

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

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Rob Tucker - Director of Music

Colin Walker - Pianist

Carmella Marcheski- Administrative Assistant

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Luis Meneses - Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist



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October 1, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

As I write this message, we are just about at the end of a surprisingly strong nor'easter that has affected so many coastal communities. We were fortunate as a church community that there was no flooding or damage to our church building. I personally felt fortunate that while there was a lot of water surrounding my home in Atlantic City (I saw waves in my backyard!), other than leftover debris, I only suffered minor inconvenience.

Storms such as this one—or even much more devastating ones like Superstorm Sandy—point out our fragility and make us feel helpless in comparison as we witness the power of God's incredible creation.

Our faith teaches us that God is not distant during chaos, but actively present with us when we are fearful. Believers frequently turn to the Gospel account of Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4:35–41). If you remember, Jesus is asleep in the boat with the disciples during a furious storm on the Sea of Galilee. His disciples wake him and ask if he cares whether they die or not. With three words, Jesus makes the wind and waves to cease and asks his disciples, "Why are you afraid? Do you have no faith?" This text reminds us that having Jesus "in our boat" means that we can have internal peace despite all the turbulence.

The Bible also reminds us of the sovereignty of God. In the chaos of storms, it reminds us not only of our human limitations, but also of the power of God. Passages like Psalm 46 ("God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way ...") are central to helping us to trust God at all times.

As we all know, storms in life come in all shapes and sizes. Most of them are not due to weather, but rather life experiences. As Christians, we always emphasize faith over fear. We can draw on our faith to find comfort. We can build spiritual foundations to help us withstand trials of all kinds.

Do you remember when Jesus contrasted a wise man who built his house on stone with a foolish man who built on sand (Matt. 7:24-27)? When the storm came, only the house on the rock stood firm. Jesus is urging us to make sure our lives are anchored in eternal truths and our trust in a God who loves us.

~Pastor Vicky

Greeters List for October

October 4 John & Brenda Taube
October 11 Dan & Kim Heyman
October 18 George & Barb Kyle
October 25 Rich Tolson & Sonya Bertini



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 Atlantic City Rescue Mission after Church on Sunday October 18, in Fellowship Hall.

WE GO TOGETHER LIKE



PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Ladies Lunch Out



This month's Ladies Lunch Out will be on Thursday October 8, 12:00 pm

Johnnie's Cafe
9407 Ventnor Ave, Margate

Ladies Night Out



This month's Ladies Dinner Out will be on Thursday October 22

Little Italy
815 Tilton Rd, Northfield

~ 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 20, 7:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting

Monday October 26, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Men's Breakfast

Thursday October 1, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4, 1:00 Sumner Avenue Lawn

Fall Bible Study Begins

Tuesdays in October 6, 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Ladies Lunch Out

Thursday October 8, 12:00 pm Johnnie's Cafe

Happy Columbus Day

Monday October 13, Office and Nursery School Closed

Men's Breakfast

Thursday October 15, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

PB & J Project

Sunday October 18, after Worship in Fellowship Hall

Book Club Meeting ~ Theo of Golden

Sunday October 18, 11:30 am Parlor

Ladies Dinner Out

Thursday October 22, 6:00 pm Little Italy

Joseph Mohan Concert

Sunday October 25, 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Charity League

Tuesday October 27, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

Services in October

Sunday, October 4th

Communion Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, October 11th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, October 18th

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, October 25th

Twenty-second 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)

Kimberly Walters (10/3)

Ken Heck (10/5)

Emma Karver (10/8)

Andrea Cimino (10/11)

Sophia Gresham (10/13)

Richard King III (10/19)

Bill Schweitzer (10/20)

Betty Wingate (10/20)

Rob Tucker (10/21)

Christine Silverberg (10/25)

Kim Tucker (10/27)

Effie Russell (10/29)

Margot Swift (10/30)

Jean Mohan (10/30)

Renee Alford (10/30)

That we know of!



Book Club Meeting

Sunday October 18, 2026

11:30 Parlor

Theo of Golden

by Allen Levi

A heartwarming novel about a mysterious, kind elderly man named Theo who arrives in the fictional Southern city of Golden, where he anonymously buys portraits of residents from a coffee shop and returns them to the subjects, sparking stories, friendships, and life transformations. The book explores themes of kindness, community, generosity, and seeing the good in others, and has become a popular, uplifting read praised for its emotional depth and surprising ending.



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Bible Study Series

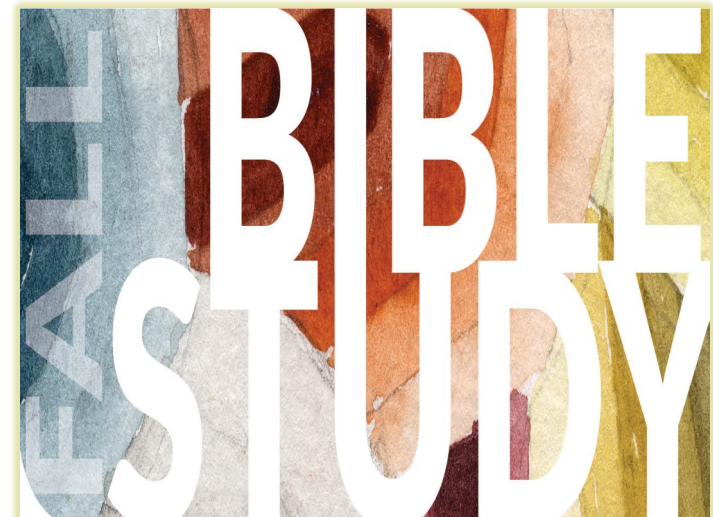
Once again this fall, we will have our Tuesday evening Bible Study from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning October 6 (4 Tuesdays, 6, 13, 20, and 27). We are happy to report that Rabbi Laurence (Larry) Kotok will once again be our presenter. Rabbi Kotok is a theology professor at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary (Roman Catholic) in Florida. We will be looking at various topics of interest through a Jewish lens.

Oct. 6: *Nostra Aetate: the most important document in 2,000 Years that nobody knows about!!*

Oct. 13: *America at 250! Who have we become? And who should we be?*

Oct. 20: *Pain and Suffering – is it a value? How do people of faith explain it?*

Oct. 27: *Jewish Decision Making – How are norms and standards arrived?*





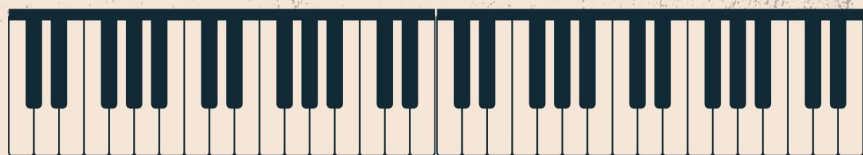
Variety Piano Concert with Joseph Mohan

Reception to follow
The concert is free, donations are welcome.

Sunday,
October

25

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8900 Ventnor Avenue
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Fellowship Hall
Starts at 4:00 pm



Blessings of the Animals.

We will host our Sixth Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th 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.





Margate Community Church 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 Men's Breakfast	2	3
4 10:00 Worship Communion Sunday 1:00 Blessing of the Animals	5 9:00 - Noon NS 4:00 Hope SNJ	6 9:00 - Noon NS 6:30 Bible Study ~ Dr. Laurence Kotok	7 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 9:00 - Noon NS 12:00 Ladies Lunch Out	9 9:00 - Noon NS	10 2:30 DiPentino/Baran Wedding
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