

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.



We thank God for your generosity in 2023. We carried a deficit each month. Thankfully, we ended with a much smaller one than expected, and had it not been for 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 Main Street church sign. 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

Feb. 10	Einar Rom	Marta Medina
Feb. 17	Einar Rom	Nicole Broushet
Feb. 24	Bill Knott	Horacio Castro

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.*

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, Lunenburg, 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.

EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ Spring elementary/secondary scholarships for SLA or home school: Apply at <https://wearecc.net/three-way> by Feb.

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](https://wearecc.net/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.
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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 Evelyn Cunningham.

**“To be loved but not known is superficial.
To be known but not loved is our nightmare.
Only Jesus knows us to the bottom
and loves us to the sky.”**

– Tim Keller (1950-2023)

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February 10, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe (home); Elnora King (Gardner Rehab); Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; 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: The family of Julio Cruz (Jaslin Aubin's dad), who passed away Jan. 31 at the age of 80. His services will be in Florida at a later date. Also, the family of Jason Denio (Ashleigh Denio's dad), who passed away unexpectedly Monday.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:13 PM, Friday 5:21 PM		
Today	7:00 PM	Free Concert Series
Sun.	9:00 AM	Pathfinder Clothing Collection
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.		Happy Valentine's Day!
	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King's Kids
	7:00 PM	SLA Board
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	10:00 AM	Sterling Village Ministry
	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:00 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
	After Church	Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	4:00 PM	Pathfinders
	5:30 PM	Courage to Persevere

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
This week's conversation: How should we understand parables in the Scriptures? What role do they play in our spiritual experience? 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>.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS NEXT SABBATH
Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 and potluck after church (members, please bring a dish). Come hungry! Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.



FREE CONCERT SERIES
TODAY, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY
Featuring tenor 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.

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 4-6 (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	

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES
Are you or someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? Please let us know so that the College Church Prayer Shawl team can make a Prayer Shawl for graduation this year! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!
Tell Kirosha what you can do at <http://tinyurl.com/courage-2024>.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Fugue in F Major (BWV 540) (Johann Sebastian Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #869
Mary Meade-Montaque

HYMN OF PRAISE
229, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Coronation)
Ralph Dawkins, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY
Rick Wall

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Ralph Gifford III
Special Offering: Adventist TV Ministries Evangelism (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: Ralph Gifford III

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 1:13-18
Blanca Bruso

MUSICAL SELECTION
The Wonder of it All (George Beverly Shea)
Alex Bezerra

LET US MEET AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP ON OUR KNEES
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
311, I Would Be Like Jesus (Ackley)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Toccata in F major (BWV 540) (Johann Sebastian Bach)
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.