

## General Information

### CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

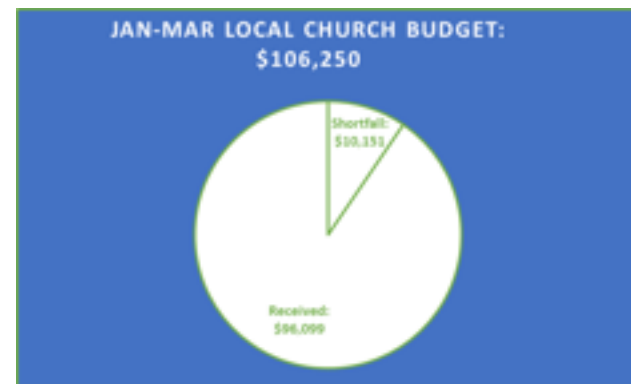
Mar. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$106,249.50	
Received	\$96,099.28*	\$96,099.28*
Spent		(\$96,008.07)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,150.22)	\$91.21
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance		\$245,297.46

\*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.



The church board received the March financial report at the April meeting. Our shortfall grew a bit, and we did incur an extra expense in March when we began fixing the problem with the sanctuary lights. (Please notice that nothing is hanging over the platform anymore.). This project is not complete yet since we do need more lighting in the sanctuary for evening programs. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. You can donate with a tithe envelope, or online at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

### SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

May 4	Einar Rom	Ralph Gifford III
May 11	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln
May 18	Einar Rom	Horacio Castro

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are normally due Wednesdays by noon at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto:bulletin@wearecc.net). Request an announcement be read aloud by filling out the form linked at [wearecc.net/bulletin](https://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](http://www.mysla.org).

✓ *Newsletter:* [www.mysla.org/school-newsletter](http://www.mysla.org/school-newsletter).

✓ *Alumni:* Connect with us at [www.mysla.org/alumni](http://www.mysla.org/alumni).

✓ *Bus Drivers with Class B-CDL Wanted:* Also air brake & passenger endorsement and medical certificate. CORI/SORI & background check required. Please send resumé to Ollyce Gardner at [vp@mysla.org](mailto:vp@mysla.org).

CAMP SONRISE: FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS: June 17–July 26, SLA. Campers age 5–12 can join us for part or all of this 6-week Christian day camp with worship, games, swimming, and field trips. New Director Lynise Mendoza and Assistant Director Marisol Gracia will lead out all 6 weeks. Visit [www.mysla.org/camp-sonrise](http://www.mysla.org/camp-sonrise) or contact 954-325-7150 for more information.

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](https://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 usually 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:

<b>Regular Hours:</b>	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.
<b>Phone:</b>	978-368-2130
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Michelle Lynn, Church Clerk (membership questions)  
[clerk@wearecc.net](mailto:clerk@wearecc.net)

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:  
[treasurer@wearecc.net](mailto:treasurer@wearecc.net)

## 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.



Bulletin



Giving



Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

### 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.

May 4, 2024



## The Church at Work

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Roy McCoy (Leominster Hospital), 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](https://wearecc.net) for more.

### South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:52 PM, Friday 7:58 PM

Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee (also Wednesday)
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	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.	3:30 PM	Feed the Hungry
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Supper/Discussion
	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
		After Church International Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	1:30 PM	Adventurers: Investiture & Reception

YOUTH ENSEMBLE OF NEW ENGLAND CONCERT  
**TODAY, 4:00 PM | VILLAGE CHURCH, 75 SAWYER ST., SO. LANC.**

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP  
**THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE**  
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION  
**THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | 2020 MAIN ST, LANCASTER**  
Supper and campfire provided. If it rains, the gathering will be in the CC fellowship hall—but no campfire is provided! For info contact our pastor or Mitchell Hall.

DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING  
**NEXT SABBATH, MAY 11**  
The needs are especially great right now. Get more info about this special offering, and donate at <https://www.communityservices.org/current/disaster-famine-relief/>.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER  
**NEXT SABBATH, MAY 11, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Bring your favorite ethnic dish (dishes from the USA qualify, of course). Please include a note card with the dish's name and country of origin.

