

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

Colin Walker - Pianist

Carmella Marcheski - Administrative Assistant

Betty Nathanson - Director of Christian Education

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Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist



THE SPIRE

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November 1, 2026

A Message from the Pastor

Well, here we are in the month of November already, the one month, or perhaps one day, that people in our country traditionally feel thankful. After Richard's Memorial Service last Monday, I wondered what I might write for the Spire this month.

After doing a lot of thinking and soul-searching, I realized that I don't have to choose between feeling heartbroken and feeling thankful. The human heart is large enough to hold both. Gratitude isn't only for people whose cup flows over with blessings—just like joy isn't only for people who identify as "happy," and purpose isn't only for people who have things all figured out. (Does anyone really have everything figured out?) I'm reminded of the quote: "When asked if my cup is half-empty or half-full, my only response is that I'm just grateful that I have a cup" (Sam Leffkowitz). Well, I have a cup.

Being thankful this year is obviously less about the recent death of my dear Richard, and more about the wonderful privilege of having loved him and having him as an integral part of my life for over 38 years.

Once we're over the pity-parties that are so easy to fall into, we can easily find things for which to be thankful. We are all so fortunate to have this wonderful church family that rallies around anyone facing difficulties—not just me. Trust me when I tell you, not every church is like this one. At MCC, caring people abound. I would also point out that we all have a roof over our heads and food to eat. As I drive home each day from church, I pass many people who do not.

I'm reminded of an old hymn that says it all: "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

No one has to pretend that sad feelings don't exist or force a fake smile. Instead, grief and gratitude can sit side by side. Find your gratitude and give God your thanks.

~Pastor Vicky

Greeters List for November

November 1 Dara Quattrone & James Glenn
November 8 Erica Gordon / Andrea Cimino
November 15 Joe & Sue Clark
November 22 Bill Schwitzer & Karen Morelli
November 29 Sharon Goff / Jennifer Farrell



Deacons' November Communion Offering

Our November Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for *Jewish Family Services*. Please be generous in supporting the Deacons as they support those in need.



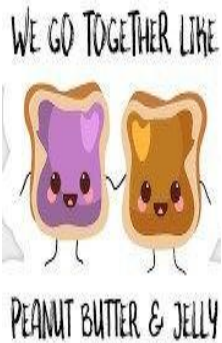
Ladies Lunch Out



This month's Ladies Lunch Out has been canceled due to the holidays!

Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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 November 22, in Fellowship Hall

Ladies Night Out



This month's Ladies Night Out will be on Thursday November 12, 6 pm at 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 November 17, 7:00 pm Library

Deacons' Meeting

Monday November 24, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ Fall Back

Sunday November 1

Men's Breakfast

Thursday November 5, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Recorder Group

Sunday November 8, 11:30 am Sanctuary

Ladies Dinner Out

*Thursday November 12, 6:00 pm Little Italy
815 Tilton Road, Northfield*

Men's Breakfast

Thursday November 19, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall.

Book Club Meeting

Sunday November 15, 11:30 am Parlor

Recorder Group

Wednesday November 18, 4:00 pm Sanctuary

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Monday November 23, 7:00 pm Shirat Hayam

Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday November 26

Christmas Dinner Dance ~ Save the Date

Sunday December 13, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Services in November

Sunday, November 1st

Communion Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, November 8th

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, November 15th

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, November 22nd

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney



Happy Birthday to all of our November Birthday Members



Paul Alford (11/1)

Leslie Thomas (11/8)

Anthony Edge (11/4)

Carmel Booth (11/20)

Jim Swift (11/5)

JoAnne Petzold (11/22)

Terry Shaw (11/7)

Jimmy Glenn (11/23)

Jody Gowdy (11/8)

Rita King (11/25)

Sue Clark (11/8)

Dara Quattrone (11/27)

Thank you!

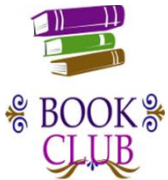
The Church School Kids want to give you a big “THANK YOU” because they have been able to donate \$252.80 to our local Community Food Bank. So, again with your very generous support, we are able to support hungry children and their families throughout our county area.

Ms. Betty and the Church School
Staff and Children

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Book Club Meeting

Sunday November 15, 2026
11:30 am Parlor

My Lord, what a morning.

By Marian Anderson

My Lord, What a Morning is a gentle and engrossing memoir, abounding with the tender and inspiring stories of Marian Anderson's life in her own modest words. From her humble but proud beginnings in south Philadelphia to international vocal renown, the legendary contralto writes of triumph and adversity, of being grounded in faith and surrounded by family, and of the music that shaped her career. Anderson published My Lord, What a Morning in 1956 on the heels of her groundbreaking role as the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera. In it are bittersweet reminiscences of a working-class childhood, from her first job scrubbing the neighbors' steps to the sorrow and upheaval of her father's untimely death. Here are the stories of a young girl with prodigious talent, and her warm remembrances of the teachers, managers, friends, accompanists, and fans who worked to foster it. Here is a veritable travelogue of her concerts across the globe and rare glimpses at the personal life of a woman more concerned with family than celebrity.

Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



Stewardship Sunday
December 6th

Just recently, you received a letter from Pastor Vicky asking you to consider how you can commit – or re-commit – yourself to the life and ministries of our congregation. It is a time to carefully and prayerfully reflect on ways you can put gratitude to God into action! While it's true that your commitment of treasure will help church committees be good stewards of available resources for the programs of the coming church year, your time and talent are equally important for the continued life and ministry of this beacon of God's love in this community.

Whatever we do for the Lord should be a response of gratitude for all that has been given to us personally by our Heavenly Father and for what has been done for us in Christ Jesus. Then, as we are blessed by God, we fulfill one of our purposes in life by being a blessing to others.

We will praise God together on the second Sunday of Advent, December 6th, preparing for our Savior's birth by giving thanks for ALL God's blessings and dedicating our "estimates" of what we think we can commit to God's work during 2027.

May God bless you as you respond to God's grace in your life.



Altar Sanctuary Guild Christmas Decorating

Altar Sanctuary needs you to volunteer for decorating the church for the Christmas Holidays on Saturday December 5, 10:30 am till 12:30 pm followed by a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. It is important to sign up so we can order enough for everyone. Please sign up or call the office by Sunday November 29th.

Thank you for your help making our church beautiful for the holidays.



Deacons' Advent Individual Family Food Collection

Each day of Advent, put the listed item into a box at your house. The collected items will be given to:

Grace's Place (Food Bank) of Somers Point.

November 29th	Boxed Potatoes
November 30th	Box of Mac and Cheese
December 1st	Canned Fruit
2nd	Box or Bag of Cookies
3rd	Canned Tomatoes
4th	Canned Tuna
5th	Dessert Mix
6th	Jar of Applesauce
7th	Canned Sweet Potatoes
8th	Canned Cranberry Sauce
9th	Canned Beans
10th	Box of Crackers
11th	Package of Rice
12th	Oatmeal / Box of Cereal
13th	Package of Pasta
14th	Spaghetti Sauce
15th	Chicken Noodle Soup / Tomato Soup
16th	Peanut Butter / Jar of Jelly
17th	Canned Corn
18th	Can of Mixed Vegetables
19th	Can of Carrots
20th	Can of Green Beans



Feeding the
Community

thank you

I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to my wonderful church family for all their prayers, support, food, texts, emails and phone calls of encouragement and love during Richard's illness and hospitalization and then ultimately his coming home on hospice until his death on October 21st. It all helped me more than you'll ever know. I am so blessed to have a church family like all of you. I'm sending you my love and thanks.

Love, Pastor Vicky

PRAYER - MUSIC - COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

**Interfaith Service
of Gratitude & Hope**

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 23

7:00 PM

SHIRAT HAYAM

700 N Swarthmore Ave Ventnor 08406

contact: rabbi.kremer@ShirathHayamNJ.org

Please bring
canned goods
for local food pantries
no glass containers, please!

BRIDGE of FAITH



**Marjorie & Lewis
Katz JCC**
**ARTS
BOOKS &
CULTURE
FESTIVAL**
November 1 - 30
Learn more at jccatlantic.org

The Krantzdorf Family Foundation
In memory of Norman Krantzdorf (z"l)



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Edelstein & Family



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Gratitude Cafe You're Invited To A Special Coffee Hour Sunday November 15th

You're Invited!

Our Church School Kids are inviting you to a very special coffee hour celebration...

"THE GRATITUDE CAFE"

we will be serving some special items to let you know how grateful we are for your caring and support. Please join us Sunday November 15th in Fellowship Hall

With warm thanks,
The Church School Staff



Margate Community Church 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DST Ends ~ Fall Back 10:00 Worship	2 9:00 NS 4:00 Hope SNJ	3 9:00 NS	4 9:00 NS 12:30 AA 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 NS	6 9:00 NS	7
8 10:00 Worship 11:30 Recorder Group	9 9:00 NS 4:00 Hope SNJ	10 9:00 NS	11 9:00 NS 12:30 AA 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	12 9:00 NS 12:00 Charity League Cookie Packing	13 9:00 NS	14
15 10:00 Worship 11:30 Book Club Meeting	16 9:00 NS 4:00 Hope SNJ	17 9:00 NS 7:00 pm Trustee's Meeting	18 9:00 NS 12:30 AA 4:00 Recorder Group 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	19 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 NS	20 9:00 NS	21
22 10:00 Worship 11:00 PB & J	23 9:00 NS 4:00 Hope SNJ 7:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	24 9:00 NS 6:00 Deacons' Meeting	25 9:00 NS 12:30 AA	26 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed & Nursery School Closed	27 Office Closed & Nursery School Closed	28
29 10:00 Worship First Sunday of Advent	30 9:00 NS 4:00 Hope SNJ					