

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Jan. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$35,700.00	
Received	\$31,869.93*	\$31,869.93 *
Spent		(\$31,806.76)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,830.07)	\$63.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 01/2024		\$8,133.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$2,631.75
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$298,230.76

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget was \$417,456 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. Let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. God will bless us for it.



On Tuesday, Feb. 27, our church board voted to recommend the 2024 church budget to a church business meeting that has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 19. Our proposed budget is \$429,476 and includes over \$120,000 of financial support for South Lancaster Academy. Our local church budget also supports local outreach, our Pathfinders and Adventurers, our annual fall trip to Camp Winnekeag, Sabbath School supplies, cleaning supplies, fellowship dinner supplies, and much more. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Mar. 9	Tom Nicholas, Education Sabbath	Mitchell Hall
Mar. 16	Rachel Williams-Smith, Women's Min.	Mariyan Montaque
Mar. 23	Einar Rom	Ralph Gifford III

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

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.

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

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 through grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing both financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

✓ **Experience SLA:** Mar. 14, 6:00–8:00 PM and Mar. 15, 8:00–11:30 AM. Meet teachers, see classrooms, and shadow your prospective class. See mysla.org or the screen in the foyer for more info.

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

✓ **Alumni:** Connect with us at www.mysla.org/alumni.

AUC ALUMNI: Sign up for monthly emails at 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.

Women's Celebration – Overcoming Obstacles

- In connection with Women's Month
- Saturday, March 16: Youth Chapel, College Church, 337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA 2:00-4:30 PM
- Presented by Rachel Williams-Smith, Dean and Professor of the School of Journalism and Communication, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 - Presentation, music, group interactions



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](https://wearecc.net/messages) section of our website. Episodes drop Sunday mornings.

Search for collegechurchofsda on YouTube Facebook Instagram

Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —

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. 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, Thur. as needed; Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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WHO IS RACHAEL WILLIAMS SMITH?

She's our guest speaker and afternoon presenter for Mar. 16. From the back cover of her book: "Rachel's story could easily have been set in the 1800s. Wearing long dresses and broad brimmed bonnets and living without modern conveniences including electricity, telephone, radio, television, or indoor plumbing, she and her two older brothers were shaped by the extreme religious views of her iron-willed, Vietnam-veteran father and malleable, practical-minded mother. The family separated from society and lived under often harsh conditions in an old, abandoned house atop a remote range of hills in Tennessee, awaiting the end of the world. Then at 16, Rachel was forced to face the world in which she was not raised to live. She struggled to adjust to an unsheltered life without casting aside the good along with the bad. Eventually she found her way to a full, balanced, and vibrant life." She currently serves as Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Southern Adventist University.



SOUTH LANCASTER
ACADEMY

Education Sabbath

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.

March 9, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe; Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recovering in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother); Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver); Linda Oetman; Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester); 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 for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:47 PM, Friday 6:55 PM

Sun.	2:00 AM Set clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time 4:00 PM Pathfinder Clothing Collection
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom) 7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:00 PM Camera Club 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	10:00 AM Sterling Village Ministry 6:00 PM Youth Supper & Vespers 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Rachel Williams-Smith After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner 2:00 PM Women's Ministry Event (Youth Chapel) 2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders 7:00 PM Free Concert Series

"SPRING FORWARD"

TOMORROW, 2:00 AM 

Set your clocks ahead as we move to daylight saving time.

SLA CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY, 3:00-5:00 PM | SLA CHAPEL

Miraculous, Marvelous, Jesus!! A program for all ages, with different activities, games, experiments, and food. Be sure to come and support your local academy students.

BACH PROJECT CONCERT, ASHMONT HILL CHAMBER MUSIC

TOMORROW, 4:00 PM | 209 ASHMONT ST., DORCHESTER

All are invited to this concert, directed by CC organist Andrew Sheranian. The program includes the exuberant Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 for harpsichord solo and orchestra, as well as the Coffee Cantata. Yes, Bach wrote a cantata all about coffee, and it's about as close as he ever came to writing an opera. More info at www.ahchambermusic.org.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

In: Emmanuella & Terrence Gibson from Northborough, MA

Out: Edgar-Aaron Fernandez to the Manhattan church, New York, NY
Cathy Lanza to the University Parkway church, Pensacola, FL

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation (posponed from last week): Part 2 of "What is the biblical evidence that the dead are asleep and know nothing?" Our guest presenter is Pastor Orlando Moncrieffe. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals, and there are also highlights of this and previous conversations.

