

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

March 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$106,812.00	
Received	\$88,403.24 *	\$88,403.24 *
Spent		(\$88,342.94)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,408.76)	\$60.30
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$164,728.01	
Elevator Fund	\$2,059.17	

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

QUICK SUMMARY: The good news: Tithe was up, the HVAC loan continues to come down, and the elevator fund has grown from zero to \$2,059.17.

BUT: We need to focus on church budget, where the deficit has grown to \$18,408.76 YTD. The YTD breakdown looks like this: \$88,403 was received, but the amount budgeted is \$106,812. Please prayerfully consider our local church needs in your stewardship planning.

TITHE, although vital, goes to the 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. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or at [wearecc.net/give](https://collegechurch.net/give). Pastor Einar

Our 2025 church budget is \$427,250. This funds all local ministries, expenses, and our support of SLA. We also voted to install an elevator. We've added an Elevator Project Fund donation line in Adventist Giving, and you can write that on the tithe envelopes. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make this need a reality. It would also be wise to reduce our debt. We'd like to see it reduced to \$100,000 and our Elevator Fund grow to \$100,000 by Dec. 31. The elevator will cost around \$200,000.

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
May 17	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas	Fred Day
May 24	Einar Rom	Tom Nicholas	Jonathan Bissell
May 31	Interntl. Sabb.	Emmanuella Gibson	J.C. Rodrigue

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays at bulletin@collegechurch.net. 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 <https://collegechurch.net/local-tv>.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS, go to <https://collegechurch.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.

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).

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, providing financial & logistical support. 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.



CAMP WINNEKEAG summer camp brochures are available in the foyer literature rack by the announcement screen. Please see one of the pastors for special pricing.



JUNE 20-28, SNEC CAMPGROUNDS, SO. LANCASTER
It's a bit more than a month away! Learn more at www.sneconline.org.



Online Services

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

Bulletin



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.

Giving



SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast on the adult lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](https://collegechurch.net/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://collegechurch.net>.

Regular Hours:	Mon., Wed., & every other Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30; Tue. 10:45–12:00. 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 —



Last Sabbath the rain stopped just in time for a beautiful afternoon when this photo was taken by a College Church member.

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.

May 17, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Henry Livergood (Lifecare, Leominster), Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president), former CC pastor Dave Osborne, Brenda Castro, Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (Gardner Rehab), 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.

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

Other: That we can regularly offer ASL interpretation for the deaf.

THIS WEEK: See announcements or collegechurch.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 8:05 PM, Friday 8:11 PM		
Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	After Church	Fellowship Dinner (provided)
	3:00 PM	SAU Wind Symphony Concert
Sun.	2:15 PM	Free Concert Series Student Prelude Concert
	3:00 PM	Free Concert Series
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Tue.	6:00 PM	Elders’ Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Board
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	10:00 AM	Worship Committee
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thur.	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (on-site, live stream, & Zoom)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom

TODAY’S SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are from the Hearson family in gratefulness to God for his continued blessings on the occasions of Teaghan’s 14th birthday and 8th grade graduation.

UPCOMING MEALS

- ✓ Today: Dinner provided by the church, please bring dessert (can be fruit). Southern Adventist U. is visiting, so we’ll have guests.
- ✓ May 31: International potluck: bring your favorite ethnic dish and dessert from your heritage, or just something you like. American dishes are welcome. This is our final potluck until fall.
- ✓ **Summer Picnics:** To host a summer picnic, please let Sif know at themuchiuttis@gmail.com or 978-621-2015.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP

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

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

NO GOOD NEWS GANG THIS WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAYS THOUGH JUNE 4, 3:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We won’t meet this week due to an SLA concert. See you next week.

100 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

NOW THROUGH JULY 12

Visit backtothealtar.org for info and readings. Let's keep this important meeting (July 3–12, St. Louis, MO) in our prayers since this will help set the tone and direction for the future of our global church community.

PRAYER MEETING SERIES

The Wednesday Zoom Bible Study/Prayer Meeting is discussing *I Used to Be Perfect*, a powerful book by SDA professor, theologian, and historian Dr. George R. Knight. Amazon sells it for \$6.99, but we have a few copies; please see one of our pastors or the church office (it’s not required to join the study).

NORTH STAR HELP NEEDED

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Help! North Star Family Services meals needs a volunteer to take care of the meal for Tuesday, May 27. Also looking for more members willing to help with this ministry. If you would like to join our faithful crew, please contact Darla Stong @ 978-204-2598. Thank you!

