General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Feb. 28, 2023 Budaet Needed \$69,576.00 \$46,724.00* \$46,724.00* Received (\$46,668.88) Spent Surplus (Deficit) (\$22,852.00) \$55.12

Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

HVAC project fundraising balance: \$147,528.21

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. We believe God will bless us for it.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

Mar. 25	Kari Radford Einar Rom	
Apr. 1		
Apr 8	Faster Celebrati	

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER: 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster, 978-365-7152.

- √ Help for the Needy: On Tuesdays from 9:30 AM–noon you can pick up clothing and housewares. They request a small donation.
- ✓ House of Refuge: 7:00–8:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. Sermonette, music, testimonies. To take part in the service, call or text Becky Renzi at 978-870-0266.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Second Friday of the month at 3:30 PM. We prepare and serve food for the needy at WHEAT in Clinton.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Fourth 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.

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.

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).

SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast dealing with the Sabbath School lesson. You can find the episodes in the Messages section of our website, or on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. The episode for each Sabbath's lesson drops on Sunday morning.

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.
- ✓ SLA Alumni: Do we have your contact info, especially email? Contact us at alumni@mysla.org, or www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

AUC ALUMNI: Are you getting the latest info on alumni events? Visit AlumniofAUC.com to sign up for monthly emails. If you don't have email, you can get a special note from the Alumni Association.

✓ Alumni weekend is Apr. 14-16.

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 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.

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Giving

Find our Sabbath School podcast on our website, Spotify, and Apple

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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at http://wearecc.net.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Mon.-Wednesday 8:45 AM-12:30 PM, 1:30-3:00 PM

Hours: Friday: 8:45 AM-12:30 PM

It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the ofice administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.

Phone: 978-368-2130

Address: 337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561

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Einar Rom, Lead Pastor:

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Ed Collins, Office Administrator

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Michelle Lynn, Church Clerk (membership questions) clerk@wearecc.net

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers: treasurer@wearecc.net



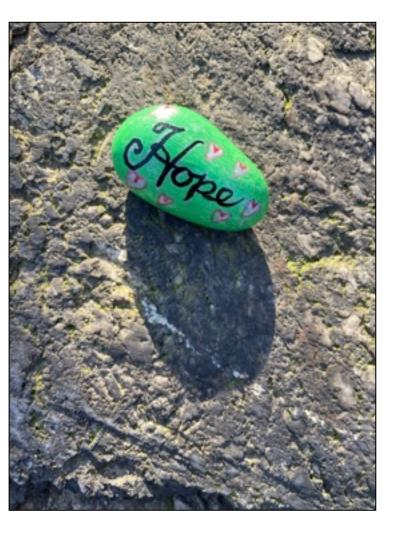


Image by a College Church member.

March 25, 2023

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Matt Bruso, Elnora King (who is back in Clinton), Lucy Santana and Roy McCoy (both at Fitchburg Health Care); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Beth Vecchione, Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom), Inigo Vega, Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, six members of the Schad family, Salma Prata and Solange Baia (Keila's mom and aunt); Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab); Rachel Gravelin, Dan Morris, Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

In Bereavement: the family of Pam Weisher, who passed away recently. We'll let you know about her services as soon as we can.

Week at a Glance. See the announcements or <u>wearecc.net</u> for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:06 PM, Friday 7:12 PM

Today 2:00 PM Soup and Bread Fellowship

7:00 PM Youth Game Night

Mon. 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)

7:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting

7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group

Tues. 7:00 PM Camera Club

9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)

Wed. 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

Thur. 3:30 PM Kids' Prayer Meeting

6:00 PM King's Kids

7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)

Fri. 7:30 PM Friday Night Study

Sat. 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)

10:00 AM Sabbath School (Various Locations)

11:15 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom

1:30 PM Adventurers 2:00 PM Pathfinders

KIDS' WORSHIP

TODAY, 11:15 AM | ONSITE AND ONLINE

Kids of all ages are invited to worship together. Meet God through songs, prayer, interactive Bible stories, creative crafts, learning about people around the world, and nature nuggets..

SOUP AND BREAD FELLOWSHIP

TODAY, 2:00–4:00 PM | VEGAN NEST, CLINTON

This new ministry will take place on the fourth Sabbath of each month as we invite the Clinton community to fellowship with us.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | IN PERSON & ONLINE

We're starting a new series, "Seven Questions that Rattle in the Minds of Most Men." We hope you can join us Monday @ 7:30 PM in the Youth Chapel. Zoom option available. Info at https://wearecc.net/ iron-sharpens-iron.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

TONIGHT, 7:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All youth are welcome. Games and food!

KIDS' PRAYER MEETING

THIS THURSDAY, 3:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & FELL. HALL

More info & registration: https://wearecc.net/cc-kids.

- ✓ 3:30–4:30 PM: Light early supper and activities.
- ✓ 4:30–5:30 PM: Worship, Bible study, prayer, crafts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming fast, and we need and want your help! We need to have enough volunteers for a safe and successful VBS, and not have to turn away kids. There's something for everyone to do, and each volunteer has a kingdom impact.

- ✓ Register to help at https://collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/vbs-helper-reg-2023, or contact Nicole at cckids@wearecc.net.
- ✓ If leading a crew, please register by Friday, Apr. 21.
- ✓ Planning Meeting: This Monday at 7:00 PM. For info, email Nicole at cckids@wearecc.net.

