

EDWARDS CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION



In the name of God and Jesus Christ, Edwards Church, a congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcomes all who seek to know and worship God. We invite everyone to join in our faith journey and participate in our congregational life.

As a community of faith we take seriously the Biblical call to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and recognize that although we are many members we are one. We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone. We rejoice in our diversity of views and understanding of our shared faith. We commit ourselves to work diligently to help end oppression and discrimination. We affirm all relationships founded on the principle of God's love and justice.

We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

Seeking to be the Body of Christ, we welcome into full fellowship and membership all persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or cognitive ability, and economic status.

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A thought for reflection

“A good relationship is not a refuge from your problems,
but an oasis where you can grow better as a person.”

—Shon Mehta

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(We invite you to turn to your neighbors and greet them.)

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** “THANK OUR GOD FOR SISTERS, BROTHERS”

NCH 397

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as kin;

People: **May God’s grace make us one.**

Leader: We gather to praise God;

People: **May we lift our voices in harmony.**

Leader: We gather to find courage to live our faith;

People: **May God work in and through and beyond us.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord’s Prayer using the words you find most meaningful.

You can find several printed versions of the Lord’s Prayer on the prayer card in your pew rack.)

* **SENTENCES OF PRAISE** *(Please stand for the Sentences of Praise and Gloria.)*

(From Psalm 25)

Leader: Praise be to you, O God.

People: **We sing praise to the Source of comfort and courage.**

* **GLORIA** *(Sing twice.)*

NCH 756

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the desert is vast and our caravan is slow. We are weary and impatient. We struggle to trust what Jesus has promised us: a river of living water flows from our hearts. We plod on, never stopping to look within.

Forgive us, we pray. Strengthen our faith, that we might discover the oasis in our midst. Deepen our trust in your abundance, that we might share your living water with a thirsty world. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

(in unison)

NCH 286

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

FRANK CARNEY

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“LIKE A TREE BESIDE THE WATER”

NCH 313

(Young people may go to Church School during the hymn.)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

EPHESIANS 4: 1-5

(Pew Bible, p. 951)

THE ANTHEM

“ONE VOICE”

BY RUTH MOODY

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 7:37-38

(Pew Bible, p. 869)

THE SERMON

“WITH LOVE AND THE WILL TO TRUST”

REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK

CALL TO PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION

GOD CALLS FOR OUR GIFTS

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* **DOXOLOGY**

(Lasst uns erfreuen)

NCH 17

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

NCH 393

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

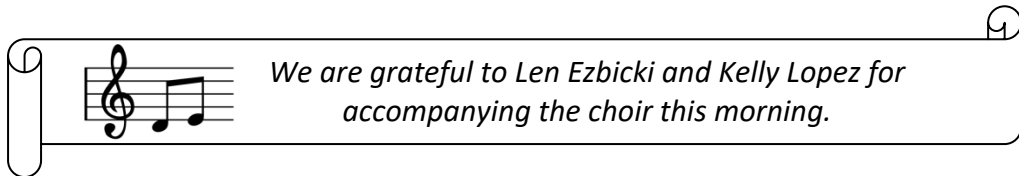
(Please feel free to remain and listen, or to greet one another in the narthex and at coffee hour.)

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

MINISTERS
PASTOR
COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ORGANIST
PIANIST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
SEXTON
LITURGIST
DEACON-IN-CHARGE
JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK
RICK SEAHOLM
DAWN SORENSEN
CHERYL ELKINS
SUSAN MINOR
NICOLA SEAHOLM
LORI WILSON
PAUL BLOW
BRANDON JONES



Join the Compost Crew this Fall!

Edwards Church composts our coffee grounds and other bio-degradable waste each week. You can sign up to take out the compost on the sign-up sheet on the glass-topped counter on the way to coffee hour. Don't know where the compost can be found? See any member of the Green Team: Frank Carney, Karen Dolliver, Jenny Allen, Ginnie Hatch, Peggy Harrison, Mary Memmott, or Pastor Debbie.

