

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Feb. 29, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$70,833.00	
Received	\$69,526.00*	\$69,526.00 *
Spent		(\$69,505.20)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,307.00)	\$20.80

YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance \$253,513.47

*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 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.

Jan-Feb Local Church Budget: \$70,833



Our 2024 budget was voted at a recent church business meeting. It covers church expenses such as heat, A/C, lights, Guide Magazine, Primary Treasure, Our Little Friend, cleaning, kitchen supplies, SLA financial support, Adventurers, Pathfinders, office staff, this bulletin, and much, much more. Please keep the Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning. You can do so by using a donation envelope and placing it in the offering box by the door, or by donating online at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Apr. 6	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas
Apr. 13	Ralph Dawkins	Cameron Loss
Apr. 20	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson

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.

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.



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

The Hopeful was produced by The Hope Channel and is 100 minutes long. It is showing at the Regal Solomon Pond Theater on April 17 & 18 and in 400 other theaters nationwide. We can get a slight discount if we order as a group and we are planning to go on Wednesday, Apr. 17 @ 7:00 PM. Please sign up on our church website if you plan to join us. If you do not get in on the group rate, the window tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.50 for children (11 and under). Unless other

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 wearecc.net section of our website. Episodes drop Sunday mornings.

Search for [collegechurchofsda](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjCgk1X1X1X1X1X1X1X1X1X) on

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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arrangements are made, please plan to meet at the theater: 591 Donald Lynch Blvd, Marlborough, MA. It's connected with the mall. If you need a ride or can offer a ride, please indicate that when you sign up on our website (use the Launcher—the blue N in the lower right corner of any page of our website.).



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Bulletin



Messages



More of God. Less of Me. All of Us.

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.

April 6, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Roy McCoy (on hospice at Fitchburg Health Care), Mary Monroe (Leominster Hospital), Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village), Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet, Margareta Sbacchi, 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), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

In Bereavement: The loved ones of Linda Oetman, who passed away Wednesday night. Info on her service will come later.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:20 PM, Friday 7:27 PM

Today	2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM MindFit (also Tuesday & Wednesday) 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.	6:00 PM King's Kids (Music Room) 6:00 PM Choose Wellness Topic Supper: Kids' Health 7:00 PM Camera Club 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	3:30 PM Feed the Hungry (WHEAT in Clinton) 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:15 AM Refresh 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Ralph Dawkins After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:30 PM Illuminaire Concert

MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH

TOMORROW, 3:00 PM | FBC, 111 PARK AVE. WORCESTER
by the Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra with the WPI choir.
Tickets @ ricco.org This will be a stirring concert by a huge choir and orchestra you will thoroughly enjoy! *Elijah* is one of the greatest oratorios ever composed.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

MEN'S MINISTRY BACKPACKING TRIP

APRIL 12-15 (PATRIOTS DAY WEEKEND)

We'll be section hiking a northern portion of the Midstate Trail starting at Camp Winnekeag. Please contact Mitchell Hall or Pastor Einar Rom by Wednesday, Apr, 10, if interested.

REFRESH

SABBATH, APR. 13, 9:15 AM | CHAPEL

Join us for our next refresh service. A beautiful time of reflection, meditation, prayer, and praise.

ELNORA KING MEMORIAL SERVICE

FRIDAY, APR. 19, 10:00 AM | YOUTH CHAPEL

This is a memorial gathering and tree planting ceremony in thankfulness for the life of Elnora King. All whose lives were touched by her are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association (alz.org) in her memory.

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 Vacation Bible School 2024! The main VBS is for ages birth-age 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.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY WEEK OF PRAYER APR. 8-12

- ✓ *Theme:* Our focus will be on evangelism and sharing the love of Jesus with others. Our goal is to spread His message of love, hope, and redemption throughout our community.
- ✓ *Friday, April 12:* School-wide Day of Service. A wonderful opportunity for our students to spread Jesus' love. We need chaperones and drivers to assist. If you can help, please contact our Chaplain Tom Nicholas, tnicholas@mysla.org.
- ✓ *Parent Week of Prayer:* Daily, 6:00-7:00 in the school chapel. We encourage parents to join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance and blessings for our school community.
- ✓ *Special Candlelight Week of Prayer Afterglow Vespers* for the entire school community: Friday, April 12. A beautiful time of reflection and worship as we celebrate our faith journey.

Ways to Keep Our Kids Healthy

April 11, 2024
College Church Fellowship Hall
Supper and Presentation 6-8 pm
337 Main Street, S. Lancaster, MA
This event is free!

Important Points -

- Exercise / outdoor time
- Impact of pollutants
- Screen time
- Vaccinations - pros/cons
- Energy drinks
- Healthy snacks/ diet

Sign up with this QR code, or go to www.ssn.net and click the blue N on the lower right.

It is important to register for the Kids' Health program so we can be sure to have enough food. This event is for both adults and kids.

GLÖ MOM COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

SUNDAY, APR. 13, 11:30-3:30 | CHAN MED. SCHOOL, WORC.

So far 105 families have registered with at least 50 more coming. We're inviting churches to donate cases of diapers, baby and maternity clothes, and other baby essentials by this Wednesday. Please consider supporting this ministry with an in-kind donation, or a tax-deductible monetary donation at glomom.org/donate. Questions? See Nicole Broushet.

FROM THE CC CATAMOUNTS PATHFINDER CLUB

Thank you for your prayers and helping us attend the International Camporee in August by becoming a Catamount Club sponsor, supporting our fundraising events, and making CC Budget contributions. We can't wait to share our stories in the fall. Donate via check or online (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024). ***Alexis, Annabel, Asa, Asher, David, Joshua, Kate, Sarah, Sebastian, Sofia, Teaghan, Wyatt, Zander. *Jill Hodson, jilldchodson@yahoo.com 781-799-8302.*

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.ssn.net, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jared Allain, Debora Argueta, Grace Bravo, Mandy Connor, Ralph Dawkins, Emmanuella Gibson, Nola Gifford, John Hodson, Marjorie Howes, Tina Jones, Marta Medina, Raymond Sauls, Darla Stong.

LINDA OETMAN'S PASSING

Linda fell asleep in Jesus' arms Wednesday night, April 3, after a three-year battle with cancer. We are so grateful for the texts, email messages, cards, food, flowers, overwhelming support, and especially for the prayers that have carried our family through these past few years. We are very much looking forward to that one day very soon when Jesus will come to wipe every tear from our eyes and take us home to be with Him forever. The date/time for Linda's Celebration of Life to follow in the coming weeks. *The Oetman Family*



ILLUMINARE: A VESPERS CONCERT

This concert will feature a collaboration with students from South Lancaster Academy, Assumption University Choirs, and Rhode Island College orchestra students. Each group will perform works alone and will collaborate together on a presentation of Elaine Hagenberg's "Illuminare," a bigger work that explores times of good that have been disrupted by darkness and confusion, but Light prevails and brings peace.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Regina Caeli (*Everett Titcomb*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 839
Daniel Thomas

HYMN OF PRAISE

520, He Hideth My Soul (*Kirkpatrick*)
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Mandy Connor

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Daniel Thomas

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: Mitchell Hall

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:20-21

Maya Thomas

MUSICAL SELECTION

Toccata in B minor (*Eugene Gigout*)

Andrew Sheranian, organ

LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

518, Standing on the Promises (*Carter*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

At Eastertide (*Charles Villiers Stanford*)

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.