

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

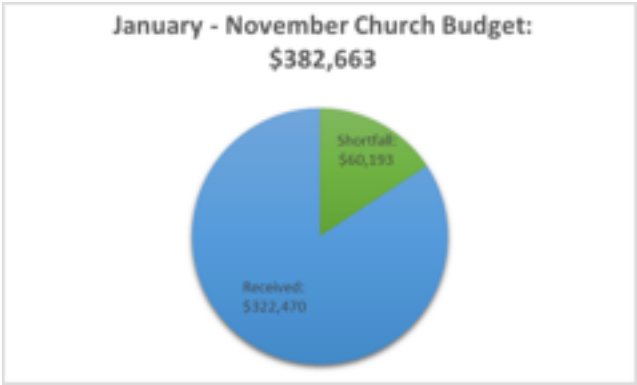
Nov. 30, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$382,668.00	
Received	\$322,469.66*	\$322,469.66 *
Spent		(\$322,372.49)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$60,198.34)	\$97.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 11/2023		\$6,707.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$6,368.04
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$422,196.97

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget is \$417,450 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. So let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. God will bless us for it.



What a year it has been! There have been highs and lows and a lot of work behind the scenes on our beautiful building. It's hard to comprehend, but between the HVAC project and the mold removal we spent \$718,203 in 2023. Thanks to many CC donations, SNEC subsidy, and some CC reserve funds, our loan amount will be \$298,500. Please consider helping in this by contributing to the HVAC fund in a tithe envelope or at <https://wearecc.net/give>.

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Jan. 6	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln
Jan. 13	Einar Rom, Communion	Daniel Thomas
Jan. 20	Einar Rom	Cameron Loss

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at bulletin@wearecc.net. *All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.*

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 rest rooms downstairs.

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

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.

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.
✓ Newsletter: www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
✓ Alumni: Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ The SNE Conference has scholarships for those pursuing a bachelor or associate degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/mprcm5fb> by Feb. 9, 2024.

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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING/ ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 9, 2024

Funds are limited and are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Get more info and apply at <http://tinyurl.com/yk7jujuy>. You can also visit the SNEC Education Facebook page.



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 our website. *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 Sabbath School lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the Messages section of our website. Episodes 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://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon., Wed. 8:45 AM–12:30 PM 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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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.

Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

- Matthew 6:9–13, KJV

Love. Grow. Serve.

January 6, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Nicole Broushet; Mary Monroe (UMass University, Worcester); Charmaine Bainum (Joyce Malin's aunt); Margareta Sbacchi (Bedford Rehab, Bedford, NH); Mary Lou Segar; David Bruso (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's father) and Rachel Sather (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's sister); Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon); Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother); Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom); 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.

In Bereavement: The family of long-time College Church member Fred Suckert, who passed away Tuesday in North Carolina.

Week at a Glance. See the announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:30 PM, Friday 4:36 PM

Today	After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Conversations in Bible Fundamentals 7:30 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 7:30 PM Ten Days of Prayer (each night until Jan. 20) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM King's Kids 7:00 PM Camera Club (FH) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	3:30 PM Feed the Hungry
Sat.	9:15 AM Refresh 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom, Communion

HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP DINNER

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite haystack toppings ready to serve.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

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

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ON SITE AND ZOOM

- ✓ *Purpose:* To provide a safe, relaxed environment where issues of doctrine and faith may be examined.
- ✓ *Content:* The Bible will be the sole source of answers to questions on difficult Bible passages, doctrine, and faith each week.
- ✓ *Format:* Zoom with a facilitator and a resource person (pastor, Bible worker, chaplain, etc.), who will explore questions from members and non-members on issues of doctrine and faith. Questions will be sent in before in order to acquire a resource person on the topic. Questions will also be entertained during the presentation.
- ✓ More info at <http://tinyurl.com/convoBF>.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

In: Alex, Danielly, and Gabriela Palmeira from Lancaster Brazilian

Out: Peter & Valerie Schad to Fredericksburg, MD



TEN DAYS OF PRAYER

JAN. 10-20, 7:30-8:00 PM | ZOOM

Join us to seek the Lord in prayer in this focused meeting. All are welcome. More info at <https://wearecc.net/ten-days-of-prayer>.

SLA PRESENTS CHILDREN'S CHURCH: WHO WAS JESUS?

SABBATH, JAN. 13, 3:00-5:00 PM | SLA CHAPEL

Enjoy an interactive service where we will dive into who Jesus was as a baby, a child, and an adult. Games, crafts, and a light supper!

SNEC CHURCH

OFFICERS TRAINING

SUNDAY, JAN. 14 |

COLLEGE CHURCH

CC leaders, please register by this Tuesday, Jan. 9 to get training to strengthen your ministry. Lunch will be provided. May God bless our ministries in 2024. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/snec2024>.



VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING SESSION

SAB., JAN. 20, 9:00 AM | BAILEY HALL, SNEC CAMPGROUNDS

Gain crucial skills and earn certification in disaster response, community resilience, and life-saving techniques. Be a beacon of hope in times of crisis. Limited spots available—sign up now to make a difference! Cost: \$40. www.sneconline.org/events-1/mema-training

BECOME A CC PATHFINDER CLUB SPONSOR

The College Church Catamounts Pathfinder Club will be attending the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 2024, at Gillette, WY. Some club members, after making their \$200 deposit, now need financial assistance to ensure they can attend. Thank you for becoming a club sponsor in any amount. Donate by writing a check (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024—Donation) or donate online through Adventist Giving under Pathfinders—Donation. Questions: Contact Jill Hodson, Club Director at jilldchodson@yahoo.com.

The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options. Get free study guides at www.ssnet.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.

Lesson



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	



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Jesu, meine Freude (*J.S. Bach*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 853
Maggie Morisset

HYMN OF PRAISE

499, What a Friend We Have in Jesus (*Converse*)
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Blanca Bruso

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Cécile Engeln

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: 478, Sweet Hour of Prayer (*Sweet Hour*)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

That calls me from a world of care

And bids me at my Father's throne

Make all my wants and wishes known

In seasons of distress and grief

My soul has often found relief

And oft escaped the tempter's snare

By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Prayer: Cécile Engeln

MUSICAL SELECTION

God is Great (*Ricky Dillard*)

King's Kids, Kirosha Sidelca, director

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Anya Neidigh

THE MOLDING PRAYER THAT BROKE THE MOLD

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

483, I Need Thee Every Hour (*Lowry*)

BENEDICTION

The Lord's Prayer (see cover)

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (*Dietrich Buxtehude*)

Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ

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