

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

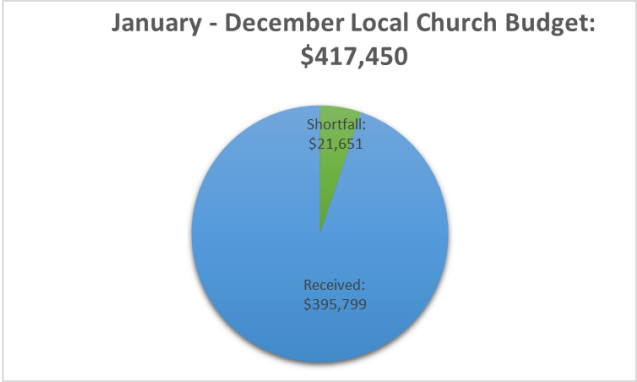
Dec. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$417,456.00	
Received	\$395,798.97*	\$395,798.97 *
Spent		(\$395,702.53)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$21,657.03)	\$96.44
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 12/2023		\$29,879.92
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$130,299.79
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$299,726.97

*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.



Church Family, We thank God for the generosity you showed in 2023. In '23 we carried a deficit each month. Thankfully, we ended with a much smaller deficit than expected, and had it not been for some unforeseen expenses, we may have had a surplus. So, the good news is that we have a well working HVAC system and we have removed the mold from our building. To do this, we now have a loan of just under \$300,000 ... much less than it could have been. The 2024 budget is being crafted now and we foresee a year of wonderful and meaningful events. Projects include upgrading our sanctuary video projector and replacing our exterior church sign on Main Street. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning and prayers. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Thank you, and may God lead us in 2024. *Pastor Einar*

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Jan. 27	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson
Feb. 3	Daniel Thomas	Dave Rawson
Feb. 10	Einar Rom	Marta Medina

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 restrooms 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. 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:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION: SLA is seeking to fill our half-time Development Director position. Responsibilities include:

- ✓ Management of our donor database
- ✓ School liaison to our Alumni Association
- ✓ Management of school fund-raising campaigns such as our BFE building project
- ✓ Work with the Treasurer in processing donations
- ✓ Helping manage our social media outlets
- ✓ Helping develop and implement fund-raising campaigns

If interested, please contact or send your resume to David Branum, Principal; principal@mysla.org; (978) 368-8544 x110.

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.

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.

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



Image by Cacilda Morris.

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January 27, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Julio Cruz (Jaslin Aubin’s father); Elnora King (Gardner Rehab); Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Mary Monroe (Leominster Rehab); Charmaine Bainum (Joyce Malin’s aunt); Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating in CA with family); 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; 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.

In Bereavement: Dan Linton Sr., who passed away at about 10 PM on Friday, Jan. 19. His memorial service was last night.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:55 PM, Friday 5:03 PM		
Today	6:30 PM	Ten Days of Prayer for Kids (nightly ‘til Jan. 31)
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting on Site
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
Tue.	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	3:15 PM	Kids’ Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King’s Kids
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Chapel)
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Fri.	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Sat.	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Daniel Thomas
		After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Adventurers, Pathfinders

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
This week’s conversation: “What is an effective approach to Bible study?” Presenter: Chaplain Elizabeth Castle. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.
✓ Please note the new time. We are now starting at 7:00.

KIDS’ MEETINGS
More info at wearecc.net/cc-kids.
✓ Ten Days of Prayer: Nightly Jan. 22–31, 6:00–6:30 PM, Zoom.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING
In: Sam Norford from Worcester Central Spanish
Out: Silas McKinney, Sr. to Decatur, GA
George and Linda Wade to Leitchfield, KY

