General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

November 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$389,581.50	
Received	\$330,236.29 *	\$330,236.29 *
Spent		(\$330,195.27)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$59,345.21)	\$41.02
YTD Total H	IVAC Loan Balance	\$206,330.98

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: By God's grace and the generosity of many people, we have seen many lives blessed in 2024. The Holiday Food Drive, Adventurers, Pathfinders at the WY camporee, helping families at North Star, over \$100,000 sent to SLA, VBS, a concert series, many haystacks were enjoyed; our annual Camp Winnekeag day with a baptism; "A Single Life," and much more. 2025 is well underway and is packed with wonderful opportunities and experiences. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship plans for the College Church Budget. Thank you.

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.

TITHE, although vital, goes to SNEC and **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: 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
November	\$206,330.98

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 <u>wearecc.net/give</u>. *Pastor Einar*

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Jan. 11	Einar Rom	Horacio Castro	Jean-Claude Rodrigue
Jan. 18	ER, Communion	Cécile Engeln	Fred Day
Jan. 25	Roger Prather	Tom Nicolas	Jonathan Bissell

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

OUR SERVICES AIR on local cable TV in several nearby towns. See the schedule at <u>https://wearecc.net/local-tv</u>.

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 <u>https://wearecc.net/flowers</u>.

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.

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).

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.

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, <u>www.mysla.org</u>.

✓ Newsletter: <u>www.mysla.org/school-newsletter</u>.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ SNEC Scholarship: For full-time students at SDA colleges who have membership in a SNEC church. Info: <u>www.sneconline.org/</u> <u>education</u>. Application deadline: Feb. 7.
- ✓ Deininger Scholarship: For nursing/allied health programs. Info: <u>www.sneconline.org/scholarship</u>. Application deadline: Feb. 9.

THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS LIVE!

Mobile: In the iOS App Store or Google Play, download "Instant Church Directory." Create a password for the mobile app and online. Computer: Go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com, click the

First time signing in? Create Login button and follow instructions. Create a password for the mobile app and online.

Once you're logged in, you can view Families and Staff in the directory. You can also submit updates to your info under Edit My Family. All updates will alert the Admin and Editors to view and approve them before going "live."

Haven't signed up? It's never too late to join! It is a "living" directory and can always be updated. To sign up, go to <u>wearecc.net</u> and click the Next Steps button at the bottom right.



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Online Services

HTTPS://WEARECC.NET has our calendar, videos, bulletins, and more.

ONLINE/MOBILE GIVING: Download the Adventist Giving app or click the Giving link on <u>wearecc.net</u>. 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 <u>Messages</u> section of our website. Episodes usually drop Sunday mornings.

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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:

-	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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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers: <u>treasurer@wearecc.net</u>

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.









10 DAYS OF PRAYER January 8-18, 2025

But When You Pray . . .

"But when you pray . . . pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

MATTHEW 6:6, ESV

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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.

January 11, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Lothar Suckert (UMass), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass, Lake Ave.), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

Home-bound: Jackie Nosek Lucy Santana, Joe Drader.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or <u>wearecc.net</u> for more.

So	outh Lancaster	[·] Sunset: Today 4:36 PM, Friday 4:43 PM
Today	6:00 AM	Ten Days of Prayer (Zoom, every day)
	9:15 AM	Refresh
	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	6:30 PM	Ten Days of Prayer (Zoom, every day)
Sun.	3:00 PM	Free Concert Series (Sanctuary)
Mon.	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron (Men's Group)
	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	In Search of Shiloh (Zoom)
Thur.	7:00 PM	SLA Board
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.	10:00 AM	Sterling Village Ministry
	6:30 PM	Youth Supper/Vespers
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom (Communion; no meals)
	6:30 PM	Last Session of Ten Days of Prayer

SPECIAL PRAYER SESSION TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | JUNIOR ROOM

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | OFF-SITE

This meeting will be off-site as the regulars go out to eat.