PATHFINDER FUNDRAISER

DROP OFF ITEMS TOMORROW, 4:00-6:00PM

The Pathfinders are still collecting clothes and soft household textiles to raise money for their Gillette Camporee Trip. Used items must be in sellable condition. You may drop off your bagged items at the Church or give to Jill. Thank you. *Jill Hodson, 781-799-8302*

THE CC ART GALLERY ...

is looking for new art for the downstairs gallery! Next submission deadline is **this Wednesday, Mar. 13**. There's no theme for this showing, just another round of people's favorite pieces. All ages are encouraged to participate. Art must be able to be hung or framed. Questions? Contact Ilana Cady at 978-503-9212 (text preferred).

YOUTH SUPPER AND VESPERS

THIS FRIDAY, 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL, YOUTH CHAPEL

The evening should wrap up around 8:00. Come hungry and ready to share your ideas and thoughts. Our host: Jaslin Aubin and team.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ *Women's Ministry Sabbath Mar. 16:* In celebration of women's month, Rachel Williams-Smith from Southern University will present the Sabbath service as well as an afternoon program from 2:00-4:30 in the Youth Chapel. The focus will be "Overcoming Obstacles."
- ✓ *Craft Supply Exchange Apr. 28:* We're sponsoring a craft supply exchange. You can bring craft items that you no longer need and pick up others that might interest you.

POTLUCK DINNER NEXT SABBATH AFTER CHURCH

Members, please bring a dish. Visitors are welcome

FREE CONCERT SERIES: WILLIAM NESS, ORGAN

SATURDAY, MAR. 16, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

William was our Minister of Music from 1987-2001 and is responsible for acquiring our J.W. Walker & Sons pipe organ. This concert will feature music by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Emma Lou Diemer, Margarita Merriman, Calvin Taylor, Denis Bedard, Eurydice Osterman, Amy Beach, and Carl Haywood. This honors black and women composers in this varied program, which includes Bach, whose birthday was March 21, 1685.

HELP ROGER PRATHER WITH HIS DISSERTATION

This is part of the requirements for his Ph.D. at Liberty University. It's about the relationship between religious beliefs and political opinions related to climate change. If you'd like to help, you must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. resident. It's an anonymous survey of 21 questions about your demographics, political opinions, and religious beliefs. If you can help, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYJLZWV>.



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.ssnnet.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? The College Church Prayer Shawl team can make them a Prayer Shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAR. 19, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

Church board meeting will follow if needed.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL RETREAT

MARCH 29-31 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Guest Speaker: Pastor Pavel Goia. Info: <https://youtu.be/nSsfCcVlevY>. Registration opens on Feb. 26 at <https://www.sneconline.org/events>.


NEW SNEC OFFICE HOURS

9:00-6:00 M-Th., closed on Fridays. The ABC continues to hold their regular hours and are open on Fridays.

EXPERIENCE SLA
Events for Prospective Parents and Students

MARCH 14, 2024
6-8 PM
EXPERIENCE SLA Science Fair
Peek into classrooms
Teacher meet & greet
Q&A with Administration
Registration Assistance

MARCH 15, 2024
8-11:30 AM
VISITATION DAY
Sign your child up to shadow their prospective class for a day!

SCAN HERE 

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Forlana (*Gerald Finzi*)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

New Horizons (*Jason W. Krug*)
Resound, Lira Cady, director

INVOCATION

Guillermo Oliveira, Freshman Class

HYMN OF PRAISE

598, Watch, Ye Saints (*Kirkpatrick*)
Jovan Rivera and Friends, leaders

MUSICAL SELECTION

Swing Till the Walls Come Down (*David Bobrowitz*)
SLA Band, Lira Cady, director

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Elijah Blackwell

WELCOME

Camilla Moraes, S.A. President

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mitchell Hall, David Branum (Elder/Principal)
Special Offering: Adventist World Radio (mark your tithe envelope).
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: 652, Love At Home (*McNaughton*)
Jovan Rivera and Friends
Prayer: Loy Blackwell. Junior Class Pastor

MUSICAL SELECTION

The Word Was God (*Rosephanye Powell*)
SLA Choir, Lira Cady, director

SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading
Valeria Mayer, Senior Class

MUSICAL SELECTION

No Night There (*Dan Forrest*)
Il Voce, Lira Cady, director; Arielle Cady Flores, violin

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Tom Nicholas
Tom is the Chaplain and Religion teacher at South Lancaster Academy.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

262, Sweet, Sweet Spirit (*Akers*)

BENEDICTION

Justin Rivera, Freshman Class Pastor

POSTLUDE

Pastorale (*César Franck*)
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.