

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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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



# THE SPIRE

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June 1, 2023

## A Message from the Pastor ...

*By the time you receive this publication, we will be quickly heading for the last bits of spring and moving into summer— June is here!*

*Time goes so quickly. It seemed like Christmas was here and then Easter appeared and now we're already past Memorial Day! Sometimes we wish for things to slow down so we can enjoy a moment. The future always remains a mystery, so there's no rush to speed into the unknown. But time rushes on. Changes happen.*

*That's why I love God's Word. That doesn't change. There's a prayer in a Presbyterian worship book that has this sentence: "Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak to us of eternal things so that we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence." God's word gives us the freedom to trust a future we cannot control.*

*Besides the Bible, one other thing that never changes is God's love for each one of us. God sent us Jesus to guarantee that promise. We can trust in God's love because God is stronger than anything life can throw at us— even death. We just passed the Day of Pentecost when we were reminded that God's Spirit still strengthens and comforts us.*

*In her book entitled Hope, author Nancy Guthrie tells us to remember Paul's words to the Romans: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life (not Covid-19, cancer, car accidents, crime, or calamity), neither angels nor demons (not evil in the media or wars), neither the present nor the future (not the debt ceiling or any tragedy that may be in my future), nor any power (not a demanding boss or pink slip from my place of employment), neither height nor depth (not winning the lottery or losing my stock portfolio), not anything else in all creation (not a virus, inflation, hurricane or hungry shark), will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).*

*May you renew your strength and faith each day and may the knowledge of God's love be in your heart and bring you peace.*

Pastor Vicky

### Greeters List for June

June 4 Howard Applegate /  
Bob Klingensmith  
June 11 Dan & Kim Heyman  
June 18 John & Joan Marota  
June 25 Bobbie Mario & Carol Zerbe



### Ladies Night Out

Summer is here Ladies!  
We will get together in September



### Deacons' June Communion Offering

Our June Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for  
Sister Jean's Kitchen.

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



### 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 June 25, in  
Fellowship Hall

### Book Club Meeting

Sunday June 25,  
11:30 am ~ Parlor

### "Lessons in Chemistry"

By Bonnie Garmus



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Meet Elizabeth Zott: "a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention" (The Washington Post) in 1960s California, whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show. This novel is "irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel" (The New York Times Book Review) and "witty, sometimes hilarious ... the Catch-22 of early feminism." (Stephen King, via Twitter)

~ UPCOMING MEETINGS ~

**Confirmation Class Continues**

*Tuesdays June 6 & TBD, 4:45pm Youth Study Room*

**Deacons' Scholarship Committee**

*Monday June 5, 5:00 pm Parlor*

**Bell Choir**

*Wednesdays, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

**Chancel Choir**

*Wednesdays, 7:15 pm Fellowship Hall*

**Trustees' Meeting**

*Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 pm Parlor*

**Advisory Council**

*Sunday June 25, after worship Library*

**Deacons' Meeting**

*Monday June 26, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall*

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

**Men's Breakfast**

*Thursday June 1, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall*

**Graduation Recognition Day and Lunch**

*Sunday June 11, during worship and lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall*

**Charity League**

*Tuesday June 13, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall*

**Men's Breakfast**

*Thursday June 15, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall.*

**Cantwell Baptism**

*Sunday June 18, during worship*

**Confirmation Day**

*Sunday June 25, during worship*

**PB & J Project**

*Sunday June 25, after Worship in Fellowship Hall*

**Book Club Meeting**

*Sunday June 25, 11:30 am Parlor*

Services in June

Sunday, June 4th

*Trinity Sunday*

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 11th

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 18th

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday June 25th

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*









Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney



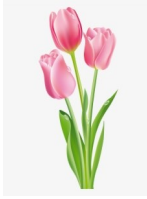
**Happy Birthday to all of our June Birthday Members**



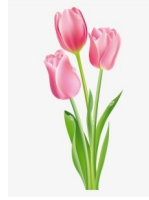
 Judith Haverstick (6/7)	 Chrissy Roche (6/12)
 Ulrich Lohs (6/10)	 June Appleget (6/21)
 Kathy Plaugher (6/10)	 Steve Gresham (6/22)
 Kara Liguori (6/12)	 Lisa Becker (6/25)

*That we know of!*





**AN OPEN INVITATION**  
**Altar Sanctuary Guild**  
**is planning a**  
**Special Dinner Meeting**  
**On June 15, 6:00 pm**



We are looking for some new member who are interested in keeping our sanctuary and chapel beautiful.

