

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



Praise God. Our Local Church Budget is doing well for the first two months of 2024. So, what does the Church Budget Cover? Funny you were to ask: Landscape costs, snow removal, utilities, kitchen supplies, bathroom supplies, internet connection, church website, copier expenses, Sabbath School magazines for our kids, VBS, and so much more. Note: The March report will be presented to the church board on Tuesday evening and those figures will be published in next week's bulletin. You can donate with a tithe envelope, or online at <https://wearecc.net/give>. *Pastor Einar*

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Apr. 20	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson
Apr. 27	Roger Prather	Dave Rawson
May 4	Einar Rom	Marta Medina

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

Bulletin



Giving



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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2024-25 Church Goals

- ✓ **Goal 1:** Actively engage CC children, youth, young adults, and adults in a variety of opportunities to deepen their faith relationship and outreach to our community.
- ✓ **Goal 2:** Prioritize the education of CC children, youth, young adults to identify their abilities and to nurture their use of those abilities in providing love and service within and outside of the church.
- ✓ **Goal 3:** Proactively engage in meeting the needs of our community.



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Debbie Rawson.

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 20, 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, 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 7:36 PM, Friday 7:43 PM

Today	7:00 PM Free Concert Series
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group 7:00 PM Finance Committee
Tue.	7:00 PM Church Board 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 (Music Room) 7:00 PM Camera Club 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	12:00 PM SLA Car Wash (parking lot) 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner 3:00 PM Adventurers 3:00 PM Pathfinders 3:00 PM ACTS Training (Fellowship Hall)

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

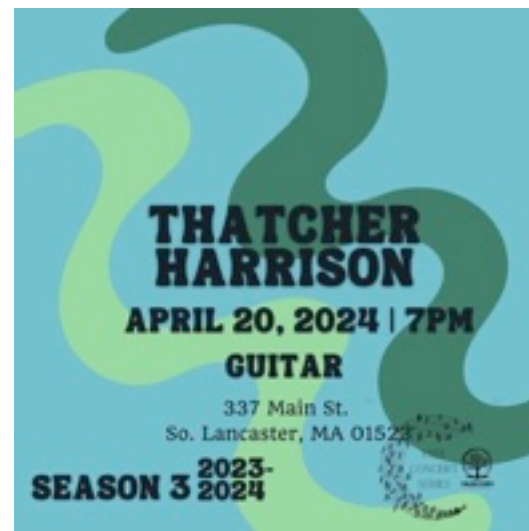
APRIL 28, 12:00-3:00 PM | 31 MAIN STREET, STERLING

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

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BLOODMOBILE

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

There currently is a national blood shortage and we need around 40 donors to sign up. We will provide the link by next week. This is coordinated by Amalia Hough, who is a senior at SLA. Your support would be greatly appreciated!



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.

FREE COLLEGE SKILLS PROGRAM

APRIL 21, 3:30PM-4:30 PM | ONLINE

For young adults, college students, and high school students. Includes scholarship tools, time management, and other practical tools. Sponsored by the Village Church. Log in at bit.ly/effect421.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: ESTHER

FRIDAY, MAY 3: SUPPER 5:00 PM, MOVIE 5:30 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she walked through those palace doors. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Please sign up at <http://wearecc.net>.

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.

LINDA OETMAN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1:00 PM | SANCTUARY

We hope you will join us as we fondly remember a life well-lived, and look forward in hope to the promise of a reunion with eternal tomorrows.

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.

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



SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

See foyer video display for more info.

- ✓ **Book Drive:** Through April 23. Drop off your books at SLA Monday-Friday.
- ✓ **Real Me Seminar for Girls:** April 27 - 2:00 PM Grades 6 & 7.
- ✓ **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 for day trips, afternoon/evening games, etc. CORI/SORI and background check required. Please send your resumé to Ollyce Gardner at vp@mysla.org.

QUOTATION

"For those following Jesus passionately in their daily lives, it takes an emotional connection, an experiential identification, a sensory awareness, a creative imagination, a spiritual engagement with the living Christ. For [John] Wesley, the "Method" of Methodism was never meant to be an organizational scheme, but a missional, relational, incarnational regimen of living Christ out loud in every part of life. Methodists didn't just spout Jesus, the shouted Jesus, and everyone who met them saw Jesus in them."

- Leonard Sweet, *The Greatest Story Never Told*, p.92



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Pastorale (Everett Titcomb)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 843
Darla Stong

HYMN OF PRAISE

518, Standing on the Promises (Carter)
Ofelia Maskewich, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

David Beall

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Josephine Robertson

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

Galatians 3:1-7

Maguy Florivae

MUSICAL SELECTION

As the Deer (Martin Nystrom)

Kate Hodson, piano

HAVE WE PUT THE EMPHASIS ON THE WRONG SYLLABLE?

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

338 Redeemed! (Butler)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Chant Pastorale (Theodore Dubois)

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.