

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

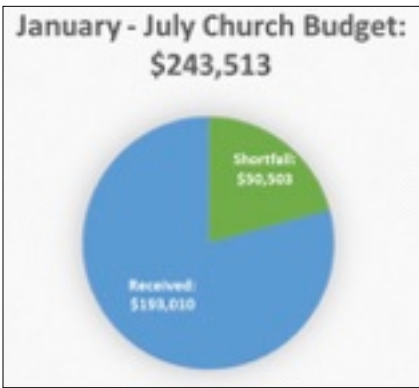
July 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$243,516.00	
Received	\$193,009.59*	\$193,009.59*
Spent		(\$192,982.16)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$50,506.41)	\$27.43
HVAC Project Monthly Income		\$10,471.38
HVAC Project Fundraising Target Balance		\$94,680.07

*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. 23	Alejandro Urbina	Margarita Merriman
Sept. 30	Bob Folkenberg (SNEC President)	Mariyan Montaque
Oct. 7	TBA, SLA Alumni Weekend	Ralph Gifford III

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at 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.

✓ *Newsletter:* www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.

✓ *Alumni:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

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 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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Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Love. Grow. Serve.



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September 23, 2023



The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Rachel Sather (Matthew Bruso’s sister), 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 for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:45 PM, Friday 6:34 PM	
Mon.	7:30 AM ISI Men's Group 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Tue.	3:00 PM Kids’ Prayer Meeting 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) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)
Fri.	6:00 PM Adventurers: Back to School Vespers 6:30 PM Young Adult Gathering 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 10:00 AM Sabbath School 11:10 AM Worship Service: Robert Folkenberg 11:10 AM Kids’ Worship After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:00 PM Adventurers 6:30 PM Mental Health Seminar (sponsor: YA group)

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

CALLING ALL RINGERS!
THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Come and join the fun of playing in the College Church Bell Choir! If you enjoy music, if you enjoy the company of friends, then the College Church Bell Choir is for you! Rehearsals are Fridays from 6:30–7:30 PM. We will have four performances per year. Interested? Please contact Lira Cady at 617-538-0099 or liracady@comcast.net

THREE-WAY PLAN APPLICATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, OCT. 1
The College Church, in conjunction with the Southern New England Conference and South Lancaster Academy, provides scholarship assistance to College Church members who meet certain criteria. Please go to <https://wearecc.net> for info and to apply.

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.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING
In: Nora Renzi from the Village Church

SNEC EVENTS AT CAMP WINNEKEAG
See www.sneconline.org/events for more info.
✓ 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

UPCOMING WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES
✓ October 15: Brunch and packing up of college student boxes—moms of students and others will help pack up boxes. There will be a box in the foyer for donations of snacks and school supplies.
✓ December 10: The annual Yankee Swap potluck meal and gift exchange—always a good time!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
This year we are donating gift cards to the North Star Shelter, to be distributed to the families that are struggling. Since we already have a relationship with North Star, it makes sense to partner with them also in this endeavor. We are asking the church family to contribute financially so we can meet our goal. Please mark your tithe envelopes or online giving with Women's Ministries - Christmas. Thank you in advance for your support.

LAY PEW BIBLES FLAT!
When placing the pew Bibles, *please do not place them on edge*. Please lay them down flat. Setting them on edge destroys the bindings, as it did to the one in the picture. Thanks!



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!

PASTOR EINAR ON VACATION
He’s away with his family through Sept. 28. He’ll check email regularly.

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		
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	

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.

THANK YOU
I want to thank all of you who volunteered at the Choose Wellness health fair. It was very much appreciated! It truly takes a village to put on such an event! *Kari Radford*



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PASTORAL WELCOME
Ralph Gifford III

PRELUDE
Prelude in C major (Opus 193) (*Charles Villiers Stanford*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Psalms 32:1-7
Lucie Hynes

HYMN OF PRAISE
83, O Worship the King (*Lyons*)
Chris de Andrade, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Doug Medina

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Ralph Gifford III
Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope). Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayer Song (sung 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: Orlando Argueta

SCRIPTURE
Philippians 1:6
Damon Loss

MUSICAL SELECTION
Juliette Willoughby, voice

THE SECRET OF THE SEVEN BRAIDS
Alejandro Urbina
Alejandro is one of the teachers of our Spanish Sabbath School class.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
108, Amazing Grace (*New Britain*)

BENEDICTION
Alejandro Urbina

POSTLUDE
Fugue in C major (Opus 193) (*Charles Villiers Stanford*)
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.