WILLIAM NESS, ORGANIST, IN CONCERT

WED., JUNE 18, 7:30 PM; THURS., JUNE 19, 3:00 PM,

METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL

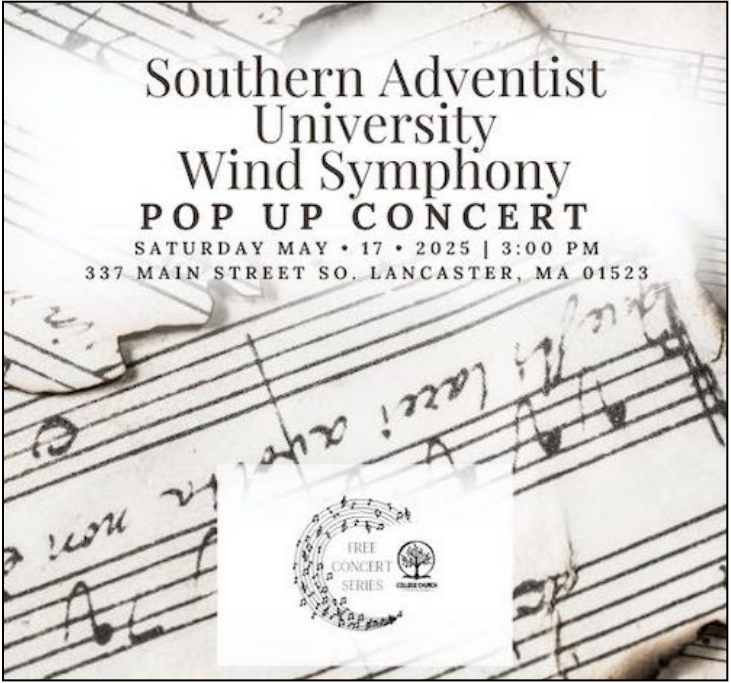
On America’s foremost concert organ. Music by Reimann, Schumann, Thiele, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, and Reger. Ticketed event.

MANY THANKS TO OUR CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS!

We are so very grateful to all of you who showed up to help spruce up the inside of the church for the coming months. Also, many thanks to Roger Oetman for all his tireless work on the grounds and keeping them nice and neat.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Adventist Community Services have big plans for our area. There will be update meetings at the Clinton Spanish church, 250 Church Street, Clinton about the Central Mass Community Center Hub. Two are scheduled, so choose the one that is best for you: Friday, May 30 @ 7:30 PM OR Saturday, May 31 @ 3:00 PM. Local church leaders are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Meade- Montaque.



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
Live Stream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Pastor Maria’s Office	Jos. Robertson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is reason for joy today,
All: for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

One: There is reason for hope today,
All: for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

One: There is reason to worship today,
All: for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

- from *Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago*



MOUNTAIN OF MIRACLES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 14–18, 4:00–7:00 PM AND JULY 19, WORSHIP SERVICE

It’s an exciting week of fun and adventure at VBS! We are pleased to offer this event FREE of charge! All you need to do is register in advance. Just go to www.collegechurch.net and click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner. You can also sign up to help.

The Mountain of Miracles VBS is where children will learn that God’s love is **rock solid**! Throughout this adventure the kids will be immersed in music, stories, prayer activities, crafts, snacks, and games that have been carefully designed to reinforce Bible stories. Space is limited, so make sure to register!

THE NEW COLLEGE CHURCH WEBSITE IS LIVE!

The new site is live with a new web domain at www.collegechurch.net. We’ve been working on it for months and are still doing so, but we wanted to get it to you now.

All the email addresses you are used to will work with it: office@collegechurch.net, pastor@collegechurch.net, and addresses for the treasurers, the bulletin, etc. The wearecc.net addresses will still work, too, at least for the time being.

We hope you find it useful and a blessing. Please let us know if you have suggestions to improve it.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE

Tierce en taille (*Francois Couperin*)

WELCOME, MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Einar Rom, Daniel Thomas

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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

See column to the left.

William Zonicle

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #1, Praise to the Lord (*Lobe Den Herren*)

Arielle Cady Flores, leader

MUSICAL OFFERING

With Sounding Trumpets (*W. Francis McBeth*)

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lauren Collins

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Glimpse of the Eternal (*Aaron Perrine*)

PRAYER IN SONG

Hymnal #495, Near to the Heart of God (verses 2,3) (*McAfee*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daniel Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesian 1:3–10

Renel Durandis

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alleluia (*Randall Thompson*)

CHOSEN, ADOPTED, & REDEEMED

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hymnal #465, I Heard the Voice of Jesus (*Kingsfold*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Grands jeux (*Francois Couperin*)

As the prelude is preparation, let the postlude be your reflection.

AFTERGLOW

Paul encourages us to pray continually because prayer is our connection to God, who listens and responds to those who seek Him. We invite you to meet with some of our elders in the Junior Room after the service for a 10–15 minute time of testimony and prayer.

Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony, Ken Parsons, conductor

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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