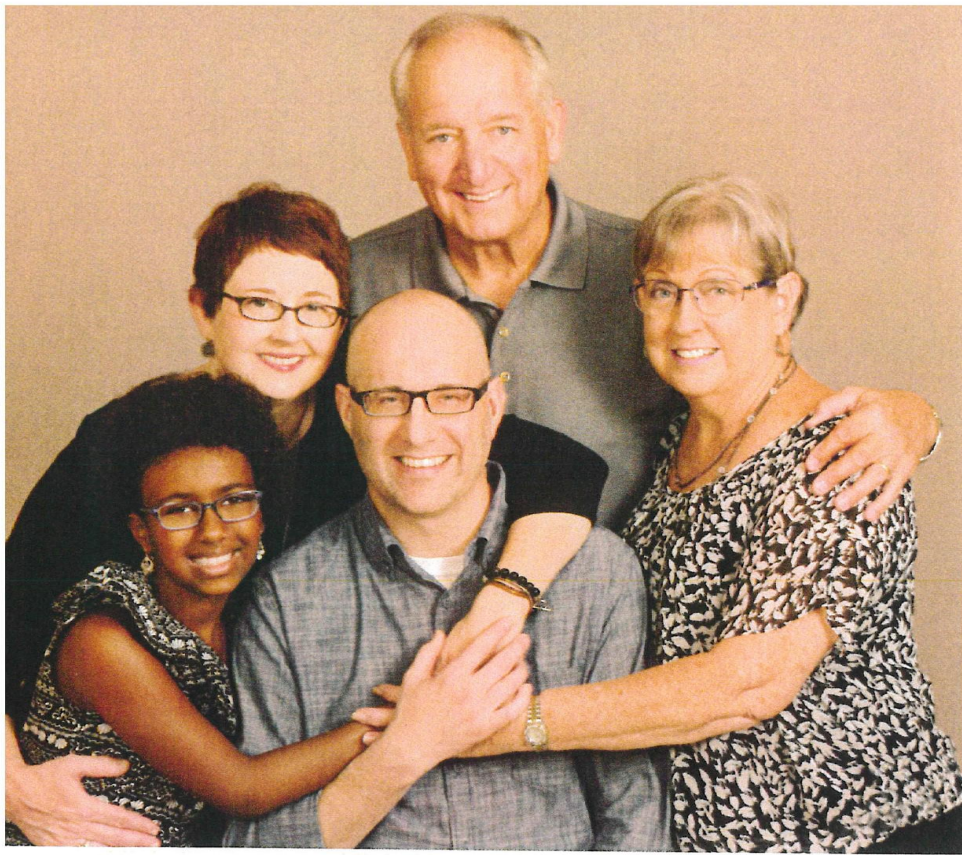
MESSAGE (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AS YOU WISH IT TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN, BUT LIMIT TO 15 WORDS MAXIMUM)

Make check payable to "Margate Community Church." Please check box if you will pick up your flowers. Flowers will be available for pick up after the service on December 24th. Remaining flowers will be delivered to shut-ins.

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All orders must be received by Monday, December 16th!
(Please Note The Early Date)





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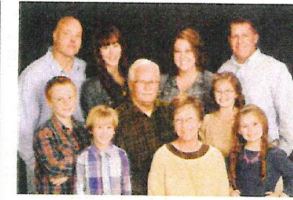
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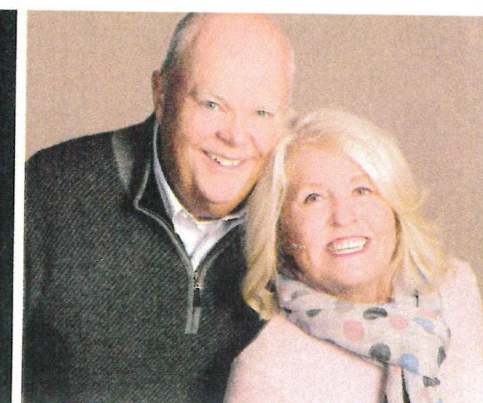
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- Take your pet for a walk prior to photography to expend energy.
- Allow for up to an hour to be photographed, view your images and purchase photographs (Consider arriving early to allow your pet/s time to become comfortable).
- Bring a leash and also a toy/treats that your pet will respond to during photography.

**Schedule your photography session
and be included in our new directory.**

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