

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

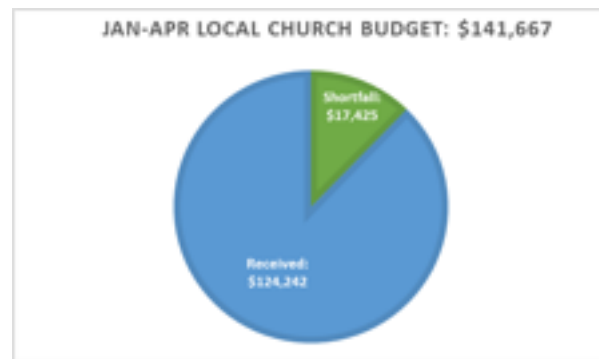
| Apr. 30, 2024 | Budget | Actual |
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| Needed | \$141,666.00 | |
| Received | \$124,242.41* | \$124,242.41* |
| Spent | \$10.00 | (\$124,146.17) |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$17,423.59) | \$96.24 |
| YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance | \$237,437.43 | |

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2024 church budget is \$425,000 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: Our 2023 tithe was \$1,026,168. Tithe, although vital, goes to our local conference and **it 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. God will bless us for it.



The church board received the April financial report at its recent meeting. Overall, the report was stable, although our deficit grew a bit from additional expenses due to additional activities (Agape Supper expenses paid in April). The good news is that our loan balance continues to shrink and we hope to pay it off long before the final payment is due. Let's prayerfully keep the needs of our church in our plans. You can donate in a tithe envelope or at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

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| May 25 | Kristy Hodson | Roger Prather |
| June 1 | Roger Prather, SLA Baccalaureate | Mitchell Hall |
| June 8 | Einar Rom | Roger Prather |

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>.

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.

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

✓ **Bus Drivers with Class B-CDL Wanted:** Also air brake & passenger endorsement and medical certificate. CORI/SORI & background check required. Please send resumé to vp@mysla.org.

CAMP SONRISE: FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS: June 17–July 26, SLA. Campers ages 5–12 can join us for part or all of this 6-week Christian day camp with worship, games, swimming, and field trips. New Director Lynise Mendoza and Assistant Director Marisol Gracia will lead out all 6 weeks. Visit www.mysla.org/campsonrise or contact 954-325-7150 for more information.

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.



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](#) 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://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:

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| 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. |
| Phone: | 978-368-2130 |
| Address: | 337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561 |
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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.



Bulletin



Giving



Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

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 25, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Roy McCoy (Leominster Hospital), Mary Monroe (home), Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village), Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet, Mary Lou Segar, Ray Dow, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, Lucy Santana (River Terrace), John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 8:13 PM, Friday 8:18 PM

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| Mon. | Happy Memorial Day—Church Office Closed 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) |
| Tue. | 4:00 PM SLA Strings Recital and Reception 9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website) |
| Wed. | 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom) |
| Thur. | 6:00 PM King's Kids (Music Room) 6:00 PM SLA Eighth Grade Graduation and Reception 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel) |
| Fri. | Adventurer Spring Escape weekend begins 7:00 PM SLA Consecration and Reception 7:30 PM Friday Night Study |
| Sat. | 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 11:10 AM Worship: Roger Prather, SLA Baccalaureate |

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Today's sanctuary flowers are in celebration of John and Maureen Hodson's 50th wedding anniversary.

NO IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP THIS WEEK
NEXT MEETING JUNE 3, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

COLLECTING ART FOR THE NEXT GALLERY SHOWING!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

All ages welcome to participate; art must be hangable. If you have questions, please contact Ilana at 978-503-9212 (text preferred).

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6:30 PM

Contact Alyssa Demello or Pastor Einar for details. Menu: Haystacks.

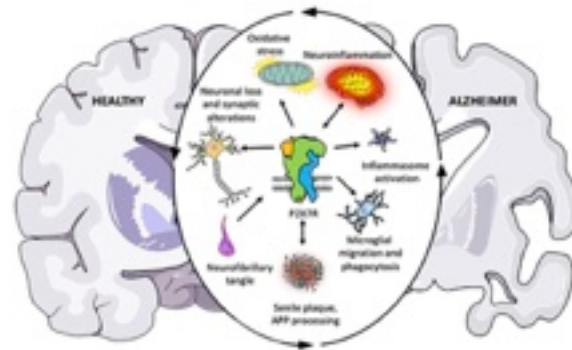
GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SABBATH, JUNE 8, 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 all forms of post-secondary education, including certificates. If you know of anyone who has graduated since last July, please fill out the form at <https://wearecc.net> by Wednesday, June 5.

✓ Click the blue N in the lower right corner of any page to start.

Choose Wellness Free Supper/Presentation: Alzheimer's Disease



Presented by Peter McDonald
Executive Director for Sunrise Senior Living

Thursday, June 13, 6:00–8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Sign up at <http://wearecc.net>
(use the blue N in the lower right corner).



NEXT SABBATH ...

is SLA's baccalaureate service, so SLA will provide the program and there will be no CC bulletin. Our Sabbath School classes will meet as usual.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10–13, 4:00–7:30 PM; JULY 14, 2:30–8:30 PM FOR PRE-TEENS

Registration is LIVE for VBS 2024! The main VBS is for ages birth–10, BUT: New this year is a one-day immersive VBS for pre-teens on Sunday, July 14. Please visit <https://wearecc.net> or see Nicole Broushet for more info for volunteers and attendees.

JOIN THE SLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Are you a proud attendee or graduate of Browning Elementary or South Lancaster Academy? We're looking for dedicated people willing to commit one hour a week and one weekend a year to help us keep our community vibrant. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and ensure that our school continues to thrive.

✓ See position details at bit.ly/SLA-Doc. Apply at bit.ly/officer-apply.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, may we remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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



CALLING ALL FLOWER ENTHUSIASTS!

If you can help with the sanctuary floral arrangements, please contact Arielle at acadyflores@gmail.com. Ideally, we need a team of four or more. This includes arranging the flowers and taking care of the arrangement after church. Many hands make light work. Thanks!

SUMMER PICNICS

Our indoor fellowship meals have finished for this season and we'll be starting our summer picnics at members' homes on July 13 at the home of Jessica and Kervin Lopez in Fitchburg.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Arielle Cady Flores

PRELUDE

Offertory in A Major (Alexandre Guilmant)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #873, from Jeremiah 29:12, 13
Thomas Nicholas

HYMN OF PRAISE

547, Be Thou My Vision (Slane)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Debora Argueta

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Cameron Loss

Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope).
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: Cameron Loss

SCRIPTURE

Gen. 32:22–31

Annabel Argueta

MUSICAL SELECTION

Abide With Me (Marilyn Ham)

Linet Simon-Cardona, piano

BLESSED BE

Kristy Hodson

Kristy is a hospice chaplain and a new CC member.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

631, When on Life a Darkness Falls (Emerald Gates)

BENEDICTION

Kristy Hodson

Kristy is a hospice chaplain and a new CC member.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542 (J.S. Bach)

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

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano

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and we may include your image. CCLI#s 1364543, CSPL032559.