

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

Position Open - Organist

Carmella Marcheski- Administrative Assistant
Betty Nathanson - Church School Coordinator

Scott Chaffin - Sexton

Michelle Cook-Stewart, Soprano Soloist



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SPIRE**

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June 1, 2025

A Message from the Pastor

May and June seem to be the months of graduations, changes, moves, and new challenges, more so than at other times in the year for many people. Because of the adjustments involved in all those things, it can cause a lot of stress. With the accompanying strain and tension, we need to lean on God more than ever.

When Jesus taught the disciples to pray, he told them to ask God to "give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). I think Jesus was speaking about much more than food. I believe he was telling them—and us—to trust God daily for whatever our needs are—whether it's physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual. Whatever the need, God says, "I will take care of that need if you'll depend on me."

But, practically speaking, when things start to pile up—like bills, work, relationship problems, and worries, it can be hard to let go of the anxiety and trust God for each day's needs. Christian writer Rick Warren once wrote that God is far more interested in changing our minds than necessarily changing our circumstances. Of course, we want God to take away our problems and upset. But God wants to work on us first, because life circumstances probably won't change very much until our thoughts begin to change.

Proverbs 4:23 says, "Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." Even psychologists tell us that our thoughts are powerful and have the tremendous ability to shape our lives for good or for bad. We all need to manage our minds. In Philippians 4:8, the Apostle Paul tells us to think about things that are true, honorable, good, pure, pleasing, and excellent—certainly not to dwell on the things that cause us to worry and fret about our circumstances.

Managing your mind—keeping your mind focused on the way God is working for your good—is the key to peace and happiness. An unmanaged mind leads to tension; a managed mind leads to tranquility. An unmanaged mind leads to stress; a managed mind leads to confidence. A managed mind focused on God's love and care leads to strength and security and serenity.

In that same chapter of Philippians, Paul says to stop worrying! Instead, by prayer and asking for help (and remembering to give thanks), tell God all about your troubles. And when we do, God promises that his peace will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

~ Pastor Vicky

Greeters List for June

June 1 Brenda & John Taube
June 8 Paul & Renee Alford
June 15 Terry Shaw & Ingrid Previti
June 22 Lisa Gamache & Jody Gowdy
June 29 Greg & Kim Walters



Deacons' June Communion Offering

Our June Deacons' Communion Offering is designated for
Angels in Motion.

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 8,
in Fellowship Hall



Ladies Night Out

Ladies, enjoy your summer!
See you in September!

Ladies Lunch Out



Our June Ladies' Lunch will be at
Sirens Restaurant on Thursday, June
19th at noon. Sirens is located at the
iconic Kammerman's Marina at 447
Carson Ave. in the inlet area of Atlantic
City. It is a private adult-only club on
the water (You will be guests of The
Neys and Taubes) with stunning water and boat views.
The food and drinks are delicious, served by the
friendliest of young ladies. You may access the
restaurant via Atlantic Ave or Route 30. (Directions and
menu available). Please sign up or call the office (609-
822-5050) to reserve your spot. You'll feel like you're on
a vacation just a short drive away!

Save the date !



Pastor Vicky and Richard Ney invite
you to their annual open house. This year
it will be Christmas Eve in July –
Thursday, July 24. They decided on
"Christmas Eve in July" because we don't
need to drive in Atlantic City on a Friday.

2002 West Riverside Drive, Atlantic City.

~ 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, June 17, 7:00 pm Library

Deacons' Meeting

Monday June 23, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~

New ~ Monthly Prayer Service

Sunday June 1, 11:00 am Chapel

Advisory Council

Sunday June 1, 11:00 am Library

Men's Breakfast

Thursday June 5, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Veatch Baptism

Sunday June 8, during Worship Sanctuary

PB & J Project

Sunday June 8, after Worship in Fellowship Hall

Book Club Meeting ~ Source Code

Sunday June 8, 11:30 Parlor

Charity League

Tuesday June 10, 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

Carole Sheppard Memorial Service

*Thursday June 12, 10:00am Visitation
11:00 am Memorial Service Sanctuary*

Happy Father's Day

Sunday June 15

Men's Breakfast

Thursday June 19, 8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Graduation Recognition & Luncheon

Sunday June 22, after Worship Fellowship Hall

Recorder Group

June 29, 11:30 pm Sanctuary

Services in June

Sunday, June 1st

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 8th

Pentecost Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 15th

Trinity Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 22nd

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship - 10:00 am

Message by Reverend Victoria Ney

Sunday, June 29th

Third 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)	Maya Swift (6/21)
Carson Hoolahan (6/8)	Greg Walters (6/21)
Ulrich Lohs (6/10)	Steve Gresham (6/22)
Kathy Plaughter (6/10)	Thomas J Erickson (6/22)
Chrissy Roche (6/12)	Robert Garbutt (6/23)
Joe Clark (6/15)	Lisa Becker (6/25)



Book Club Meeting

Sunday June 8, 2025

11:30 Parlor

Source Code

by Bill Gates

The origin story of one of the most influential and transformative business leaders and philanthropists of the modern age.

