

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

October, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$354,165.00	
Received	\$300,171.41 *	\$300,171.41 *
Spent		(\$300,143.69)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$53,993.59)	\$27.72
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance		\$208,340.95

BUDGET: Our 2024 church budget is \$425,000, and that breaks down to \$35,417/month. You may wonder, where do those dollars go? Funny you should ask. Last month we spent:

- ✓ \$10,294 on Christian Education as we support SLA
- ✓ \$2,662 on utilities (this is a low month)
- ✓ We used funds on church social programs; the Choose Wellness Health Fair; music ministry; AV needs; office expenses; building maintenance; Pathfinders & Adventurers; young adults; and much more. Please continue to support our Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

ACTUAL: This compares income vs. expenses. We'd like to fund everything according to budget, but we try not to spend what we haven't received yet.

REMEMBER: Tithe, although vital, goes to our local conference and **it does not cover any of our expenses**. Those come out of church budget. Let's make the church budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. God will bless us for it.

LOAN BALANCE: We enjoyed AC this past summer, but now is the time that we really appreciate heat. Our HVAC project was fully completed this year, and we are making progress on paying off the loan from that and the mold removal project. Here is an update of our progress, and please remember that our original loan amount was as much as \$425,000:

December	\$299,727.00
March	\$245,297.00
June	\$231,587.00
September	\$227,269.00
October	\$208,340.95

We have so much to be thankful for, and a declining debt is certainly one of those blessings. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or online at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

General Information

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Nov. 30	Einar Rom	Rocio Bravo	Fred Day
Dec. 7	Einar Rom	Horacio Castro	Carlos Muchiutti
Dec. 14	Maria Valente	Josephine Robertson	Deb Gifford

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are normally due Wednesdays by noon at bulletin@wearecc.net. Request an announcement be read aloud by filling out the form linked at wearecc.net/bulletin. **All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.**

OUR SERVICES AIR in Sterling, Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, Lunenburg, and West Boylston. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

OUR TRAINING CHAPEL in the right rear of the sanctuary includes a baby changing station, a private nursing area, and a restroom. There are also changing stations in the restrooms downstairs. Note: A Sabbath School class meets in that chapel from 10:00–11:00 AM.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS, go to <https://wearecc.net/flowers>.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Second Friday of the month at 3:30 PM. We prepare and serve food for the needy at WHEAT, 272 High St., Clinton.

AGAPE FUND AND WORTHY STUDENT FUND: The Agape Fund helps College Church members who are in need, and the Worthy Student Fund helps families pay for Adventist education. To donate, designate either fund in Adventist Giving or on your tithe envelope.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH BOXES: These boxes contain a variety of activities to keep little hands busy during the worship service. You can sign one out from the deacons' room off the upper foyer. Please return the box and its contents after the service.

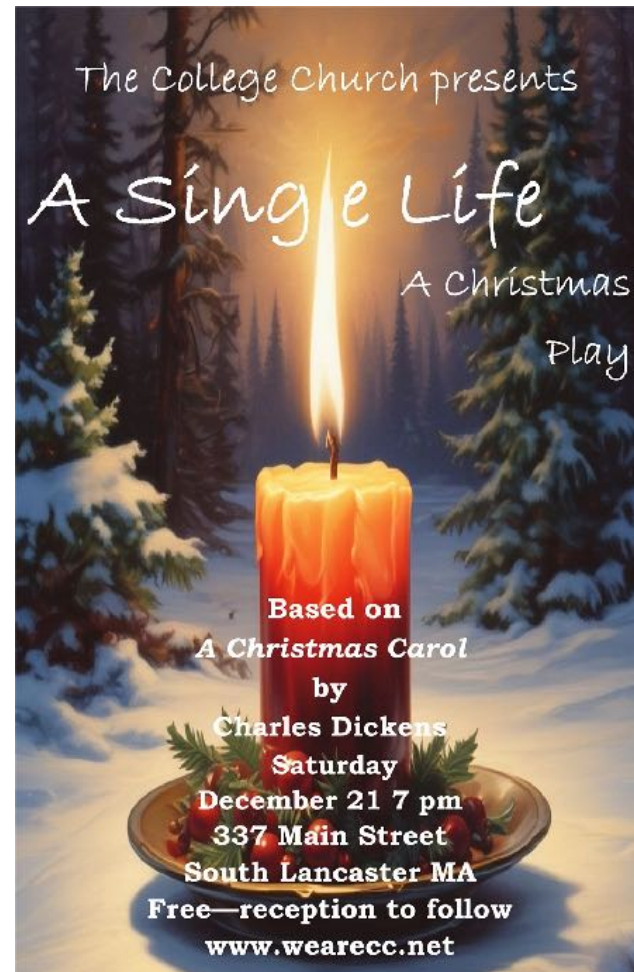
NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Third Friday of the month. Michelle Lee Williams leads this ministry for the residents of Sterling Village, 18 Dana Hill Rd, Sterling, MA. She needs pianists, singers, and speakers each month. For info, call her at 508-728-6495.