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship, following the service. Sign our guestbook too! In the Education Building (out the side door follow hallway) are the restrooms and where coffee hour is held. The nursery and Sunday school classes are on the lower level. If you have questions, or suggestions, feel free to talk with the greeter or Deacon-in-Charge.

Accessibility



Large
Print

Available in the Narthex (front entrance hallway):

- Sound-enhancing assistive listening devices
- Large print edition of the church bulletin



- **Accessible parking** spots are marked and located near the Education Building entrance.
- **Accessible entrance** is located on the lower level of the Education Building (to the left of the Church main entrance).
- **Elevator** is located in the Education Building next to the stairs.
- **Accessible restroom** is located on the upper level of the Education Building.

This Week at Edwards Church

November 11-17, 2018

SUNDAY	Veterans Day
9:00am	Adult Bible Study Youth Room
9:00am	Rental Edwards Hall
10:00am	Worship Sanctuary
10:15am	Sunday School Education Building
11:00am	Coffee Hour Susan P. Dickerman Hall
1:00pm	Rental Sanctuary
4:00pm	Singing in Solidarity Greater Framingham CC
5:00pm	Veterans Dinner Plymouth Church
MONDAY	Veterans Day Observed: OFFICE CLOSED
9:30am	Chairobics Susan P. Dickerman Hall
6:15pm	Rental Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:00pm	Wider Mission Jonathan House
7:30pm	Guided Meditation Susan P. Dickerman Hall
TUESDAY	
9:00am	Qi Gong / Tai Chi Susan P. Dickerman Hall
10:00am	Gentle Yoga Edwards Hall
10:30am	Rental Susan P. Dickerman Hall
1:30pm	Rental Susan P. Dickerman Hall
5:30pm	Hatha Yoga Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:00pm	Buddhist Meditation Susan P. Dickerman Hall
WEDNESDAY	
9:30am	Move with Ease Edwards Hall
9:30am	Chairobics Susan P. Dickerman Hall
4:45pm	Soup & Bible Study Jonathan House
6:00pm	Rental Sanctuary
6:00pm	Veterans Yoga Edwards Hall
6:45 pm	Associate Pastor Search Committee Jonathan House
7:30pm	Rental Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	
9:00am	Qi Gong / Tai Chi Susan P. Dickerman Hall
9:30am	Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class Edwards Hall
6:00pm	Kripalu Yoga Edwards Hall
6:00pm	Cancer Support Group Youth Room
7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:30pm	AA Meeting Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	
9:30am	Chairobics Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:00pm	Rental Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	
9:00am	Chair/Mat Yoga Susan P. Dickerman Hall

10:30am Rental Edwards Hall
4:30pm Rental Sanctuary

Edwards Church

Announcements

Music Note

Our anthem came to life as a song written and recorded by the women's folk trio The Wailin' Jennys, who have been performing together for the past fifteen years. Our thanks to Len Ezbicki and Kelly Lopez for accompanying the women of our choir.

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

TODAY at 5:00pm at Plymouth Church Fellowship Hall (87 Edgell Road)

In gratitude for their service, Edwards Church, Open Spirit, and Plymouth Church invite veterans and their families to a dinner of appreciation. Please let Debbie know if you plan to attend.

Singing in Solidarity Concert-2

Today at 4:00pm at Greater Framingham Community Church (44 Franklin Street)

Edwards Church's Board of Wider Mission is a co-sponsor of this multi-faith, multi-cultural concert featuring groups from area churches and synagogues. There is no entry fee; come make a donation to the Neighbor's Fund, which helps immigrant neighbors in crisis.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00pm, First Parish in Needham, UU (23 Dedham Avenue)

The Needham Interfaith Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience annual observance honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. It was started by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998 in Allston. If you would like to attend with a group from Edwards Church, please email pastor@edwardschurch.org or call the office.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 pm at Temple Beth Am (300 Pleasant Street)

Join neighbors and friends from many faith traditions in a lively, music-filled intergenerational Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Music will include a bell choir and lots of singing. There will be a special message and art project for young people, and reflections on gratitude from different faith traditions. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Beautifying our Campus

Sunday, November 25 after church

Come work off your Thanksgiving Dinner with a few hours of yard work and/or indoor cleaning! We will spruce up our campus, indoors and out, and then we will celebrate with pizza!

