General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

February 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$71,208.00	
Received	\$62,398.94 *	\$62,398.94 *
Spent		(\$62,385.67)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,809.06)	\$13.27
YTD Total H	IVAC Loan Balance	\$168,546.14

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

On our March 1 business meeting, we approved a 2025 Church budget of \$427,250. This is 0.35% more than our 2024 budget. This funds all our local ministries, expenses, and our support of SLA. We also voted to move forward with installing 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. We also feel that it would be wise to reduce our debt. We'd like to see our debt reduced to \$100,000 and our Elevator Fund grow to \$100,000 by December 31, 2025. The elevator project will cost around \$200,000.

March 2024	\$245,297.00
June 2024	\$231,587.00
September 2024	\$227,269.00
Feb. 2025	\$166,925.72

LOAN BALANCE: Our loan balance went from \$299,727 in December 2023 to \$169,372 in December 2024, so over \$130,000 was contributed to the loan. This saved us **thousands** in interest (our loan amount was a maximum of \$425,000). Praise God for this! We have a year ahead of us, so let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

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

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Mar. 29	Einar Rom	Marta Medina	Carlos Muchiutti
Apr. 5	Maria Valente	Mariyan Montaque	Carlos Muchiutti
Apr. 12	E. Rom, Communion	Rose Dawkins	JC Rodrigue

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon at <u>bulletin@wearecc.net</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>.

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

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.







THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS LIVE!

If you already signed up, download the Instant Church Directory app on your phone or go to <u>members.instantchurchdirectory.com</u>. Sign up at <u>wearecc.net</u>: Click Next Steps at the bottom right.

Online Services

<u>HTTPS://WEARECC.NET</u> 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.

Search for collegechurchofsda on **PayouTube**

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., & 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.









Image by Cacilda Morris

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 29, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president), former CC pastor Dave Osborne, Lothar Suckert (UMass, Lake Ave.), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Henry & 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, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall).

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

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South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:11 PM, Friday 7:17 PM			
Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)	
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)	
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group	
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)	
Wed.	3:30 PM	The Good News Gang	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)	
Thur.	6:00 PM	Choose Wellness Supper	
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)	
Fri.	6:30 PM	Young Adult Supper/Discussion	
	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: Maria Valente	
	After Church	Haystack Fellowship Dinner (FH)	
	2:00 PM	Adventurers	
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders	

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

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

THE GOOD NEWS GANG

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

We're excited to introduce a brand-new Bible study for kids in 2nd-6th grade! This is designed to help kids learn about their faith and prepare for baptism, but any kids are welcome to join.

PASSION WEEK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH APR. 16, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

Join Pastor Einar on a seven-week study of the Passion Week of Christ. Each Wednesday we will look at a different part of the passion week, in the following sequence:

- ✓ Apr 2: Fri 6AM–9AM events
- ✓ Apr 9: Fri 9AM–12PM events
- ✓ Apr 16: Fri 12PM–3PM events

FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN APRIL

- ✓ **Next Sabbath:** Haystacks provided by the church. Please bring your favorite dessert (can be fruit :)
- ✓ April 19: Enjoy a Sabbath Easter lunch provided by the church.

FREE ADVENTIST HERITAGE TRIP

SABBATH, APR. 5, 1:30 PM | LEAVING FROM VILLAGE CHURCH

We'll visit the Washington, NH Church and other places along the way. John Schumacher-Hardy will be the guide, and a group of 23 from the Bogenhofen, Austria SDA Seminary will be guests. There will be a bus, and if it fills, folks may follow in their own cars.

CREATE. CONNECT. INSPIRE.

SABBATH APR. 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | BAILEY HALL All are welcome to this seminar to learn how to do social media,

create engaging visuals, and enhance your church's digital presence. Register at https://tinyurl.com/y5mm27sb.

SPARK YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND: ANCHORED FAITH APRIL 18–20 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Appearing: The Reason Trio, Dr. Sienna-Kaye Denham-Wilks, Pastor Jason and Natanya Wanderlaan. Sign up at yasnec.org/events.

THE ATLANTIC UNION TOWN HALL MEETING has been postponed to Wednesday, Apr. 23, 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER CLOSING WEDNESDAY, APR. 30

Our beloved South Lancaster ABC will close its doors for good Apr. 30. If you have gift cards, now is the time to use them.

YOU MATTER GIRLS' RETREAT

MAY 16-18 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Join us for an unforgettable weekend filled with powerful messages, new friendships, and fun activities. Open to girls of all faith, ages 10-17. Contact: Karen Zeno (508) 320-7264; register at https:// tinyurl.com/7m8tr7dt.

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Ever feel depressed or inadequate? Here are confidential resources:

- ✓ For Women: www.gorgeous2god.org. A safe place to ask your toughest questions and find your deepest purpose! ✓ For Guys: <u>www.aruggedjourney.org</u>. A rugged journey is
- dedicated to connecting young men to God through mentorship and community. No judgment—just compassionate advice from people who care.

PASTOR EINAR TO BE AWAY

Pastor Einar will be away this Thursday through Monday for a family event, but will have access to his phone and email

Choose Wellness Nutrition Series Part 4

Foods That Prevent/Reverse Heart Disease and Cancer

Free Supper/Presentation

All are welcome – please invite neighbors and friends!



Thursday, Apr. 3, 6:00-8:00 PM

Fellowship Hall, College Church 337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Register at https://wearecc.net (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or this QR code.

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

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

CHOOSE WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR

It's time to start putting together a of committee volunteers to help plan the fall Choose Wellness Health Fair. Please notify Kari Radford (508-317-2400) or Dave Rawson if you are interested. This is a major outreach that can reach a lot of people. Please consider being part of this exciting adventure!



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE

Andante (Sonata IV) (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME

Einar Rom

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #877 Erin Rawson & John Thomas

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #547, Be Thou My Vision (Slane) Ralph Dawkins, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Bravo, Grace Bravo

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

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

PRAYER IN SONG

Give Me Jesus (see screens) Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ralph Gifford

GOT A MINUTE?

Josephine Roberson, Pepper Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:23–25 Philippe & Maria Claudia Stanier

NO WONDER THEY CALLED IT 'THE WAY'

Einar Rom Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

I'd Rather Have Jesus (see screens)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Adagio-Vivace (Sonata IV) (J.S. Bach) 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.