HARD OF HEARING? Try an assisted listening device from the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Bring your headphones to connect (needs standard headphone jack).

Education & Music

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

- ✓ Newsletter: www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.



Online Services

[HTTPS://WEARECC.NET](https://wearecc.net) has our calendar, videos, bulletins, and more.

ONLINE/MOBILE GIVING: Download the Adventist Giving app or click the Giving link on wearecc.net. **Be sure to choose the College Church or we won't get your donation.** Questions? Please contact the church office.

SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast on the adult lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](#) section of our website. Episodes usually drop Sunday mornings.

Search for collegechurchofsda on YouTube Facebook Instagram

Contact Us

MINISTRY NEEDS/MEMBERSHIP: We'd love to hear your prayer and ministry needs, comments, or address changes. See below to contact us, or fill out the card found on the backs of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card or at <http://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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2024-25 Church Goals

- ✓ **Goal 1:** Actively engage CC children, youth, young adults, and adults in a variety of opportunities to deepen their faith relationship and outreach to our community.
- ✓ **Goal 2:** Prioritize the education of CC children, youth, young adults to identify their abilities and to nurture their use of those abilities in providing love and service within and outside of the church.
- ✓ **Goal 3:** Proactively engage in meeting the needs of our community.



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Church Mission

Through our love for God, we love others. As we grow in God, we grow together. By serving our community, we serve our God.

Church Motto

Love. Grow. Serve.

Church Vision

Service.

Church Focus

Working with God and our family for our community.

November 30, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Faith Beall (home), Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Henry & Dottie Livergood, Linda Wilson (friend of Kim and Steve's), Mary Monroe (Holden Rehab, 32 Mayo Dr., Holden, MA), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, Ray Dow, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, Lucy Santana (River Terrace), John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

Home-bound: Jackie Nosek.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:17 PM, Friday 4:15 PM

Mon.	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron (Men's Group)
	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Tue.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King's Kids (Music Room)
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	7:00 PM	SLA Elementary Christmas Concert
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
After Church		Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Adventurers: Christmas Party
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders

TODAY'S SABBATH FLOWERS

Happy birthday, Cécile! We love you! *Love from Tom, Oliver, and Charlie*

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION

THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | RHONDA & CARLOS' HOME

See you at 18 Colonial Drive, Clinton. Contact Mitchell or Pastor Einar for questions.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- ✓ Dec. 7: Haystacks provided by the church; bring a favorite dessert.
- ✓ December 21: Christmas breakfast potluck; NO lunch potluck.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE SCREENS?

Do you want to show something on the new screens in the sanctuary for the worship service? Just email it to av@wearecc.net by

Wednesday night and we'll include it.

- ✓ **Important:** The deadline is firm. We need time to get the presentation ready and make it look good, so unfortunately, we cannot accept late submissions.
- ✓ **Also Note:** No texting, please. We need things on the computers where we prepare the presentations, not on our phones, so email is the way to go.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

In: Jared Callaway from Summersville, WV

Keith & Robin Dowling from Leominster English

Out: Steve, Jaslin, Derek, and Ryan Aubin to Collegedale, TN
Wai Chi Chan to Japanese Honolulu Church, Honolulu, HI
Eduardo Urbina to Crosswalk New England, West Boylston, MA

JOIN OUR NEW TEAM!

Have you noticed the new TV screens in the Sanctuary? Our AV Ministry has been working hard to enhance our worship experience with this exciting new technology each week.

We're looking for a few dedicated volunteers to help us make every service even better! The AV Ministry is a small but passionate team that currently creates and operates the slides, however we can only commit to this once a month. We would love to see the screens used consistently, so we'd like a team of 6-8 people. This will allow us to rotate the responsibilities of creating slides and running the computer on service days.

