

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

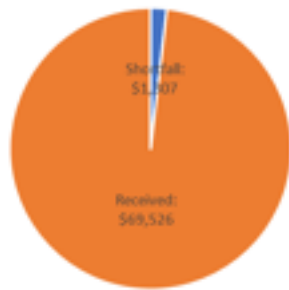
*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

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. 13	Ralph Dawkins	Cameron Loss
Apr. 20	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson
Apr. 27	Roger Prather	Dave Rawson

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.



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 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
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clerk@wearecc.net

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

treasurer@wearecc.net

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

The Hopeful is the story of the beginning of the SDA church. We are going this Wednesday, Apr. 17 @ 7:00 PM. Please meet at the theater: 591 Donald Lynch Blvd., Marlborough, MA. If you need a ride or can offer a ride, please indicate that when you sign up on our website (use the blue-and-white N in the lower right corner of any page of our site).

✓ Register by 9:00 AM on Monday for the group rate. If you don't get the group rate, window tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.50 for kids 11 and under.

Bulletin



Giving



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Cacilda Morris.

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 13, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Roy McCoy (on hospice at Fitchburg Health Care), Mary Monroe (home), 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.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:28 PM, Friday 7:35 PM

Today	Glō Mom Community Baby Shower After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:30 PM Illuminare Concert
Mon.	Happy Patriots' Day! Church Office Closed 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	7:00 PM Nominating Committee 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 <i>The Hopeful Movie</i> , Marlborough 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM King's Kids (Music Room) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	10:00 AM Elnora King Memorial Service 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 Service: Einar Rom 7:00 PM Free Concert Series

REFRESH

TODAY, 9:15 AM | CHAPEL

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

GLŌ MOM COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

TODAY, 11:30-3:30 | CHAN MED. SCHOOL, WORC.

So far 105 families have registered with at least 50 more coming. Please consider supporting this ministry with an in-kind donation or a tax-deductible monetary donation at glomom.org/donate. Questions? See Nicole Broushet.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

ELNORA KING MEMORIAL SERVICE

THIS FRIDAY, 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.



ILLUMINARE: A VESPERS CONCERT

TODAY, 2:30 PM | SANCTUARY

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.



FREE CONCERT SERIES

International award-winning guitarist Thatcher Harrison returns to the concert series for the second year in a row. He will explore works by classic composers as well as his own newly composed works. Thatcher is known for beautiful, layered playing, ranging from simple melodies to virtuosic solos. You won't want to miss this fantastic, free concert! Reception to follow.

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



CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

APRIL 28, 12:00-3:00 PM | 31 MAIN STREET, STERLING

To register contact debrajloss@juno.com If you can't attend but would like to donate some items, please let Debra know.

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.

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.

SUMMER PICNICS ARE COMING!

If you can host a fellowship picnic after church this summer, please contact Sif at themuchiuttis@gmail.com or 978-621-2015.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

See foyer video display for more info.

- ✓ *Real Me Seminar for Girls:* April 13, 2:00 PM grades 4 & 5, April 27 - 2:00 PM Grades 6 & 7.
- ✓ *Book Drive:* Through April 23. Drop off your books at SLA Monday-Friday.
- ✓ *Group Class for Beginner Strings* (violin, viola, cello and bass) through May 16. SLA students \$60, non-SLA students \$90.
- ✓ *Bus Drivers Wanted:* We need drivers with Class B-CDL licenses with air brake & passenger endorsement and medical certificate to drive our bus for day trips, afternoon/evening games, etc. CORI/SORI and background check required. Please send your resume to Ollyce Gardner at vp@mysla.org.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major "The 9/8" (BWV 547) (J.S. Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 876
Roger Prather

HYMN OF PRAISE

569, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Showalter)
SLA Students, leaders

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Ray Sauls

MUSICAL SELECTION

The Watches of the Night (Grace Brigham)
SLA and Assumption University Vocé singers,
Lira S. Cady and Dr. Brad Dumont, directors

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Cameron Loss

Special Offering: Hope Channel International (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

1 Sam 18:1-4
Gianna Flores

MUSICAL SELECTION

Caritas (Elaine Hagenberg)
SLA and Assumption University Vocé singers

CAN WE BE FRIENDS?

Ralph Dawkins
Ralph is a retired businessman, teacher, and school administrator.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

499, What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Converse)

BENEDICTION

Ralph Dawkins

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major (BWV 547) (J.S. Bach)
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.