

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

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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 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

According to Christian writer Rick Warren, "Longer is not stronger when it comes to prayer." God is much more interested in a humble prayer straight from the heart than a long one with fancy words. Just get to the point!

Jesus actually had a lot to say about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount. He stressed the fact that it should be simple. Look at these verses from his sermon: "Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others ... But whenever you pray go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret ... When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the pagans do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:5-8).

You don't have to "convince" God about what you need. He already knows. Just keep it simple and tell him what you need (or think you need!).

Our Church family here at MCC usually likes me to be the public "prayer." But I've been to some prayer meetings at other churches where it seemed as though each person was trying to outdo another by using lots of "flowery" words. Jesus made it clear that God doesn't want or need that. God just wants a conversation with you. Talk to God like you would a loved one or friend. (And that's exactly what God is!)

Adding words to your prayer doesn't make it stronger. Just keep it simple and have faith that God is listening ever so carefully.

~Pastor Vicky

Greeters List for October

- October 6 George & Barb Kyle
- October 13 Anthony & Casey Edge
- October 20 Don & Lucy Shoap
- October 27 John & Brenda Taube



Deacons' October Communion Offering

Our October Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for Atlantic County Association of Mental Health. Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support those in need.



PB & J Project

Please join us!

We will be making our peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Salvation Army after Church on Sunday October 13, in Fellowship Hall



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Ladies Night Out

This Month's Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday October 10, 6:00 pm at Outback Steakhouse 4231 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office.



Ladies Lunch Out

We will meet Thursday October 24, 12 pm at

Anchorage Tavern Restaurant 823 Bay Ave, Somers Point, NJ 08244

Come join us! Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall or call the office.



~ 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 October 15, 7:00 pm Parlor

Deacons' Meeting

Monday October 28, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Men's Breakfast

Thursday October 3, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Church School Staff Meeting

Thursday October 3, 6:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 6, 1:00 Sumner Avenue Lawn

Ladies Dinner Out

Thursday October 10, 6:00 pm

Hoolahan Baptism

Sunday October 13, during worship Sanctuary

PB & J Project

Sunday October 13, after Worship in Fellowship Hall

Happy Columbus Day

Monday October 14, Office Closed

Men's Breakfast

Thursday October 17, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

The Imam Amin Muhammed ~ Guest Speaker

Sunday October 20, during worship Sanctuary

Book Club Meeting

Sunday October 20, 11:30 am Library

Bilovol/Doyle Wedding

Sunday October 20, 12:30 pm Sanctuary

Charity League

Tuesday October 22, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall

Ladies Lunch Out

Thursday October 24, 12:00 pm

"Boo"tiful Bingo

Friday October 25, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Happy Halloween

Thursday October 31

Services in October

Sunday, October 6th

Communion Sunday

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, October 13th

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, October 20th

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by The Iman

Sunday, October 27th

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney



Happy Birthday to all of our October Birthday Members



Judy Patterson (10/3)	Rob Tucker (10/21)
Kimberly Walters (10/3)	Tim Hoolahan (10/22)
Ken Heck (10/5)	Christine Silverberg (10/25)
Emma Karver (10/8)	Effie Russell (10/29)
Sophia Gresham (10/13)	Margot Swift (10/30)
Richard King III (10/19)	Jean Mohan (10/30)
Bill Schweitzer (10/20)	Renee Alford (10/30)
Betty Wingate (10/20)	

Member Spotlight – Chris Simonini

Chris Simonini has been the Margate Community Church organist since 2018. His expertise as a jazz pianist/organist has added a special flair to our services and other events. Although his current passion is for keyboard instruments, he actually began his musical journey in his late teenage years after purchasing a guitar and playing for a year.

Inspired by jazz greats, Chris devotes much of his time to the tradition of jazz. He first sought out his formal training during his first year at Rowan University with jazz and classical piano lessons. Soon after, Chris became immensely interested in the art of jazz organ. He began taking lessons on the Hammond B3 organ and currently continues to perform on the B3 organ. In 2010, Chris received the Bill Walters Scholarship through the New Jersey Jazz Society. During his college years, he also had the opportunity to perform with the New Jersey Intercollegiate Jazz Band. Chris then went on to complete a degree in jazz studies in 2013. During this time, he also studied classical piano and jazz composition and arranging.

Chris is a New Jersey native and grew up in Vineland. He often performs throughout the New Jersey, Philadelphia, Delaware and New York City area. In addition to being our church organist, Chris works as a freelance pianist/organist. Chris has had the privilege to work with some of today's well-respected jazz musicians. Chris's love for jazz and the great American songbook is what inspires him to grow musically. His EP, "Light in Dark" can be found on Spotify. He enjoys creating therapeutic music that "takes you somewhere."

Chris lives with his wife, Melissa, and son Wesley in Oaklyn. His family is excited to announce that they are expecting a second child, a girl, in March. The church would like to thank Chris for his dedication and the talents that he brings to our services.

The Margate Community Church would like to say a huge
THANK YOU to Chris Simonini



A Note of Importance from The Altar Sanctuary Guild

Over the past year, we have seen a steady rise in the cost of flowers for memorials, birthdays and events. It has become very apparent that our organization can no longer absorb these increases.

