

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

"Each of us has a unique part to play in the healing of the world."

—Marianne Williamson

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**

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU"

NCH 4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joyful, we gather to sing praise and adoration to God.

People: **We come with hearts yearning to unfold like flowers.**

Leader: May the clouds of sin and sadness melt;

People: **May the storms of doubt subside.**

Leader: May we open ourselves to the Giver of immortal gladness.

People: **May we be filled with the light of day.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord's Prayer using the words you find most meaningful. There is a prayer card in your pew rack.)

*** SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

(Please stand for the Sentences of Praise and Gloria.)

Leader: Praise God!

People: **Praise God, O my soul!**

Leader: I will praise God as long as I live;

People: **I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

*** 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

Leader: O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness. Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and heal us. *(silence)* O God of life, grant us your forgiveness—

People: **For our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.**

Leader: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness—

People: **For our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

Leader: In you we place our hope, this day and forevermore. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

FROM NCH 159

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

ISAIAH 6: 1-8

(Pew Bible, p. 553)

THE ANTHEM

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

HAROLD W. FRIEDEL

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 5: 1-11

(Pew Bible, p. 836)

THE SERMON

"CALLED"

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 CALLS US TO THE TABLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF COMMUNION

"JESUS TOOK THE BREAD"

NCH 343

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP AT THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING

(in unison)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** "JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT"

NCH 172

* **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...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS	ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
PASTOR	THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK
COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC	RICK SEAHOLM
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	DAWN SORENSEN
ORGANIST	CHERYL ELKINS
PIANIST	SUSAN MINOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NICOLA SEAHOLM
SEXTON	LORI WILSON
LITURGIST	PAUL BLOW
GREETER	SANDY THOMPSON
DEACON-IN-CHARGE	SHELLY CICHOWLAS
COMMUNION SERVERS	CLAIR BALL & DAWN SORENSEN
JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.	

Communion Note: You are invited to come to the communion table to partake of the Lord's Feast. Come forward row by row from the back to be served. Dip the bread in the **grape juice** in the chalice on your **left** or in the **wine** in the chalice on your **right**. Proceed back to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, we will come to you.

The **Communion Offering** is used for confidential emergency needs. If you or someone you know has a need, bring this to the attention of the minister or a member of the Diaconate. The offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Put your name on the envelope for tax credit purposes. Please consider this offering thoughtfully.

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

February 3-9, 2019

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:00am	Sunday School	Education Building
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
	7:30pm	Board of Trustees	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
	1:00pm	Nursing Home Services	Heritage and Oak Knoll
	1:30pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Interfaith Book Group	Jonathan House
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:15pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	7:15pm	Diaconate	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
	1:00pm	Holly White Memorial	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Cancer Support Group	Youth Room
	7:00pm	Board of Finance	Jonathan House
	7:00pm	Multifaith Collaborative	Jonathan House
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:30pm	Board Game Night	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms

SATURDAY 4:30pm Rental Sanctuary

Edwards Church Announcements

Music Note

A favorite of the Grace Church family, today's anthem was also my audition piece with this choir in 2009. I'm always struck by its continual interchange of measures of two and three beats as the text reminds us that where "two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them." Christ lives within this piece!

Memorial Service for Holly White

Thursday, February 7 at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary

Please join us on Thursday afternoon as we celebrate the life of longtime Edwards Church member Holly White.

Family-Friendly Board Game Night—All Are Welcome!

Friday, February 8 at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Join us for an intergenerational game night, complete with board games and Chinese food! Bring your favorite game and come play with us! This family-friendly event is open to all, and there will be a suggested donation of \$5 per adult.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 10 after worship

Please join us for this important gathering where we will approve our budget and annual report. We will hear special updates from the Associate Pastor Search Committee and the interim director of Christian education. Childcare has been arranged and "enhanced coffee hour refreshments" will be provided. Don't miss it!

Lenten Planning Pizza Party

Sunday, February 10 at 5:30pm at Nikos Pizzeria

Like pizza? Like hanging out with creative people? Like strengthening intergenerational connections? Then join us for pizza at Nikos! We will plan our Lenten theme, "Connections: Strengthening Intergenerational Relationships." Musicians, educators, writers, deacons, folks who like pizza—all are welcome!

Appalachian Trail Slide Show and Talk

Sunday February 24 at 11:30am in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Join us following worship for a slide show offered by Chris Hendrick, who grew up at Edwards Church and was our Church School superintendent and youth leader for many years. Chris walked part of the Appalachian Trail last year, and will share photos and stories.

Coming up at Open Spirit

Framingham Interfaith Book Club

Tuesday, February 5 at 7:30pm in the church office

Open Spirit and the Framingham Interfaith Clergy Association invite you to attend our monthly Interfaith Book Club. Our mission is to foster greater understanding and respect among people of all faiths and traditions. The current selection is *My Neighbor's Faith*, by Jennifer H. Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley. For more information, please contact bookclub@icbwayland.org.