SAVE THE DATE! Gifts that Give: A Holiday Fair Of Hope

Saturday, December 8, 1:00-4:00pm in Edwards Hall

Want to make a positive difference in the world? Want to give gifts that bring joy? Then come to the Gifts that Give Holiday Fair. You will be able to purchase gifts that help make the world a better place: a blanket for Church World Service; fair trade chocolate and coffee; handicrafts from

artists around the world; bees for Heifer Project; scarves to support A Place to Turn; homemade cards to support a local LGBTQ group; and more!



Community of Saint Luke Mistletoe Market

Saturday, November 17, 11:00am-3:00pm in Edwards Hall

This Community of Saint Luke fundraiser supports many activities with the poor and needy, those who are homeless, and immigrants, as well as our outreach to other communities with scripture reflections and interfaith work. Join us for this very special event, featuring home product companies, Pure Haven, Tupperware, Party Lite, LulaRoe, Windy Vine, Usborne Books, Caroline Crafts Made with Love; plus a variety of other arts and crafts. Online shopping is available; if you can't come but would like to shop, please email frdon@stlukema.com.

Personal Change Through Earth Connection

Sunday, November 18 at 2:00pm in Edwards Hall

Join Rabbi Katy Allen in celebrating the publication of her compilation of writings by poets, rabbis, environmentalists, and justice seekers, *Earth Etudes for Elul: Spiritual Reflections for the Season*. Learn what an "earth etude" is, hear from etude writers Thea Iberall and Maxine Lyons, and join in a discussion about engaging in personal self-reflection in relationship to the Earth as a pathway to growth and a stronger connection to the sacred. Help begin an interfaith effort, "Earth Etudes for Everyday." Signed books will be available for purchase. Donations appreciated.

Full Moon Walk

Sunday, November 25 at 7:00pm

Greenways Conservation Area, Green Way in Wayland

Settle your heart and body into a calm and quiet place as you transition from Thanksgiving to the workday week during an evening walk by the light of the full moon. All ages are welcome to walk through the woods, fields, and along the Sudbury River in the Greenways Conservation Area. You are invited to bring a story, song or poem to share about the moon, autumn or nature. We'll discover and appreciate the magic of the full moon, the river, and nature. Co-sponsored by AMC Outdoor Rx.

SAVE THE DATE! Experience the Woods at Night

Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30pm, Carol Getchell Nature Trail (Stay tuned for meeting spot)

Bring your flashlight and get ready to turn it off! We will walk beside the Sudbury River with stops to experience the woods and the river in the dark. We will search for stars in the nighttime sky. We'll ensure safe walking conditions. All ages are welcome. This event is free and is cosponsored by AMC Outdoor Rx.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser



**Save time! Avoid the stores! Help our church youth!
Pick up your wreaths right here.
Order two or more for your friends and family.**

These 12-inch wreaths come with a classic red or cranberry bow.

The donation is \$15 per wreath.

Proceeds benefit the Edwards Church and Plymouth Church Youth trip to Milwaukee General Synod.

Orders will be taken during on Sundays, November 11, 18, and 25.

You can pick-up your wreath following worship on December 2.

The Christmas Wreath Sale is sponsored by the youth of Edwards and Plymouth Churches.

Christmas Wreath Order Form

Name:
Email or Phone:
Number of Wreaths:
Bow Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry

Amount
Enclosed:

Checks should be made out to Edwards Church with "Wreath Sale" on the memo line