

# General Information

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

July 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$243,516.00	
Received	\$193,009.59*	\$193,009.59*
Spent		(\$192,982.16)
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$50,506.41)</b>	<b>\$27.43</b>
HVAC Project Monthly Income		\$10,471.38
HVAC Project Fundraising Target Balance		\$94,680.07

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

**BUDGET:** Our 2023 church budget is \$417,450 to cover our ministries, SLA subsidy, building maintenance, and operating expenses.

**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 doesn't cover any of our expenses. Those come out of Church Budget. So let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. We believe God will bless us for it.

## January - July Church Budget: \$243,513



We voted in business meeting to authorize borrowing up to \$425,000 to cover the HVAC upgrades and mold removal process. That work is moving forward quickly, and details on how to pay that loan down will be forthcoming. Our July local church budget receipts were healthy, and the tithe receipts were slightly higher than last year. Please continue to remember your stewardship planning in your prayers as we move forward into the second half of 2023.

## SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Sept. 30	Bob Folkenberg (SNEC President)	Mariyan Montaque
Oct. 7	David Knott, SLA Alumni Weekend	Ralph Gifford III
Oct. 14	Einar Rom	Dave Rawson

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto:bulletin@wearecc.net). *All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.*

PARENTS WITH INFANTS: We have a training chapel for your convenience in the right rear of the sanctuary. It includes a restroom, a private nursing area, and a baby changing station. *Note:* A Sabbath School class meets in that room from 10:00–11:00 AM.

✓ There are also changing stations in the restrooms downstairs.

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

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER: 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster, 978-365-7152.

✓ *Help for the Needy:* On Tuesdays from 9:30 AM–noon you can pick up clothing and housewares. They request a small donation.

✓ *House of Refuge:* 7:00–8:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. Sermonette, music, testimonies. To take part in the service, call or text Becky Renzi at 978-870-0266.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Fourth 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

## EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ Scholarships for those attending South Lancaster Academy (all levels) and home school. Info at <https://wearecc.net/three-way>.

**SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY** provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K through grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing both financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, [www.mysla.org](http://www.mysla.org).

✓ *Newsletter:* [www.mysla.org/school-newsletter](http://www.mysla.org/school-newsletter).

✓ *Alumni:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at [www.slaalumni.org](http://www.slaalumni.org). We also post on Facebook.

AUC ALUMNI: Sign up for monthly emails at [AlumniofAUC.com](http://AlumniofAUC.com). No email address? Sign up for a special note from the Alumni Association.

THAYER CONSERVATORY: Lessons in art, drama, music (piano incl. gospel piano, guitar, strings, harp, brass, woodwinds, percussion, voice). Groups: flute ensemble, brass ensemble, orchestras, and classes for homeschoolers. Info at 978-368-2100 or [ThayerConservatory.org](http://ThayerConservatory.org).

# 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 our website. *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 Sabbath School lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](#) section of our website. Episodes 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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at <http://wearecc.net>.

## CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM <i>It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.</i>
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Bulletin



**COLLEGE CHURCH**  
— of Seventh-day Adventists —

LOVE  
MORE.

More of God. Less of Me. All of Us.

Love. Grow. Serve.

September 30, 2023

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Rachel Sather (Matthew Bruso’s sister), Dennis Williams, Victor Broushet, Nicole Broushet, Ray Dow, The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, Salma Prata and Solange Baia (Keila’s mom and aunt); Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab); Rachel Gravelin, Dan Morris, Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

**Week at a Glance.** See the announcements or [wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net) for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:32 PM, Friday 6:22 PM	
Today	After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner After Dinner Town Hall Meeting w/Bob Folkenberg 2:00 PM Adventurers 6:30 PM Mental Health Seminar (sponsor: YA group)
Sun.	Midnight Education Grant Submission Deadline
Mon.	7:30 AM ISI Men's Group 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
Tue.	3:00 PM Kids’ Prayer Meeting 9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Thur.	6:00 PM King’s Kids (Music Room) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)
Fri.	5:00 PM SLA Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM SLA Alumni Vespers 7:30 PM Friday Night Study 9:00 PM SLA Alumni Praise Service
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> ) 10:00 AM Sabbath School 11:10 AM Worship Service: David Knott, SLA Alumni After Church Alumni Dinner and Meetings 2:00 PM Pathfinders

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

In: Nora Renzi from the Village Church

THREE-WAY PLAN APPLICATION DEADLINE

**TOMORROW, OCT. 1**

The College Church, with the Southern New England Conference and South Lancaster Academy, provides scholarship assistance to College Church members who meet certain criteria. Please go to <https://wearecc.net> for info and to apply.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP

**THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE**

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

SLA ALUMNI WEEKEND EVENTS

- ✓ This Friday, 5:00–7:00 PM: Spaghetti dinner fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ This Friday, 7:00 PM: Vespers
- ✓ This Friday, 9:00 PM: Praise Service

SNEC EVENTS AT CAMP WINNEKEAG

See [www.sneconline.org/events](http://www.sneconline.org/events) for more info.

