

# General Information

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

March 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$106,812.00	
Received	\$88,403.24 *	\$88,403.24 *
Spent		(\$88,342.94)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,408.76)	\$60.30
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance		\$164,728.01
Elevator Fund		\$2,059.17

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

QUICK SUMMARY: First, the good news: Tithe was up, the HVAC loan continues to come down at a steady pace, and the elevator fund has grown from zero to \$2,059.17.

BUT: We need to focus on church budget, where the deficit has grown to \$18,408.76 YTD. The YTD breakdown looks like this: \$88,403 was received, but the amount budgeted is \$106,812. Please prayerfully consider our local church needs in your stewardship planning.

TITHE, although vital, goes to the SNEC and **does not 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. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or at [wearecc.net/give](http://wearecc.net/give). Pastor Einar

Our 2025 church budget is \$427,250. This funds all local ministries, expenses, and our support of SLA. We also voted to install an elevator. We've added an Elevator Project Fund donation line in Adventist Giving, and you can write that on the tithe envelopes. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make this need a reality. We also feel that it would be wise to reduce our debt. We'd like to see our debt reduced to \$100,000 and our Elevator Fund grow to \$100,000 by December 31, 2025. The elevator project will cost around \$200,000.

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
May 3	Maria Valente	Marta Medina	Carlos Muchiutti
May 10	Einar Rom	Rose Dawkins	J.C. Rodrigue
May 17	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas	Fred Day

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto:bulletin@wearecc.net). **All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.**

OUR SERVICES AIR on local cable TV in several nearby towns. See the 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. Please return the box and its contents after the service.

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).

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.

# Education & Music

**SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY** provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church, providing financial & logistical support. 978-368-8544, [www.mysla.org](http://www.mysla.org).

CAMP WINNEKEAG summer camp brochures are available in the foyer literature rack by the announcement screen. Please see one of the pastors for special pricing.



# 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 usually drop Sunday mornings.

Search for collegechurchofsda on YouTube Facebook Instagram

Bulletin



Giving



**COLLEGE CHURCH**  
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



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# 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., & every other Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30; Tue. 10:45–12:00. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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# 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.

## 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 3, 2025**



# The Church at Work

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Henry Livergood (Lifecare, Leominster), Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president), former CC pastor Dave Osborne, Brenda Castro, Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (Gardner Rehab), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia’s mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’s brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall).

**Other:** That we can regularly offer ASL interpretation for the deaf.  
**Home-bound:** Jackie Nosek, Lucy Santana, Joe Drader.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or [wearecc.net](#) for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:50 PM, Friday 7:57 PM		
Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	After Church	Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
Sun.	6:00 PM	Singles’ Ministry
	9:00 AM	CC Indoor Spring Cleaning
	Mon. 2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
Tue.	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
	Wed. 3:30 PM	The Good News Gang (FH)
Thur.	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	Fri. 7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
	3:30 PM	Feed the Hungry
Sabb.	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
	9:15 AM	Refresh Praise and Worship
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (on-site, live stream, & Zoom)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
	2:00 PM	Adventurers: Investiture

## TODAY’S SABBATH FLOWERS

- ✓ Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to our grandson, Elias Lancaster Laing! Love always and forever, *Abuelita & Grandpa*
- ✓ Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday to our grandson, Charles Matthew Engeln! Love always and forever, *Abuelita & Grandpa*

## UPCOMING MEALS

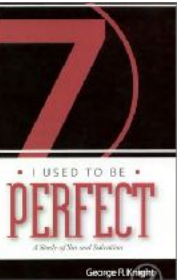
- ✓ *Today:* Haystacks. Please bring desserts (can be fruit).
- ✓ *May 17:* Dinner provided by the church, please bring dessert (can be fruit). Southern Adventist U. will be visiting, so we’ll have extra mouths to feed.
- ✓ *May 31:* International potluck; bring your favorite ethnic dish and dessert from your heritage, or just something you like. American dishes are welcome. That is our final potluck until fall.
- ✓ **Summer Picnics:** To host a summer picnic, please let Sif know at [themuchiuttis@gmail.com](mailto:themuchiuttis@gmail.com) or 978-621-2015.

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

THE GOOD NEWS GANG  
**WEDNESDAYS THOUGH JUNE 4, 3:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
This is designed to help kids in 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade learn about their faith and prepare for baptism, but any kids are welcome to join.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING  
**In:** Heavensia Chellapandian and Davidson Devasigmony from Sunshine SDA English Church, Bangalore, India  
**Out:** Peter & Kathy Christoph to Ellsworth, ME  
Melanie Harrigan Bowen to Miracle City Church, Baltimore, MD  
Stephanie Vaz to Crosswalk New England, West Boylston, MA

