

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

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains,
but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”

–Nelson Mandela

*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**

“ENTER, REJOICE, AND COME IN”

NCH 73

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Enter, rejoice, come in!

People: **Today will be a joyful day!**

Leader: Open yourselves to the song!

People: **We will open our hearts!**

Leader: Don't be afraid of some change!

People: **We are not afraid, for God is with us!**

All: **Today will be a joyful day!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray using the words you find most meaningful. There is a prayer card in your pew bible.)

*** SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

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

Leader: Praise God! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: **For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: God builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: **God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: God lifts up the downtrodden.

People: **Sing to God with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**

*** 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

(in unison)

O God, we celebrate the new life which you have given us. We have experienced broken lives made whole, old wounds of alienation healed over, and tired spirits rejuvenated with new vision. We are so grateful for the purpose and possibilities you have placed before us. Yet there are times when doubt has overcome hope, cynicism has replaced dedication, the world's values have captured us more than yours. Forgive us those times, we pray. Help us let go of the past that we might move joyfully into a new future that points to your love and justice. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

(in unison)

NCH 775

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 16:16-34

(Pew Bible, p. 900)

THE ANTHEM

"DEDICATION AND AMEN"

JOHN RUTTER

THE SERMON

"SHAKEN"

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

"LEAD US FROM DEATH TO LIFE"

NCH 581

* CHARGE & BLESSING

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

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK
RICK SEAHOLM
DAWN SORENSEN
CHERYL ELKINS
SUSAN MINOR
NICOLA SEAHOLM
LORI WILSON
REV. DR. FRAN BOGLE
NORMA HART
CHRIS LEIGH-MANUELL
CLAIR BALL & RUTH CARNEY

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

June 2-8, 2019

SUNDAY	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
	3:00pm	Ordination of Nena Radke	Wellesley Hills
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	10:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	4:30pm	Board of Trustees	Jonathan House
	6:45pm	Search Committee	Jonathan House
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
	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
	12:00pm	Rental	Youth Room
	1:00pm	Nursing Home Services	Heritage and Oak Knoll
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Yoga of 12-Step Recovery	Edwards Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Gardening Hours	Throughout Campus
	1:15pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	7:15pm	Diaconate	Jonathan House
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	9:00am	Gardening Hours	Throughout Campus
	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
	7:00pm	Board of Finance	Jonathan House
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:30pm	Pride Shabbat	Edwards Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	9:00am	Chair/Mat Yoga	Edwards Hall
	3:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	4:30pm	Rental	Sanctuary

Edwards Church Announcements

Music Note from Rick Seaholm: Today's anthem was featured on the program of my commissioning service in 2017 and includes the line that has become my guiding proverb since: "If I may not change the whole wide world, may I do the best I can."

Ordination of Nena Radtke: *TODAY at 3:00pm at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church*

You are joyfully invited to celebrate the ordination of Nena Davis Radtke, our most recent student pastor and mentored minister. A reception will follow. Wellesley Hills Congregational Church is located at 207 Washington Street in Wellesley. Speak to Debbie if you want to carpool.

ONA35 Celebration: *Saturday, June 15, 9:30am-3:00pm at Plymouth Church*

The Mass Conference UCC is holding a celebration of 35 years of Open and Affirming, with workshops, worship and opportunities for table conversations, featuring Rev. DaVita D. McCallister and Rev. Louis J. Mitchell. The Just Peace Players will be participating as well. Register by June 13 at macucc.org/lgbt.

Gardening Drop-In Hours: *Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00pm and Thursday from 9:00-11:00am*

Please join us for our regular gardening hours! On Wednesday afternoons we work all around campus weeding, mulching, and pruning. On Thursday mornings we tend the Framingham Community Farm vegetable beds. Email nicola@edwardschurch.org if you plan to attend or with any questions.

Directory Updates: We are working on the latest edition of the Edwards Church Directory. If your contact information has changed in the last year, or if you are new to our community and would like to be added to the directory, please fill out the form located on the glass table on the way to coffee hour. There are several copies of the 2018 directory available to review. Please check for any errors. If you prefer, you can email any updates to nicola@edwardschurch.org.

Open Spirit Announcements

Pride Shabbat: *Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm in Edwards Hall*

This year, Open Spirit invites you to join in our second annual Pride Shabbat dinner for people of all spiritual traditions. We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the courageous folks who stood up for themselves and each other at Stonewall, marking a key moment in the movement for rights for LGBTQ folks. We will hear stories of what gives people courage today. We will sing, pray, and eat delicious food. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. RSVP to debbie@openspiritcenter.org. Donations appreciated.

Inspiring Courage: Diego Low: *Sunday, June 9 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall*

This is the last conversation in our series, *Inspiring Courage: Stories of Passion and Compassion*. Diego Low is the director of the Metrowest Worker Center, an advocate of worker and immigrant rights, and a member of the Framingham Friends Meeting (Quaker). He will share his story of compassion, community, and justice-seeking. Suggested donation of \$15.

NEW CLASS: Yoga of 12-Step Recovery: *Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm in Edwards Hall (no class 6/18)*

Y12SR is a 12-step based discussion and yoga practice open to anyone dealing with their own addictive behavior or affected by the addictive behavior of others. This is an open and inclusive group. All levels are welcome. No yoga experience is necessary. Led by Chere Jalali. Suggested donation of \$15.

2019 DIRECTORY UPDATES

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If there are no changes in your directory entry, please do not submit a form.

Your Name(s):

Children in Your Household:

Address:

Town:

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Other Phone:

Cell:

Cell:

Email:

Email:

Email:

Notes or other information: