

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
October, 2020	Budget	Actual	Rebirth 21
Needed	\$326,670.00		\$32,667.00
Received	\$292,277.15 *	\$292,277.15 *	\$22,949.78
Spent		\$292,180.48	
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$34,392.85)	\$96.67	(\$9,717.22)
BUDGET: Our 2020 church budget is \$392,000 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.			
REBIRTH 21: This loan was for repairs and renovations such as the kitchen, the ramp, and the sanctuary sound system. Donations to repay this loan are separate from church budget giving. Our outstanding balance is \$200,155.62.			
REMEMBER: Tithe, though doing a vital work, all goes to our local Conference and does not 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.			
* Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.			

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

Dec. 19	Christmas Celebration
Dec. 26	Einar Rom
Jan. 2	Einar Rom, Communion
Jan. 9	Einar Rom

PARENTS WITH INFANTS: We have a "training chapel" for your convenience in the right rear of the sanctuary. It includes a rest room, a private nursing area, and a baby changing station (there are also changing stations in the rest rooms downstairs). *Note:* a Sabbath School class meets there from 10:00–11:00 AM.

TV BROADCASTS: Our services air on Sterling/Lancaster cable ch. 8 and on Clinton cable channels 8 and 99 on a 1-week delay. Please see <https://wearecc.net/local-tv> for times.

WANT TO SPONSOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS to commemorate a special event? Please fill out the form at <https://wearecc.net/flowers> or the yellow card found on the backs of the pews.

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 accordingly on your tithe envelope.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by 10:00 AM (except in some holiday weeks) at bulletin@thecollegechurch.com. **All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.**

- 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. There is a small donation requested, but not required.
 - *House of Refuge:* 7:00–8:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. Come for a sermonette, music, and testimonies. To take part in the service, call or text Becky Renzi at 978-870-0266.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Second Friday of the month, 3:30 PM. We prepare and serve food to the needy at WHEAT in Clinton.

The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

Check out our online and in-person study options at <https://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options>. There are free Bible study guides at www.ssn.net.org, you can download the Sabbath School app from your app store, or scan the QR code on the right.



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. For more info: 978-368-8544 or www.mysla.org.

GATEWAY TO COLLEGE is a National Award-winning opportunity for students who either have not experienced success in traditional high school or are looking for a new opportunity to excel while still in high school or home school. The program is ideal for students who have dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out. Gateway students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma with the added benefit of receiving free college credits toward an Associate degree or certificate through a variety of career-focused pathways.

- To sign up for an information session, please contact Lisa Burns at 978-630-9248 or mburns11@mwcc.mass.edu.

THAYER CONSERVATORY is open for lessons in art, drama, and instruments: piano (including gospel piano), guitar, strings, harp, brass, woodwinds, percussion, and voice. Groups include flute ensemble, brass ensemble, orchestras, and special classes for homeschoolers.

- *More Info:* Stop in at 438 Main St., So. Lancaster, MA, call 978-368-2100, or visit ThayerConservatory.org. Please pray for us as we not only serve our Adventist friends, but also in our endeavor to reach out to the **greater** community.



Online Services

[HTTP://WEARECC.NET](http://wearecc.net) has our calendar, videos, bulletins, and more. *Note:* there were no bulletins during the coronavirus shutdown.

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.

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:

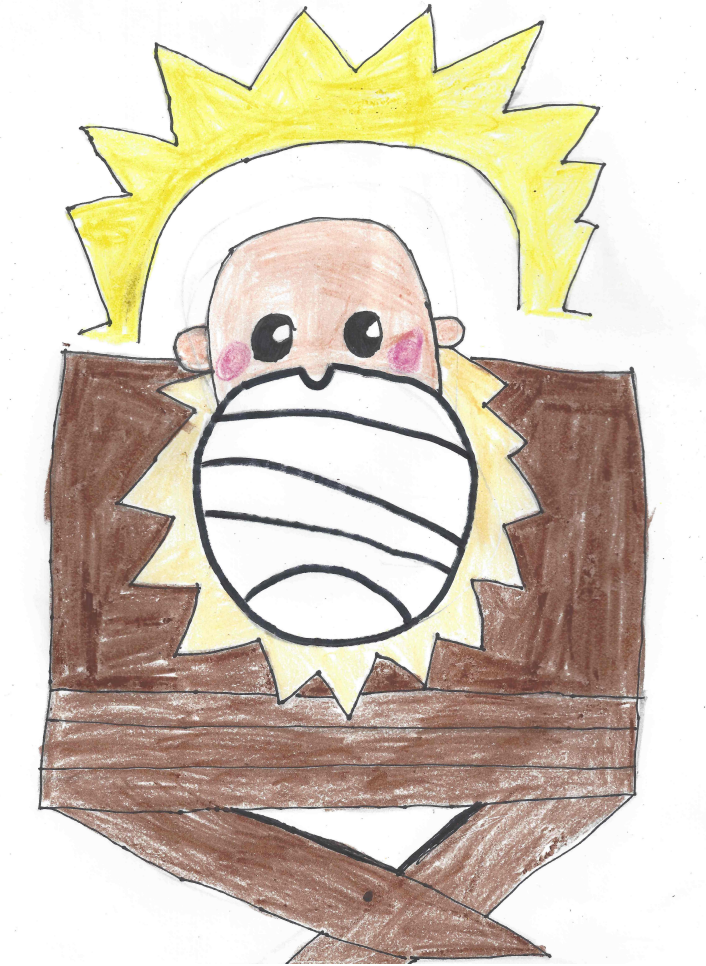
Regular Hours:	Monday–Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM–12:30 PM (see announcements for any changes)
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END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS	
Please turn in donations by Dec. 31 for them to count in this tax year. Make sure we have your current mailing address so you can get your donation statement. Here are the deadlines:	
Offering Plate	Sabbath, Dec. 26.
Deliver to Church Office	Thursday, Dec. 31, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM.
Online	Thur., Dec. 31, 11:59 PM Eastern time.
U.S. Mail	Must be postmarked by Dec. 31
(check service hours)	and received by Jan. 7.