This is a great way to serve, learn, and be part of something special. To get involved, please email the office or see Megan Jones.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ Our annual Women's Ministries Yankee Swap will be on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6 pm at 37 Main Street, Sterling, MA - enter in the rear. This is always a highlight of the holiday season! Everyone brings food to share and a gift that will be put under the tree! You won't want to miss it!
- ✓ We are again reaching out for donations to help the families at North Star have a blessed Christmas. Thank you everyone for your needed support. We plan to donate \$3000 worth of gift cards - Target, Walmart, Market Basket, VISA and Uber.
- ✓ Please mark your tithe envelope or online giving with WM Christmas Families. We need the funds by Dec. 6 so we can get the gift cards to them two weeks before Christmas.
- ✓ More info on the families we are trying to help:
 - Pregnant woman expecting first baby on Dec. 11, no car.
 - Single dad with 14 Y.O. boy and 9 Y.O. girl. Applying for work..
 - Single dad with 4 Y.O. boy, 2 other children he sees; no car
 - Single mom with 3 Y.O. girl and 2 Y.O. son, has cancer
- ✓ Also helping 3 former families:
 - Single mom with daughter, cancer survivor, works part time
 - Single mom with girl and boy
 - Single mom with 14 Y.O. girl

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

DEC. 14 & 15, 6:00-9:00 PM | SNEC GROUNDS

This is an interactive walk-through experience of the life of Jesus. All are welcome. More info to come.



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Downstairs:	Upstairs:
Newborn-Age 2	Grades 4-6 (Juniors)
Age 3-Kindergarten	Grades 7-8 (Early Teens)
Grades 1-3 (Primary)	Grades 9-12 (Youth)

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

The "Cheers" Class	Fellowship Hall	Ralph Gifford III
Young Adults	Young Adult Room	Multiple teachers
Blatt, Radford	Training Chapel	Multiple teachers
Spanish	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Livestream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Conference Room	

See more online and in-person study options at wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options. Free study guides at www.ssnet.org.

THANKS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all those who filled a shoebox for a child. It's never too late to fill a box online, as those are "special" boxes that go to remote places. Just go to <https://tinyurl.com/2xpehohb>.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Holiday Food Drive was a huge success thanks to the College Church Community. Thank you to everyone who participated in this endeavor! *Paula Severin*

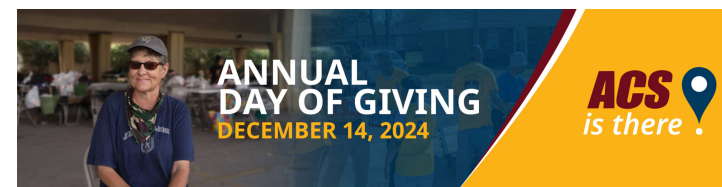


PREPARING COLLEGE CHURCH FOR MISSION

We're organizing small group leaders for next year. If you are interested in leading this ministry, please contact our personal ministry leaders, Pr. Einar or Maria. A small group on mission will help build God's purpose into every heart, every group and every ministry. Come be part of this!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be using the web platform Instant Church Directory. Please use our online form to be included. Just go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. We look forward to connecting with you!



The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Pastor Einar Rom

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #894 in the Hymnal
Maya Thomas

HYMN OF PRAISE
#10, Come, Christians, Join to Sing (*Madrid*)
Ralph Dawkins, leader

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING
The Rawson Family
#115, O Come, O Come, Immanuel, *first verse only (Veni Immanuel)*

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY
Anya Neidigh

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Rocio Bravo

Special Offering: Adventist Community Services
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: More Like You (Scott Wesley Brown)
Refrain: More like You Jesus, more like You
Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You
More like You Jesus, more like You
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You
Lord You are my mercy, Lord You are my grace
All my deepest sins have forever been erased
Draw me in Your presence, lead me in Your ways
I long to bring You glory in righteousness and praise
Prayer: Rocio Varela-Bravo

MUSICAL OFFERING

How I Trust Him (*Mark Hayes*)
Will Zonicle, voice; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 2:11-15
Winston Townsend

EXODUS FROM NORMALCY: HOW TO MAKE A DECISION (AND WHAT TO DO IF YOU MAKE A BAD DECISION)

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
#559, Now Thank We All Our God (*Nun Danket*)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

We record our services for broadcast and streaming, and we may include your image. CCLI#s 1364543, CSPL032559.