

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

March 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$142,416.00	
Received	\$114,842.66 *	\$114,842.66 *
Spent		(\$114,780.42)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,573.34)	\$62.24
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$162,688.86	
Elevator Fund	\$3,491.89	

*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. 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 24	Einar Rom	Tom Nicholas	J.C. Rodrigue
May 31	Interntl. Sabb.	Emmanuella Gibson	Jonathan Bissell
June 7	SLA Bacc.	Rocio Bravo	Carlos Muchiutti

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 our website and click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner of the page.

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 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 less than a month away! Learn more at www.sneconline.org.

NORTH STAR FAMILY MINISTRIES POSITION
North Star needs a live-in manager. Free room, utilities WiFi in exchange for light duties. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/4yncmjzy>.

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.

Online Services

[HTTPS://Collegechurch.net](https://Collegechurch.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

Bulletin



Giving



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 —



On Memorial Day weekend, we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country and protect our freedoms.

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 24, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Rick Wall, 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 8:12 PM, Friday 8:17 PM		
Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
Mon.		Happy Memorial Day! Church Office Closed
	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	NO Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	6:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Board (postponed from last week)
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	3:30 PM	Good News Gang
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thur.	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.	6:00 PM	SLA Violin Recital
	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: International Sabbath

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

NO MEETING THIS MONDAY (MEMORIAL DAY)

See you next week!

100 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

NOW THROUGH JULY 12

Visit backtothear.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.

THE GOOD NEWS GANG

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

This is designed to help kids learn about their faith and prepare for baptism, but any kids are welcome to join.

PRAYER MEETING SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

We're studying *I Used to Be Perfect*, a powerful book by SDA professor, theologian, and historian Dr. George R. Knight. Just go to www.collegechurch.net and click the prayer meeting banner at the top of the page.

UPCOMING MEALS

✓ **Summer Picnics:** To host a summer picnic, please let Sif know at themuchiuttis@gmail.com or 978-621-2015.



International Sabbath is next week! We will worship the Lord and hear about growth, culture, and faith from our featured speakers.

- ✓ *Parade of Nations:* Wear traditional clothing or carry a flag and meet Cécile and Emmanuella in the upper foyer at 11 AM to participate. We will reverently march into the Sanctuary as the prelude plays.
- ✓ *Potluck:* Bring a dish from the country of your choice (including the good ol' USA!). Be sure to label what it is and where it is from.
- ✓ *Invite your friends and family!* We are excited to share and learn. Questions? Email cecile.engeln@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 6:30 PM

A special invitation for your small group. If you meet online or in person, you are invited to bring your group to meet together in prayer, testimony, and fellowship.



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! Registration is open at www.collegechurch.net (click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner). You can also sign up to help.

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SABBATH, JUNE 14, 11:15 AM | DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

We’re celebrating the accomplishments of our church members/ attendees who are graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, and any post-secondary education, including certificates. If you know of anyone who has graduated since last July, please go to www.collegechurch.net by Wednesday, June 11 and click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner of any page.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE
Lento (Sonata VI) (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

WELCOME
Einar Rom

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Hymnal #817
Tom Nicholas

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
See the screens.
Alex Bezerra, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES

MINISTRY MATTERS
Tom Nicholas
Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope).
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYER IN SONG
Hymnal #499, What a Friend We Have in Jesus (*Converse*)
Hymnal #495, Near to the Heart of God v 2,3 (*McAfee*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Tom Nicholas

SCRIPTURE READING
Daniel 6:3-5

MUSICAL OFFERING
Give Me Jesus (*Moses Hogan*)
Lanu Stoddart, voice; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

FAST AND FURIOUS TIMES IN BABYLON
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
See column to the left.

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Improvisation on *I want Jesus to walk with me* (*Andrew Sheranian*)
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.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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