This has always been a great organization that does good decorating work, especially with flowers, and we have fun along the way.

Please contact the church office, Nancy Young, Betty Nathanson or Pastor Vicky, if you would like to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your  
helping hands in advance,  
Betty



**Father's Day**

You have a special invitation to attend our Father's Day service on Sunday, June 18 . There will be a gift for every man in attendance. Don't miss it!



**Save the date: Christmas in July**

Pastor Vicky & Richard Ney invite you to a Christmas in July open house at their home (2002 West Riverside Drive, Atlantic City) on Tuesday, July 25. Come any time between 3-7 p.m.



**Confirmation Class**

You are invited to be with us on Sunday, June 25 for a very special Service of Confirmation for our two wonderful Confirmands – Lilly Edge and Geoffrey Lovett.

They have completed their assignments and attended the classes and will be ready for their profession of faith/confirmation of their baptismal vows that morning.

Please plan to be present to support our young people on the 25th.





**During the month of June, MCC will be collecting clothing donations for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission's OPERATION: Empty Closets Clothing Donation**

As you know, one of the areas that is critical to us is our recycling program. The homeless that arrive come with a backpack or maybe a small rollaway. They have a real need for clothes. Clothes not only make you feel good (part of the pathway to wholeness) but needed for program participation (to get them back on their feet), job readiness (work training) and job interviews.

In addition, during the pandemic, we saw the "housed poor" in our neighborhood (those living paycheck to paycheck, having to decide between paying the rent, buying groceries, or clothing each week) increase from 1,500 families to over 4,000. We opened our wardrobes to them twice a month (provided over 1,000 coats for kids this winter).

This year we are seeing a drastic drop in clothing donations, and we need your assistance. This can include all material - linens, blankets, curtains. **We need all types, sizes for all ages (Men, women & children).** Even ripped or torn will work as we find a purpose for everything.

Donate your used clothing to help the Atlantic City Rescue Mission care for the hundreds of homeless and needy people we serve on a daily basis.

We'll take men's, women's and children's clothing -- all sizes



**Graduation Recognition Day and Lunch  
June 11**

**Please come and help us honor our Graduates!**

During worship service we will be celebrating and recognizing our young members who have earned graduation diplomas and are beginning new phases of their lives.

After our 10:00 am service, we will be able to gather and enjoy meeting, and chatting with them over a luncheon which will be in Fellowship Hall.

It is important that you let us know of your plans to attend the luncheon, so that we are able to appropriately make preparations for this special event.

Call the office 609-822-5050 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00





# Margate Community Church 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>2</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:00 Worship Communion Sunday	<b>5</b> 9:00 - Noon NS 5:00 Deacons' Scholarship Meeting	<b>6</b> 4:45 Confirmation Class	<b>7</b> 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 Worship Graduation Recognition Day & Luncheon 	<b>12</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>13</b> 9:00 Charity League	<b>14</b> 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA Fellowship Hall 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir 	<b>15</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Altar Sanctuary Guild Dinner Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Happy Father's Day 10:00 Worship Cantwell Baptism 	<b>19</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>20</b> 7:00 Trustee's Meeting	<b>21</b> 9:00 - Noon NS 12:30 AA 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 - Noon NS	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 Worship Confirmation Day Advisory Council 11:30 Book Club Meeting 	<b>26</b> 6:00 Deacons' Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:30 AA 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	