- ✓ Seat of Wholeness (men’s ministry): Oct. 6–8
- ✓ 1st Annual SNEC Spiritual Revival Retreat: Oct. 20–22

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM PLANNING MEETING

**MONDAY, OCT. 9, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL**

This is a meeting for all volunteers.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ October 15: Brunch and packing college student care packages—moms of students and others will help pack up boxes. There will be a box in the foyer for donations of snacks and school supplies.
- ✓ December 10: The annual Yankee Swap potluck meal and gift exchange—always a good time!

FIRST AREA YOUTH SUPPER/VESPERS

**FRIDAY, OCT. 20, 6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL, YOUTH CHAPEL**

We are hosting the first monthly area youth supper and vespers. We are looking for adults to cook and lead, and are also looking for youth. It’s for all academy/high school freshmen through seniors, SLA and non-SLA alike. This will be on the third Friday of each month on a rotating schedule with local SDA churches so that our youth have a place to be as the Sabbath begins. More info coming.

ENRICH YOUR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING

If you have an hour a week, Note Dame Hospice patients and Pedi Pals could use your company and support. Please contact Debbie Towne at 508.852.5505 x1110 or [dtowne@notredamehealthcare.org](mailto:dtowne@notredamehealthcare.org).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

This year we are donating gift cards to the North Star Shelter, to be distributed to the families that are struggling. Since we already have a relationship with North Star, it makes sense to partner with them also in this endeavor. We are asking the church family to contribute financially so we can meet our goal. Please mark your tithe envelopes or online giving with Women’s Ministries - Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at [wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options](http://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Get free study guides at [www.ssnet.org](http://www.ssnet.org), download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.

Lesson



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

Bible Journaling	Fellowship Hall	Multiple teachers
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	

NEW PROJECTOR?

We live in an age of video, and our projector has served us well, but it is clear that we need a higher lumen and higher resolution projector. If you want to help with this project, please note 'video projector' on your tithe envelope or on Adventist Giving through our church website. Thank you.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

*Please silence all devices.*

PASTORAL WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Präludium in F major (BuxWV 145) (*Dietrich Buxtehude*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading #703  
Virginia Norford

HYMN OF PRAISE

4, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (*Lauda Anima*)  
Arielle Cady Flores, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY

Joanne Baldwin

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Dave Rawson

*Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayer Song (sung twice):* 684, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (*Whelpton*)  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.  
*Prayer:* Mariyan Montaque

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1–3  
Wyatt Aubin

MUSICAL SELECTION

That Name (*Richard Smallwood*)  
Renese King, voice; Annette Siver, piano

WE ARE ADVENTISTS!

Bob Folkenberg

*Bob is the president of the Southern New England Conference of SDAs.*

HYMN OF DEDICATION

214, We Have This Hope (*General Conference*)

BENEDICTION

Bob Folkenberg

POSTLUDE

Pièce d’Orgue (BWV 572) (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)  
*Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.*

Andrew Sheranian, organ

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

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 10AM**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:  
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY'S  
HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

**REGISTRATION:**  
\$25 (SHIRT INCLUDED)  
\$15 (12 YRS & UNDER)  
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THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OPERATING FUND

KIDS’ WORSHIP  
**TODAY, AFTER CHILD. STORY IN MAIN SERVICE | YOUTH CHAPEL**

HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP DINNER  
**TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Visitors are welcome and don’t need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite haystack toppings ready to serve.

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH BOB FOLKENBERG  
**TODAY, AFTER HAYSTACK DINNER | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
This town hall is to answer questions about local ministries, things going on in the conference, etc. All are welcome. Bob is the president of the Southern New England Conference of SDAs.

MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR  
**TODAY, 6:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL**  
Gleidistoney De Oliveira, PMHNP (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner) will be speaking on taking medication to treat mental illness. Refreshments will be provided, along with an educational pamphlet. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Young Adult group.