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

In: Kristy Hodson from Stoneham Memorial, Stoneham, MA  
Jessica & Kervin Lopez from Leominster English

**Out:** Fern Burdette to Gloucester SDA Company, Gloucester, VA

### CHOOSE WELLNESS TOPIC SUPPER

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We're happy to announce the next health presentation with supper will be on Alzheimer's. This is also for the community, so feel free to invite anyone who might be interested. The speaker will be Peter McDonald, executive director of Sunrise Senior Living. He is an expert in the field and will be able to field any questions caregivers may have.

### 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.

### JOIN THE SLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Are you a proud attendee or graduate of Browning Elementary or South Lancaster Academy? We're looking for dedicated people willing to dedicate one hour a week and one weekend a year to help us keep our community vibrant. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and ensure that our school continues to thrive.

✓ Available Positions: Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary.

✓ See position details at [bit.ly/SLA-Doc](https://bit.ly/SLA-Doc). Apply at [bit.ly/officer-apply](https://bit.ly/officer-apply).

### CALLING ALL FLOWER ENTHUSIASTS!

If you could help with the sanctuary floral arrangements, please contact Arielle at [acadyflores@gmail.com](mailto:acadyflores@gmail.com). Ideally, we need a team of four or more. This includes arranging the flowers and taking care of the arrangement after church. Many hands make light work. Thanks!

## LANCASTER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



**PLEASE COME DONATE!**

**In partnership with  
Boston Children's Hospital**

701 Main St, Lancaster, MA 01523  
Have questions? 608-317-2400

Organized by Amalia Hough, senior at SLA, NHS member and Kari Radford, Health Ministries Director at the College Church

To register go to  
[www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpoints](https://www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpoints)  
Look for Donate Blood/Zip code-01561/  
sponsor - type in SLA/ Find date  
For medical questions: 617-355-6677



or register here!

**05/21**  
**9:30 - 3:30**

## The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

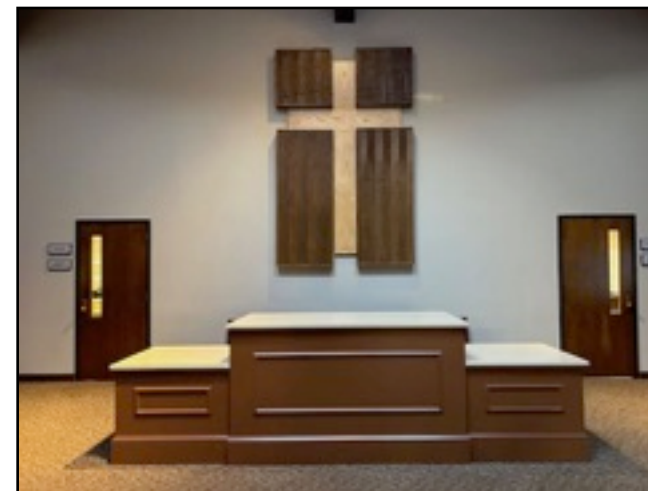
### CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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](https://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Free study guides at [www.ssn.net.org](https://www.ssn.net.org), download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



### NEW WELCOME CENTER

We are blessed to have a new Welcome Center in the upstairs foyer. It is our hope and prayer that hundreds and thousands of people will find it helpful as they visit our church for the first time and for many years thereafter. Thank you, Kristie & Wayne Stevenson, who were key in seeing this constructed, transported, and installed (feel free to ask how well traveled this welcome center is). More pictures were published in yesterday's e-mail.

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (*Assam*)

I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back

Though none go with me, still I will follow (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3x)  
No turning back, no turning back

## The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

### WELCOME

Einar Rom

### PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' (BWV 662) (*J.S. Bach*)

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 859

Lira Cady

### HYMN OF PRAISE

4, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (*Lauda Anima*)

Connie R. Drexler, leader

### LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

### MUSICAL SELECTION

The Gift of Love (*Hal Hodson*)

Thayer Conservatory Homeschool Chorus, Connie Drexler, director;

Donna Dik, piano; Rohan Blackman, bass

### MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Ralph Gifford III

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: Ralph Gifford III

Response: God Be in My Head (*Lorayne Coombs*)

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-22

Linnet Cardozo-Simon

### MUSICAL SELECTION

I'm Goin' Up A Yonder (*Martin Sivatka*)

Thayer Conservatory Homeschool Chorus

### WOULD YOU HAVE FOLLOWED HIM?

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (*see column to the left*)

### BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

### POSTLUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott (BWV 651) (*J.S. Bach*)

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.