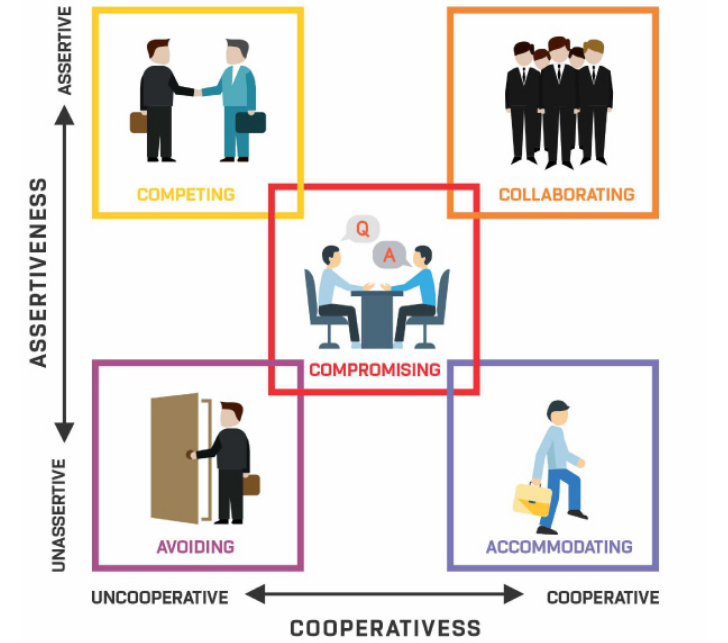
SNEC FAMILY MINISTRIES PRESENTS XTREME MARRIAGE
FEB. 9–11 | BOXBOROUGH REGENCY HOTEL
The presenters are César & Carolann De León, the directors of NAD Family Ministries. There are two different packages, with options for meals and overnight stays in the hotel. Register at www.sneconline.org/events.

FREE CONCERT SERIES
SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Join us for the February concert featuring baritone Christon Carney singing a beautiful program entitled “Langston Hughes, a Musical Inspiration.” Christon has sung on stages throughout the world including locally at Mechanics hall and with the Boston Lyric Opera. You won’t want to miss it!

- UPCOMING EVENTS FROM KARI RADFORD
- ✓ *Choose Wellness Heart Disease Focus:* Our first topic supper meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. Please invite people for this important topic.
 - ✓ *Women’s Ministry Sabbath Mar. 16:* We are having a guest speaker from Southern Adventist University. She will have the sermon and an afternoon program.

PATHFINDERS
Jill Hodson, Club Director: jilldchodson@yahoo.com, 781-799-8302.

- ✓ *Become a Club Sponsor:* The College Church Catamounts will be attending the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug., 2024, in Gillette, WY. Some members need help to attend. Donate via check (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024—Donation) or online under Pathfinders—Donation.
- ✓ *Fundraiser:* We’re collecting clothes and soft household textiles from now to March 10 to raise money for our Gillette Camporee trip. Used items must be in sellable condition. You may drop off bagged items at the church on Sunday, Feb. 11 (9:00–11:00 AM), and Sunday, Mar. 10 (4:00–6:00 PM).



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	

WINTER HELP FOR LANCASTER SENIORS
Can you shovel, snowblow, or plow a path or driveway? Lancaster seniors need help with snow removal, some of them so that Meals on Wheels can deliver. If you can volunteer, please contact Cécile Engeln at cecile.engeln@gmail.com or 978-855-8147 with your name, number, and how/where you can help.

YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS EVENT!
Tell Kirosha what you can do at <http://tinyurl.com/courage-2024>.

KINGDOM VOICE & MUSIC AND COLLEGE CHURCH PRESENT:
A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

COURAGE TO PERSEVERE
FEBRUARY 17 5:30 PM
College Church
337 Main St. South Lancaster MA

KIROSHA
LOIS DWIRA

UNITY CHOIR **KING'S KIDS** **K.V.O.G.**

JASPER

ART SHOW 5:30 PM Featuring Local Artists/Children
CONCERT 6:00 PM Featuring Music, Dance Theater and Spoken Word
FOOD TASTING 7:30 PM A Delicious Cultural Food Tasting

KINGDOM VOICE & MUSIC **COLLEGE CHURCH**

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560 (*J.S. Bach*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #856
Blanca Bruso

HYMN OF PRAISE
83, O Worship the King (*Lyons*)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Maggie Morisset

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Josephine Robertson
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: Josephine Robertson

SCRIPTURE
Responsive Reading #767
Cherri Sauls

MUSICAL SELECTION
Song without Words Op. 102, No. 6 “Faith” (*Felix Mendelssohn*)
Connie Drexler, piano

WHEN CHRISTIANS CLASH, COLLIDE, CONNECT, AND COLLABORATE
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
319, Lord, I Want To Be a Christian (*Spiritual*)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Postlude in G (*Gustav Merkel*)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.
Kevin Lyczak, organ

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