Artwork by Wyatt Aubin

December 19, 2020

OUR PRAYER & VISITATION FOCUS

Health Concerns: Courtney Gifford Dunn and 3-week-old Jaxon; Bob & Joyce Malin, Elnora King, Joe Drader, Henry Livergood, Michael, Mike, Nora, and Stuart (friends of Cameron Loss), Rachel Gravelin, Salma Prata (Keila Mejia’s mom), Chip Schad (Peter’s brother), Danny Morris, Laura Lee Williams, Doug & Joy Swan (friends of Ed Collins), David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Eric Weaver (Adelita’s husband), Andy Rodriguez (Luz’s brother), Bob Rogers, Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Donna Church (Frank Howes’ niece), Bob Bloemer (friend of Annette Siver), Juanita Quaile (Judy Moran’s mom).

This week at a glance. For details, see the announcements.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:16 PM, Friday 4:20 PM

Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Tues.	7:00 PM	Church Board
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Adult Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:30 PM	Al Anon Meeting (Chapel)
Fri.	6:30 PM	Community Bell Choir
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (see Church at Study)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom, speaker

PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
We are studying Exodus. All are welcome to join.

- Zoom Link: [Prayer Meeting](#).
- Meeting ID: 445 587 563.

COMMUNION
JANUARY 2, 2021 | ON-SITE AND ONLINE
As we often do, we will start the new year with communion. This time it will be an onsite & online communion service. Arrangements are being made so that all who wish can participate. Our Elders & Deacons are called upon and the logistics are being worked out.

LAST DAY EVENTS ZOOM MEETING
FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 2021, 7:30 PM | ZOOM
Please Note: We will not meet on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day.
Keila Mejia leads this series. You can find the book in the Ellen G. White app for iOS and Android, [find it free online](#), or [buy it at the ABC](#).

- Zoom Link: [Last Day Events](#).
- Meeting ID: 882 0529 0082.
- Passcode: 01561.

NORTH STAR FAMILY SHELTER TRAINING
TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 6:30 PM | ZOOM
We are very excited about partnering with North Star Family Shelter in Leominster by providing a week’s worth of meals three or four times a year. If you are interested in helping with cooking, transporting, and/or funding a supper, please contact Steve/Jaslin Aubin, Sif/Ricardo Muchiutti, or Lizbeth Perez.

Christmas Worship Service, 11:15 AM

Please silence mobile devices.

Prelude
Dulci Jubilo (*Marcel Dupré*)
Juan A. Mesa, Organ

Welcome, Announcements, and Invocation
Einar Rom
North Star Shelter Meal Ministry: Jaslin Aubin
(see announcement below left)

Musical Meditation

I Wonder as I Wander (*Fred Gramann*)
Community Bell Choir

HOPE: THE FIRST CANDLE

Nathan Neidigh

Musical Selection

Christmas Hallelujah (*Cloverton*)
Gillian Stevenson, Mikaela Hernandez, vocals;
Richard Clark, Isaac Brito, Emma DeMartino, strings;
Ilana Joyce Cady, piano; Hector Flores, percussion

Congregational Reading of Hymn
The Aubin Family

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing all citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
(women) O come let us adore Him
(men) O come let us adore him

Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the father, now in flesh appearing!
(women) O come let us adore Him
(men) O come let us adore Him
(all) O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

PEACE: THE SECOND CANDLE
Sarah Bravo

Musical Selection
Once in Royal David’s City (*Arthur Henry Mann*)
David Cady, trumpet; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

Prayers of the People
Einar Rom

JOY: THE THIRD CANDLE

Bianca Loss

Congregational Reading

Luke 2:7–15 (ESV)
The Aubin Family

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them,

“Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Musical Selection

Ding Dong, Merrily on High (*arr. Peggy Bettcher*)
Community Bell Choir & SLA Bell Choir, Lira Cady, director

LOVE: THE FOURTH CANDLE

Amalia Hough

Musical Selection

Christmas Fantasy (*Sigmurd M. Ogaard*)
Juan A. Mesa, organ; Richard Clark, violin

CHRIST CANDLE: THE FIFTH AND FINAL CANDLE

Advent Lighting
Asher Hearson

Musical Selection

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (*Casting Crowns*)
Arielle Cady Flores, vocal; Richard Clark, Isaac Brito, Emma DeMartino, strings; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano; Hector Flores, percussion

Congregational Reading of Hymn
The Aubin Family

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing

Joy to the Earth,
The Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove,
the glories of His righteousness
(men) And wonders of his love
(women) And wonders of his love
(youth & children) And wonders of his love
(all) And wonders of his love

Homily: Joseph's Conundrum is Our Conundrum
Matthew 1:20–24
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

Benediction
Einar Rom

Benediction Response
Silent Night (*Stille Nacht*)
We invite you to hum along with the organ for two verses.

Postlude
Improvisation on Joy to the World (*Juan A. Mesa*)

Juan A. Mesa, organ