IN SEARCH OF SHILOH

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH FEB. 5, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

The name Shiloh, meaning "to whom it belongs," or the "rightful King," is found in Genesis 49: 10: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." The journey through the Scriptures linking God, the Father, and Jesus as this "rightful King," is an important one in understanding the purpose and mission of Jesus in the New Testament. The search for Shiloh is the search for Jesus as present in the OT and revealed in the NT.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? Our Prayer Shawl team would like to make them a prayer shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



TEN DAYS OF PRAYER DAILY THROUGH SABBATH, JAN. 18 6:00 AM AND 6:30 PM | ZOOM

The morning sessions will use Mark Finley's book (see right), and the evening ones will use <u>www.tendaysofprayer.org</u>. For more info and to log in, visit <u>https://wearecc.net</u> and look for the Ten Days banner at the top.

CHOOSE WELLNESS SUPPER

THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 6:00-8:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Choose Wellness is starting a nutrition series. It will explore new avenues, including the impact of food choices on cancer. Research is giving more and more evidence that "we are what we eat." Our food choices greatly impact our health, and the better educated we are, the better choices we can make. Join us for a free supper and presentation.

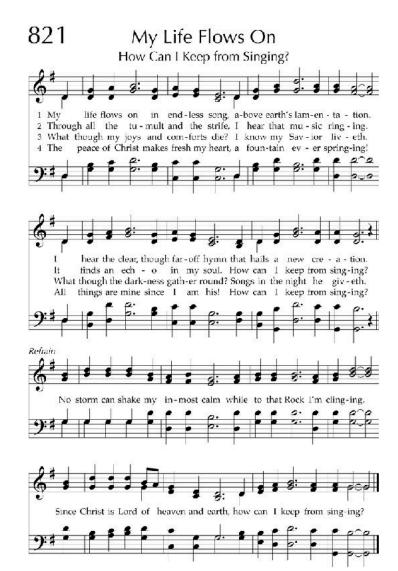
FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY MARCH 28-30 | HARTFORD, CT

This is a SNEC event to encourage and equip people to share their faith. Several registration levels are available. For just Sabbath, the cost is \$150/person. Many seminars will be available, and John Bradshaw is the keynote speaker. <u>https://tinyurl.com/festivalofthelaity</u>.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

TOMORROW, 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Tomorrow's FCS is a concert by pianist Dr. Po Sim Head, featuring music from South America by Luis Humberto Salgado, Blanca Layana Gómez, Francisco Pulgar-Vidal, Sadiel Cuentas, and others. All are welcome!



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

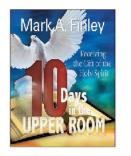
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The "Cheers" Class	Fellowship Hall	Ralph Gifford III
Young Adults	Young Adult Room	Multiple teachers
Blatt, Radford	Training Chapel	Multiple teachers
Spanish	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Livestream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Pastor Maria's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

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE

- \checkmark See the other side of this bulletin for college scholarships.
- ✓ You can now apply for spring Three-way and Home School scholarships at <u>https://wearecc.net</u>. Click on Next Steps in the lower right corner to get started.





The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Pastor Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 (Dietrich Buxtehude)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

834 in the Hymnal, The Lord's Prayer Jared Callaway

HYMN OF PRAISE

44, Morning Has Broken (Bunessan) Leader: Maggie Morisset

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES (CHILDREN'S STORY) Pepper Jackson

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mariyan Montaque; Stewardship Update: Pastor Einar, Ralph Dawkins Special Offering: Religious Liberty Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

My Life Flows On (see left) **Prayer Song:** Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer: Mariyan Montaque

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sicilienne (Gabriel Fauré) Merri Lynn Braman, cello; Margarita Merriman, piano

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-8 Arya Chery

AND WHEN YOU PRAY ...

Einar Rom Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

485, I Must Tell Jesus (Hoffman)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom Einar is our lead pastor.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur in C (Theodore Salome) Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano

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