2023 DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- ✓ April 7: Agape Supper
- ✓ April 8: Easter Celebration
- ✓ April 14–16: AUC Alumni Weekend. Friday night: Craft vespers.
- ✓ April 21: Sight and Sound, *Jesus*
- ✓ April 28: Overflow Worship
- ✓ June 2–4: SLA Graduation weekend

AGAPE SUPPER

FRIDAY, APR. 7, 7:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We'd like to get an idea of how much food to prepare, so if you're coming, would you please fill out this short form by Mar. 31? https://collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/agape-supper-registration.

REFRESH

SABBATH, APR. 8, 9:15 AM | CHAPEL

Join us for a brief praise and worship service. All are welcome.

EASTER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

SABBATH, APR. 8, 11:10 AM | SANCTUARY

Our Easter service will remember those we have lost recently as we look forward to the resurrection. If your loved one passed away since Apr. 15, 2022, go to https://wearecc.net and click the brown Remembrance banner at the top to have their name read aloud.

✓ Easter Breakfast: We will also have a potluck breakfast that day, starting at 9:30 AM. Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite breakfast dish ready to share. Please Note: there will be no Sabbath School that day.

EASTER CRAFT VESPERS AND SIGHT AND SOUND: *JESUS* FRIDAY, APR. 14 & 21, RESPECTIVELY

At the He Is Risen Easter Craft Vespers we will worship together and make Easter origami. All ages are welcome, and finger food will be served. Sight and Sound: *Jesus* will be like our David and Ruth movie nights, also with refreshments. Please register for either event at https://collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/april-2023-vespers.

AUC ALUMNI WEEKEND WORCESTER RED SOX GAME SUNDAY, APR. 16, 1:05 PM | POLAR PARK, WORCESTER

AUC alumni are invited to see the WooSox with us. Reserve your \$25 tickets by Mar. 31 at www.alumniofauc.com.

EASTER PLAY: JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE

SABBATH, APR. 29, DURING THE WORSHP SERVICE

We need help with actors and setting up. If you can help, please contact Megan Jones at gmt2025@gmail.com or Keila Mejia at keilamejia12@gmail.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.



CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Downstairs:	Upstairs:		
Newborn-Age 2	Grades 4-5 (Juniors)		
Age 3-Kindergarten	Grades 6–8 (Early Teens)		
Grades 1-3 (Primary)	Grades 9–12 (Youth)		
CLASSES FOR ADULTS			
Bible Journaling	Fellowship Hall	Multiple teachers	
The "Cheers" Class	Fellowship Hall	Ralph Gifford III	
Young Adults	Young Adult Room	Multiple teachers	
Blatt, Radford	Training Chapel		
Spanish	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers	
Livestream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers	
Robertson	Conference Room		

MISSION: IT'S POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER

SNEC is going to Jamaica Apr. 13–23 for multiple ministries. Support us by donating to SNEC Youth Ministries, 34 Sawyer Street, Lancaster, MA 01523 (checks payable to SNEC Youth Ministries, put MIP on the memo line). To give toward a specific person (Sarah Bravo, Anya Neidigh, Maya Williams), attach a sticky note with their name to the check.

COLLECTING CLOTHES FOR CLINTON

We are collecting new boys and girls tee shirts, shorts and sweatpants in sizes 4–12 for the Clinton Elementary School students. Please put items in the bin outside the church office by Mar. 25, or you can contribute funds via tithe envelope (Clinton School kids). Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you graduating from high school this spring, or do you know someone who is? Please let us know at https://forms.gle/y16q5VvgN5sfyY8z7 so that the CC prayer shawl team can make you one for graduation this year!

MUSIC NOTES

Gwenyth Walker, a New England native, writes this about her piece:

To hold in the light is a Quaker phrase – a blessing offered in prayer. One entrusts another to God's care. We hold in the light those whom we love. And we also hold in the light those whom we do not know, yet wish to protect.

This music combines patterns of light (alternating pitches, spreading outward like beams of light) with tenderness (gentle melodies, often in the lower and warmer ranges of the strings). There is much close interaction between the instruments, as if comforting one another.

I hold in the light my fellow citizens who are in peril – either from storms, or from divisive persecution. I hold in the light those who are brave enough to stand up for peace and equality

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME, OFFERING, & ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:10 AM)

Einar Rom

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

Loose offerings go to local church budget; please put in the boxes by the doors.

PRELUDE (11:15 AM)

Prelude on An Old Folk Tune (Amy Beach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #787 Evelyn Rodrigue

HYMN OF PRAISE

615, Rise Up O Church of God (Festal Song) Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S STORY

CC Kids with Nicole Broushet and Arielle Cady Flores

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: 482, Father, Lead Me Day by Day (sung twice)
Father, lead me day by day, ever in Thine own sweet way
Teach me to be pure and true; show me what I ought to do
Prayer:

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13, 14, 22 Keila Mejia

MUSICAL SELECTION

Benediction: To Hold in the Light (Gwenyth Walker)
Arielle Cady Flores, violín; Emma DeMartino, cello;
Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

A LASTING RIPPLE EFFECT

Kari Radford

Kari is our women's ministry leader and one of our elders.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

573, I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go (Rounsefell)

BENEDICTION

Kari Radford

POSTLUDE

The Old Chapel by Moonlight (Amy Beach)

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.