# **General Information**

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Mar. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$104,364.00	
Received	\$71,846.75*	\$71,846.75*
Spent		(\$71,805.48)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$32,517.25)	\$41.27

\*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.

# 2023 Jan-Mar Church Budget: 104,364



Received: 71847 Shortfall: 32517

## SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Apr. 29	Einar Rom	Nicole Broushet
May 6	Einar Rom	Keila Mejia
May 13	Josephine Robertson	Cameron Loss

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at <u>bulletin@wearecc.net</u>. 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.

 $\checkmark$  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 <u>https://wearecc.net/local-tv</u>.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS, go to <u>https://wearecc.net/flowers</u>.

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, 272 High St., 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 <u>Messages</u> section of our website, or on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. The episode for each Sabbath's lesson drops on Sunday morning.

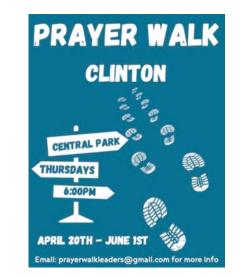
# **Education & Music**

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, <u>www.mysla.org</u>.

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

AUC ALUMNI: Are you getting the latest info on alumni events? Visit <u>AlumniofAUC.com</u> to sign up for monthly emails. If you don't have email, you can get 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 <u>ThayerConservatory.org</u>.



# **Online Services**

<u>HTTPS://WEARECC.NET</u> 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.



Search for collegechurchofsda on **Paulube** []

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

# **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 <u>http://wearecc.net</u>.

# CHURCH OFFICE:

U	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM 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
Mail:	PO Box 877, South Lancaster, MA 01561-0877

Einar Rom, Lead Pastor:

erom@sneconline.org 978-706-1930 home 978-833-4308 mobile

Ed Collins, Office Administrator

office@wearecc.net (general communication) bulletin@wearecc.net (bulletin submissions)

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

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers: <u>treasurer@wearecc.net</u>



Bulletin





"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:35–39, New Living Testament

# The Church at Work

# PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King, Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Health Care); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); 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 John Cameron, who we just learned passed away on Mar. 2. His wife, Mary, now lives at Life Care of Nashoba Valley.

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

### South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:45 PM, Friday 7:52 PM

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Today	1:30 PM	Adventurers
	2:00 PM	Pathfinders
	2:00 PM	Soup and Bread Fellowship
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:30 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tues.	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.	6:30 PM	Young Adult Supper/Discussion
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	8:00 AM	Easter Play Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (Various Locations)
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom

### ADVENTURERS TODAY, 1:30 PM

### SOUP AND BREAD FELLOWSHIP TODAY, 2:00–4:00 PM | THE VEGAN NEST

This ministry takes place on the fourth Sabbath of each month as we invite the Clinton community to fellowship with us. 54 High St., Clinton, MA.

## PATHFINDERS

# TODAY, 2:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

General meeting today. Our club will attend the SNEC Fall Camporee Thursday–Sunday, Sept 14–17, 2023 at Camp Winnekeag. Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the first Pathfinder Camporee. *Jill Hodson, Club Director* 

✓ Important: Today is the last day to sign up with me if you want to attend the Fall Camporee at the early bird price.

# IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE We're studying "Seven Questions that Rattle in the Minds of Most Men." We hope you can join us. Info & Zoom login at

https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron.

# MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING

In: Tom Bloom from Avon Park, FL

Samarie Mojica from Efeso Spanish, Midfield, AL

Out: Kevin Bisson to Crosswalk Company, West Boylston, MA Liza Brown to the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL Vanderlei Cunha to Lancaster, MA Brazilian Michael Kelley to the La Sierra University Church, Riverside, CA Alexa Muchiutti to the Loma Linda University Church, Loma Linda, CA

# KIDS' PRAYER MEETING

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

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

✓ 3:30-4:30 PM: Light early supper and activities.

✓ 4:30–5:30 PM: Worship, Bible study, prayer, crafts.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | RYAN & RAYE HOUGH'S HOME Join us at 16 Atlantic Ave., Fitchburg.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE SABBATH, MAY 6, 3:30–5:00 PM | SLA CHAPEL

Calling all children to join us for an interactive and engaging time learning about Biblical figures and ways to use our faith and the Word of God. Haystack dinner. 198 George Hill Rd., Lancaster.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1:00 PM | WORCESTER ART MUSEUM On the first Sunday of each month it's free.

### GALA ORGAN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 8:00 PM | 111 PARK AVENUE, WORCESTER Featuring Wesley Hall and William Ness. Free.

# SUMMER PICNICS

July 1, 15, and 29 are picnic dates that still need hosts. For info, contact Sif at <u>themuchiuttis@gmail.com</u> or 978-621-2015.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

vb-helper-reg-2023, or contact Nicole at <u>ccids@wearecc.net</u>.

✓ SNEC VBS Training Session: Sunday, May 7, from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Youth Chapel.

# CHOOSE WELLNESS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON

This is an exciting outreach adventure that takes a lot of planning. We need your help by volunteering and donating. If you use Adventist Giving (<u>wearecc.net/give</u>), tap/click "add other" at the bottom of the Local Church section to find Choose Wellness. We're still looking for people to be part of the planning committee.

# RAY SAULS' COMMUNITY GARDEN STARTING UP

If anyone wants a garden plot, Ray will be plowing and disking the property this Thursday and Friday, weather permitting. Now is the time to plant peas and cold-tolerant plants. Things like tomatoes and squash require warm weather, and planting should be held for Memorial Day weekend.

- ✓ If you take a right out of the church parking lot, then a left at the next intersection and go under the railroad bridge, the garden is a few hundred feet down on the right.
- ✓ For info, contact the church office.

# 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	en Grades 7–8 (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	Multiple teachers		
Spanish	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers		
Livestream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers		
Robertson	Conference Room			

# 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 <u>https://forms.gle/</u><u>y16q5VvgN5sfyY8z7</u> so that the CC prayer shawl team can make you one for graduation!

## JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE TEAM

## Cast in Order of Appearance

Narrator: Blanca Bruso Mary, Mother of Jesus: Cécile Engeln Mary Magdalene: Judy Stillwell Martha: Jaslin Aubin Disciple: Alan Morisset KVOG (Kingdom Voices of Glory): Kirosha Sidelca, director Piano: Ropiario Junior Soldiers: Christopher De Andrade, Mitchell Hall Evil Angels: Maggie Morisset, Keila Mejia Holy Angels: Melissa Abreu, Sofia Maskewich, Arensa Morisset Satan: Amy De Andrade Gabriel: Cameron Loss Jesus: Jonathan Bissell

# **Technical Staff**

Director, Stage, Costumes: Keila Mejia Assistant Director & Sound Effects: Megan Jones Assistant Director: Mariyan Montaque Lighting Effects: Ralph Gifford III Lighting & Fog Assistant: Matthew Bruso Sound Director: Ed Collins Stage: Ricardo Muchiutti, Einar Rom,

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# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

### PASTORAL WELCOME

Einar Rom

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

1 John 5:11–13 Nicole Broushet

### HYMN OF PRAISE

12, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn to Joy) Kristie Stevenson, leader

### MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

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

### 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:* Caleb Bastien

### SCRIPTURE

Rom. 8:35–39 NLT Valencia Broushet

### SEPARATED FROM LOVE? NOT ON GOD'S WATCH

Einar Rom Einar is our lead pastor.

### JESUS THE CHOSEN ONE: RESURRECTION SCENE

Don't You Cry (Kirk Franklin) Hosanna (Kirk Franklin)

### BENEDICTION

Keila Mejia

### POSTLUDE

Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Anthony Topper, organ