The business triumphs of Bill Gates are widely known: the twenty-year-old who dropped out of Harvard to start a software company that became an industry giant and changed the way the world works and lives; the billionaire many times over who turned his attention to philanthropic pursuits to address climate change, global health, and U.S. education.

Source Code is not about Microsoft or the Gates Foundation or the future of technology. It's the human, personal story of how Bill Gates became who he is today: his childhood, his early passions and pursuits. It's the story of his principled grandmother and ambitious parents, his first deep friendships and the sudden death of his best friend; of his struggles to fit in and his discovery of a world of coding and computers in the dawn of a new era; of embarking in his early teens on a path that took him from midnight escapades at a nearby computer center to his college dorm room, where he sparked a revolution that would change the world.

Bill Gates tells this, his own story, for the first time: wise, warm, revealing, it's a fascinating portrait of an American life.

Upcoming Book Club Meetings:

July 13th ~ The Wedding People by Alison Espach

August ~ Summer Break/No Meeting

September 21st ~ The Movement by Clara Bingham

**October 26th ~ The Violinist of Auschwitz by Ellie Midwood
 (with a trip to the Stockton Holocaust Museum)**

*If you would like to make a donation to the
Margate Community Church
please scan our
QR Code Here:*



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will continue throughout the summer on the first and third Thursdays of the month.



Member Spotlight – Richard M. King, Jr.

Richard M. King, Jr. is an experienced attorney based in southern New Jersey, with a legal career spanning over 25 years. He specializes in estate litigation, commercial litigation, and real estate law.

Rich graduated summa cum laude from Rider University with a degree in Political Science. He earned his Juris Doctor from Villanova University School of Law in 1995, where he served on the Villanova Law Review and was inducted into the Order of the Coif, recognizing his academic excellence. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable L. Anthony Gibson, P.J.Ch., from 1995 to 1996. He then joined the firm Ford, Flower, Hasbrouck & King, where he practiced for 19 years and became a partner.

In 2015, Rich founded the Law Office of Richard M. King, Jr., LLC, located in Somers Point, NJ. The firm focuses on estate and commercial litigation, handling cases such as disputes over wills, fiduciary responsibilities, corporate disagreements, and land use matters. The firm emphasizes providing "Big Firm Credentials with Small Firm Care," ensuring personalized attention for each client.

Additionally, Rich is associated with KingBarnes, LLC, a law firm with offices in Northfield, North Wildwood, and Cape May, NJ. KingBarnes offers legal services in estate planning, trust and estate litigation, commercial litigation, and real estate law. The firm is known for its commitment to client communication and the use of advanced legal technology.

Rich was recognized as the Outstanding Young Attorney in Atlantic County in 2005 by the Atlantic County Bar Association and the Rimm Award Committee. He has served as a trustee of the Atlantic County Bar Association and has been involved in initiatives to engage young lawyers in the community.

At the Margate Community Church, Rich has served on the Trustees, including as chair. He was instrumental in setting up EasyTithe so that members can electronically submit weekly offerings. EasyTithe also provides the church with a QR code that provides a way for guests to easily give an offering. Rich continues to be a key member of the "Men's Breakfast" group that meets regularly for spiritual discussions and fellowship. Rich resides in Linwood, New Jersey with his wife, Rita, and their twin children Richard III and Caroline.

The Margate Community Church would like to thank Rich for his dedication to the Margate Community Church!



**Graduation Recognition Day
and Lunch
June 22**

**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 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 pm



Time to Meet Your Church Community!

The Deacons are excited to announce that we are getting ready to get a new church picture directory. There have been many changes in our church family in the last few years, so it is past time to update it!

We need your help! We are doing this “In House.” This is where your help comes in.

We need:

*Your name, address, cell phone (or best phone number), email address (if you have one), and your birthday (JUST MONTH AND DAY).

*We also need a digital picture. If you have a problem with the digital picture, we will have someone available after church on Sundays to take your picture.

Please send all of this information to Carmella in the church office: mccsecretary777@gmail.com.



**Our MCC Family is presenting:
A “New” Church School Summer Program for
2025**

OUR CHILDREN MAKING CHANGE

We have a team that will be gathering and working to raise monies to donate to several local and international charities. The children look forward to your support in their doing “Kindness Outreach” through some events and sales over the summer months.

Our first meeting is scheduled for:
WEDNESDAY, June 4th @ Tighe-Middle School in Margate
4:00 pm with a food truck following the meeting.
(serving some kid favorites for dinner)

There will be a special closing event in August in Ocean City, for all of their Kindness work. The children will be treated to an afternoon at Castaway Cove.

If you have a child interested in being a part of this special summer team,
Please contact Ms. Betty 609-703-6773 or Pastor Vicky 908-338-7429



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