

## General Information

### CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

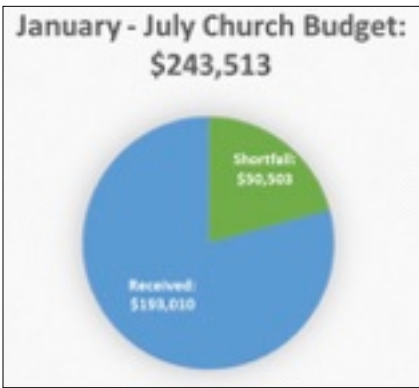
July 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$243,516.00	
Received	\$193,009.59*	\$193,009.59*
Spent		(\$192,982.16)
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$50,506.41)</b>	<b>\$27.43</b>
HVAC Project Monthly Income		\$10,471.38
HVAC Project Fundraising Target Balance		\$94,680.07

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

**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.



We voted in business meeting to authorize borrowing up to \$425,000 to cover the HVAC upgrades and mold removal process. That work is moving forward quickly, and details on how to pay that loan down will be forthcoming. Our July local church budget receipts were healthy, and the tithe receipts were slightly higher than last year. Please continue to remember your stewardship planning in your prayers as we move forward into the second half of 2023.

### SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Sept. 16	Ralph Gifford III	Roger Prather
Sept. 23	Alejandro Urbina	Margarita Merriman
Sept. 30	Bob Folkenberg (SNEC President)	Mariyan Montaque

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, and West Boylston cable TV. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

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.

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.

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.

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

### EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ Scholarships for those attending South Lancaster Academy (all levels) and home school. Info at <https://wearecc.net/three-way>.

**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.

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 our website. *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 Sabbath School 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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at <http://wearecc.net>.

### CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM <i>It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.</i>
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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

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Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH

of Seventh-day Adventists

Love. Grow. Serve.



Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

September 16, 2023



The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Dennis Williams, Victor Broushet, Nicole Broushet, Ray Dow, The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, 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.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:57 PM, Friday 6:46 PM			
Today	All Day	Pathfinder Camporee @ Camp Winnekeag	
	After Church	Potluck Fellowship Dinner	
	2:00 PM	Adventurers	
Sun.	10:00 AM	Choose Wellness Health Fair	
Mon.	7:00 PM	Finance Committee	
	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )	
Tue.	7:00 PM	Church Board	
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)	
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	
Thur.	6:00 PM	King’s Kids (Music Room)	
	7:00 PM	SLA Board	
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)	
Fri.	6:30 PM	Young Adult Vespers	
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study	
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )	
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School	
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Alejandro Urbina	
	6:30 PM	Mental Health Seminar (sponsored by YA group)	

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

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.

PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

Our College Church Catamounts are camping this weekend at Camp Winnekeag, at the SNEC Pathfinder Camporee. We are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Pathfinder Camporees, held first at Camp Winnekeag in 1953.

ADVENTURERS

**TODAY, 2:00 PM | KINDERGARTEN, BEGINNERS, PRIMARY ROOM**  
The Adventurers are back! We will meet from 2:00–4:00 after potluck. The age range is 3 years–4th grade.

CHOOSE WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR

**TOMORROW, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON**  
We still need a few people to help set up and tear down. Please contact Kari at 508-317-2400 if you can do so.

- ✓ You can donate in a tithe envelope or by clicking “More Offering Categories” at the bottom of the Local Church section of Adventist Giving. Choose Wellness is an option near the bottom.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP  
**THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE**  
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>

SNEC EVENTS AT CAMP WINNEKEAG  
See [www.sneconline.org/events](http://www.sneconline.org/events) for more info.

- ✓ Ministry of Healing: This Friday.
- ✓ Group Crisis Intervention Provider II: Sept. 29
- ✓ Seat of Wholeness (men’s ministry): Oct. 6–8
- ✓ 1st Annual SNEC Spiritual Revival Retreat: Oct. 20–22

ENRICH YOUR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING  
If you have an hour a week, Note Dame Hospice patients and Pedi Pals could use your company and support. Please contact Debbie Towne at 508.852.5505 x1110 or [dtowne@notredamehealthcare.org](mailto:dtowne@notredamehealthcare.org).

GREETER MINISTRY

If you are looking for a way to serve your church and you're able to commit/volunteer once a month, then please join our College Church greeting team. For more information you can contact the church office to connect with Judy Stillwell (Greeting Team Leader), and you'll be provided with a phone number/email. Let's continue to Love, Grow, & Serve.

NEW PROJECTOR?

We live in an age of video, and our projector has served us well, but it is clear that we need a higher lumen and higher resolution projector. If you want to help with this project, please note 'video projector' on your tithe envelope or on Adventist Giving through our church website. Thank you.

PASTOR EINAR ON VACATION

He’s away with his family through September 28. He’ll check email regularly.

LAY PEW BIBLES FLAT

When placing the pew Bibles, please place them flat rather than on the edge. Setting them on edge destroys the bindings, as it did to the one in the picture. Thanks!



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at [wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options](https://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

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	

THANK YOU FROM THE VEGAS AND DEB GIFFORD  
To all who contributed to Inigo Vega's celebration of life and reception: Your contribution of physical labor, flowers, refreshments, and monetary donations helped make the celebration and reception happen with love, beauty and efficiency. Thank you for serving the Lord through this ministry and for being a part of this team. Alfonso and Lyndell expressed their deep gratitude and asked us to pass it along to everyone.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

*Please silence all devices.*

**PASTORAL WELCOME**  
Ralph Gifford III

PRELUDE

Prélude et Fugue in F Minor, Op. 72: II. Fugue (*Marcel Dupré*)

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**  
Ephesians 3:16–19  
Daniel Thomas

HYMN OF PRAISE

348, The Church Has One Foundation (*Aurelia*)  
Ralph Dawkins, leader

**LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY**  
Ray Sauls

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Roger Prather, Kimi-Roux James, ADRA  
*Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayer Song (sing twice):* 684, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (*Whelpton*)  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.  
*Prayer:* Cameron Loss

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:4–6  
Mitchell Hall

MUSICAL SELECTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You  
Arensa

FENCES OR FOOD?

Ralph Gifford III  
*Ralph is our lead elder.*

HYMN OF DEDICATION

587, In Christ There Is No East nor West (*St. Peter*)

BENEDICTION

Ralph Gifford III

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata in B-Flat Major, Op. 65, No. 4, BWV W59:  
IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace (*Felix Mendelssohn*)  
*Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.*

Kevin Lyczak, organ

*We record our services for broadcast and streaming, and we may include your image. CCLI#s 1364543, CSPL032559.*