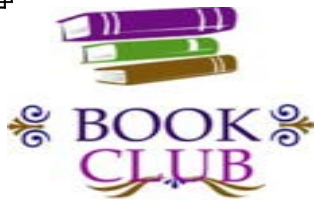
This has caused us to make some necessary adjustments in pricing:

Altar Flowers	\$60.00
Piano Arrangement	\$45.00
Bud Vase Flowers	\$15.00

These increases barely cover the past costs, and we have kept the increases to as little as possible. We hope you will understand our challenging position and continue to support the effort to make our Sanctuary as beautiful as possible.

We thank you for your continuing support.
The Altar Sanctuary Guild





Book Club Meeting
Sunday, October 20
11:30 am ~ Parlor
The Exiles
By Christina Baker Kline

Seduced by her employer's son, Evangeline, a naïve young governess in early nineteenth-century London, is discharged when her pregnancy is discovered and sent to the notorious Newgate Prison. After months in the fetid, overcrowded jail, she learns she is sentenced to "the land beyond the seas," Van Diemen's Land, a penal colony in Australia. Though uncertain of what awaits, Evangeline knows one thing: the child she carries will be born on the months-long voyage to this distant land.

Possible Support Group for Our Members



If you are a caregiver for an elderly parent or other family member, there are a few people in our congregation who are interested in starting a support group. We have found a facilitator for the group, if we do indeed get the group started.

If you would be interested in this new venture, please see Pastor Vicky and give her days and times when you would be available for this.



"Boo"tiful Bingo Night
Friday October 25, 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Bingo Returns!

If you enjoyed BINGO last January and were waiting with bated breath for another chance to win some money, the wait is over!

We are planning to have a BINGO night on Friday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. until about 8:00 p.m. Once again, this will also serve as a fund raiser for the Chapel carpet, so we will ask that adults pay \$10 per person and children will be \$5. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage of choice (or BYOB!).

We will also have pizza and hot dogs available at a very minimal cost (all in the name of carpet fund raiser!).

This will be lots of fun for the whole family.
Everyone is invited!



Save the Date
Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday December 8, 2024

Annual Christmas Dinner Dance
5pm at Margate Community Church.
Details to follow!

MARGATE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Non-Profit Organization)



ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024
SHOP 8AM - 11PM

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Brenda Taube
609-703-2868

For more details visit boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends
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Blessings of the Animals.

We will host our Fifth Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 pm on the Sumner Avenue lawn of the church. Seniors, families, singles, and children are encouraged to bring their dogs, cats, birds, lizards, rabbits, fish, tortoises, turtles and other well-loved pets. After a very brief service of worship, there will be individual blessings for each animal present. If you are unable to bring your pet, pastor Vicky will be happy to do a special blessing on a picture of it.

We are delighted to once again honor the great bond and relationship between people and their pets. Everyone is invited. This event is free and open to the general public. Chairs will be provided or you may bring your own beach chair.



Bay Atlantic Symphony

Kicking off the season is Concertmaster Ruotao Mao's solo rendition of Johannes Brahms' "Violin Concerto" at Exquisite and Electric on October 19 and 20.

Come join us for some beautiful music on Sunday October 20 at 2:00 pm at Stockton University's Performing Arts Center in Galloway Township.

Please let Jenn Barr (609) 442-1717 know if you are interested.

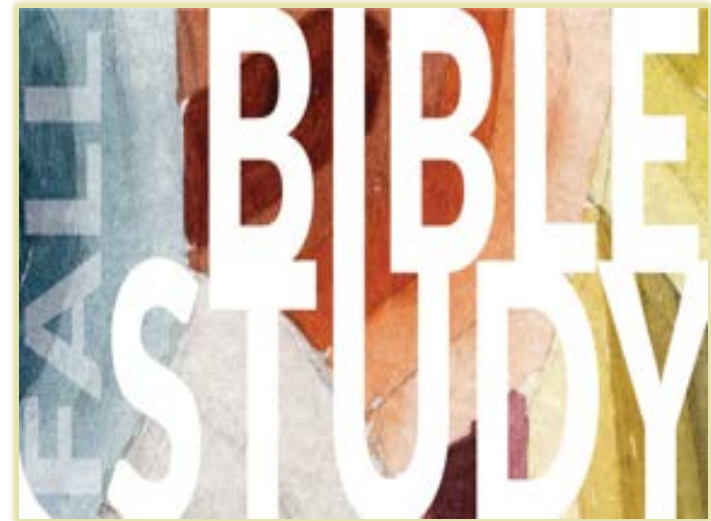


Exquisite and Electric: Ruotao plays Brahms
Fauré • Rave • Brahms

Special Bible Study

Save your Tuesday evenings in October for a guest rabbi who will be leading our Fall Bible Study. Dr. Laurence (Larry) Kotok is a professor at St. Vincent De Paul Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Florida. We will be looking at various aspects of the New Testament through a Jewish lens. Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

- Oct 1: A Jewish Understanding of the Sermon on the Mount
- Oct 8: Judaism's Teachings on the Messiah -1st Century till today
- Oct. 15: Rise of antisemitism after October 7 and before
- Oct. 22: What's really going on in the Middle East - an in depth analysis of past and present





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