

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.



Church Family: We thank God for the generosity you showed in 2023. In '23 we carried a deficit each month. Thankfully, we ended with a much smaller deficit than expected, and had it not been for some 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 exterior church sign on Main Street. 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. 3	Daniel Thomas	Dave Rawson
Feb. 10	Einar Rom	Marta Medina
Feb. 17	Einar Rom	Nicole Broushet

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto: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 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](http://www.mysla.org).  
✓ *Newsletter:* [www.mysla.org/school-newsletter](http://www.mysla.org/school-newsletter).  
✓ *Alumni:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at [www.slaalumni.org](http://www.slaalumni.org). We also post on Facebook.

EDUCATION GRANTS:

- ✓ Elementary/secondary scholarships for SLA or home school: Apply at <https://wearecc.net/three-way>.
- ✓ **DEADLINE THIS WEEK:** The SNE Conference has scholarships for those pursuing a bachelor or associate degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/mprcm5fb> by Feb. 9, 2024.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING / ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS  
**Application Deadline: Feb. 9.** Funds are limited and are disbursed first-come, first-served. Get more info and apply at <http://tinyurl.com/yk7jujuy>. You can also visit the [SNEC Education Facebook](#) page.

AUC ALUMNI: Sign up for monthly emails at [AlumniofAUC.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.
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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 Debbie Rawson.

Love. Grow. Serve.

February 3, 2024



The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Mary Monroe (home); Julio Cruz (Jaslin Aubin's father); 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; David Bruso (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's father) and Rachel Sather (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's sister); 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 Charmaine Bainum (Joyce Malin's aunt), who passed away just minutes before Sabbath started on Jan. 26. She was loved by all who met her. Please lift up her loved ones in their grief.

**Week at a Glance.** See the announcements or [wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net) for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:04 PM, Friday 5:11 PM	
Today	After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> ) 7:00 PM Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
Tue.	7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Wed.	9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website) 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 3:15 PM Kids' Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM King's Kids 7:00 PM Camera Club (FH) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	3:30 PM Feed the Hungry 6:30 PM Young Adult Supper/Discussion 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> ) 10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom 7:00 PM Free Concert Series

HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP DINNER

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite haystack toppings ready to serve.

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation: What does it mean to be "created in the image of God"? Our guest presenter is Pastor Brenda Billings, and she requests that everyone have a picture of one or both of your parents for the meeting. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at [wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals](http://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>.

✓ Please note the new time. We are now starting at 7:00.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

**In:** Sam Norford from Worcester Central Spanish

**Out:** Silas McKinney, Sr. to Decatur, GA  
George and Linda Wade to Leitchfield, KY

KIDS' PRAYER MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY, 3:15 PM | KINDERGARTEN ROOM

More info at [wearecc.net/cc-kids](http://wearecc.net/cc-kids).

FREE CONCERT SERIES

SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Featuring baritone 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!

PATHFINDERS

Jill Hodson, Club Director: [jilldchodson@yahoo.com](mailto:jilldchodson@yahoo.com), 781-799-8302.

✓ *Become a Club Sponsor:* The College Church Catamounts will be attending the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug., 2024, in Gillette, WY. Some members need help to attend. Donate via check (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024—Donation) or online under Pathfinders—Donation.

✓ *Fundraiser:* We're collecting clothes and soft household textiles from now to March 10 to raise money for our Gillette Camporee trip. Used items must be in sellable condition. You may drop off bagged items at the church on Sunday, Feb. 11 (9:00–11:00 AM), and Sunday, Mar. 10 (4:00–6:00 PM).

ANDREW SHERANIAN INTERVIEW

A couple of weeks ago Sterling-Lancaster Community Television filmed an interview in our sanctuary with our wonderful organist, Andrew Sheranian, and it premiered on their YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/@slct](http://www.youtube.com/@slct)) last night. It will also air on SLCTV (Comcast channel 8) Monday, Feb. 5 through Sunday, Feb. 11 at 6:00 PM.



THE SLA LADY CRUSADERS ARE CHAMPS AGAIN!

They won the championship at the 2024 SWAU Hoops Classic. This makes them back-to-back champions of this tournament. The boys, who also won last year, this year went 5-1 and took third place. Several players and coaches on these teams are CC members.



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at [wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options](http://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Get free study guides at [www.ssnet.org](http://www.ssnet.org), download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.

Lesson



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	

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.

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

Air (from Suite for Organ) (Florence Price)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Isaiah 54:17  
Mariyan Montaque

HYMN OF PRAISE

363, Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (Beach Spring)  
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Kirosha Sidelca

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mariyan Montaque

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:* Dave Rawson

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:12  
Danielly Canabrava

MUSICAL SELECTION

Adoration (Florence Price)  
Andrew Sheranian, organ

FINALLY, MY BRETHREN/SPIRITUAL WAR

Daniel Thomas

*Daniel is one of our elders.*

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

BENEDICTION

Daniel Thomas

POSTLUDE

Toccato (Suite for Organ) (Florence Price)

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.