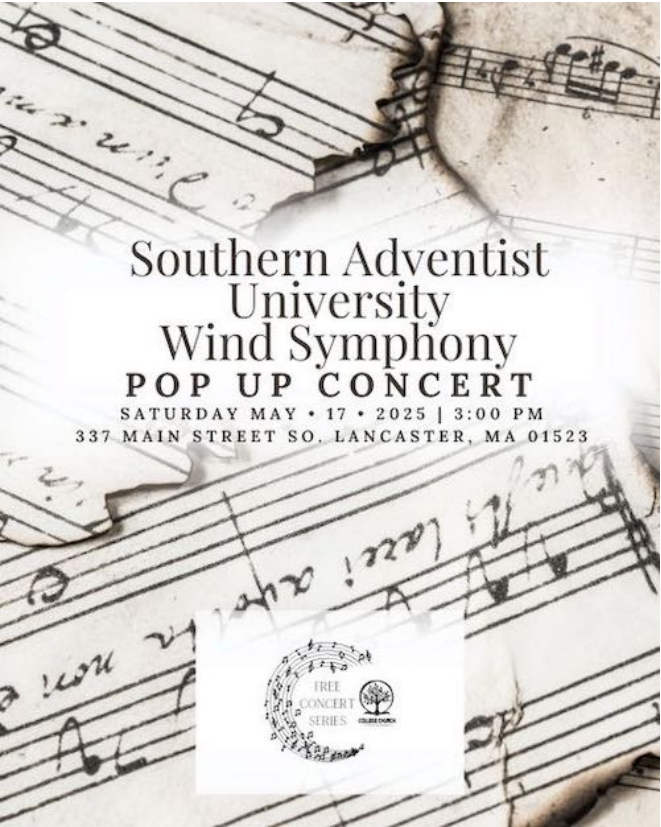
100 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION  
**NOW THROUGH JULY 12**  
Visit [backtothealtar.org](http://backtothealtar.org) for info and readings. Let's keep this important meeting (July 3–12, St. Louis, MO) in our prayers since this will help set the tone and direction for the future of our global church community.



PRAYER MEETING SERIES  
The Wednesday Zoom Bible Study/Prayer Meeting is discussing *I Used to Be Perfect*, a powerful book by SDA professor, theologian, and historian Dr. George R. Knight. We will discuss this six-chapter book one chapter each week. Amazon sells it for \$6.99, but we have a few copies; please see one of our pastors or the church office (it’s not required to join the study). We hope many can take part.

YOU MATTER GIRLS’ RETREAT  
**MAY 16–18 | CAMP WINNEKEAG**  
Join us for an unforgettable weekend filled with powerful messages, new friendships, and fun activities. Open to girls of all faiths, ages 10–17. Contact: Karen Zeno, (508) 320-7264; register at <https://tinyurl.com/7m8tr7dt>.

WILLIAM NESS, ORGANIST, IN CONCERT  
**WED., JUNE 18, 7:30 PM; THURS., JUNE 19, 3:00 PM, METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL**  
Playing America’s foremost concert organ. Music by Reimann, Schumann, Thiele, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, & Reger. Ticketed event.



# 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
Live Stream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Pastor Maria’s Office	Jos. Robertson

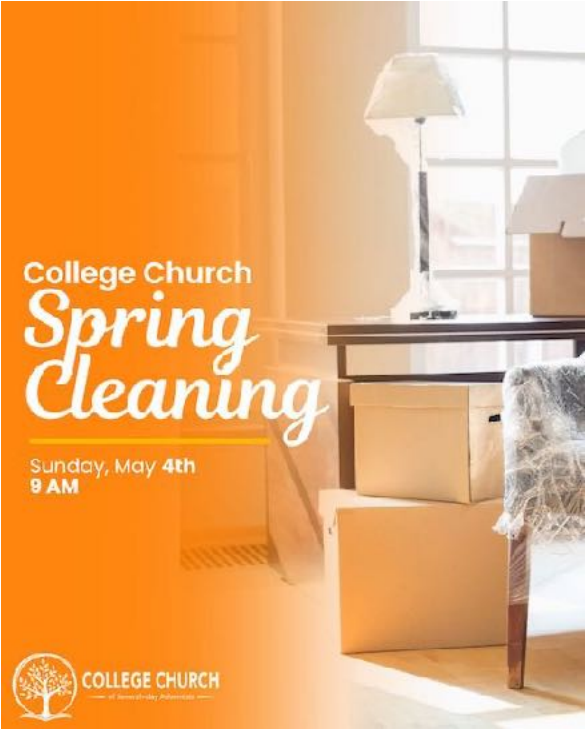
See more online and in-person study options at [wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options](http://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Free study guides at [www.ssnet.org](http://www.ssnet.org).

SNEC CAMP MEETING  
**JUNE 20–28, SNEC CAMPGROUNDS, SO. LANCASTER**  
It’s less than two months away! Learn more at [www.sneconline.org](http://www.sneconline.org).

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS  
Ever feel depressed or inadequate? Here are confidential resources:  
✓ *For Women:* [www.gorgeous2god.org](http://www.gorgeous2god.org). A safe place to ask your toughest questions and find your deepest purpose!  
✓ *For Guys:* [www.aruggedjourney.org](http://www.aruggedjourney.org). A rugged journey is dedicated to connecting young men to God through mentorship and community. No judgment—just compassionate advice from people who care.

THANK YOU  
Kathy Suckert and family would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown since Lothar passed away. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food. We look forward to seeing Lothar when Jesus comes again. The Suckert family

We’re looking to clean up and organize the interior of the church.



# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

*Please silence all devices.*

**PRELUDE**  
Andante (Sonata V) (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

**WELCOME**  
Maria Valente

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**  
Romans 10:13–15  
Marta Medina

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymnal #363, Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (*Beach Spring*)  
Maggie Morisset, leader

**NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES**  
Kathy Suckert

**MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING**  
Marta Medina  
*Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.*

**PRAYER IN SONG**  
Hymnal #495, Near to the Heart of God (verses 2,3) (*McAfee*)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
Ralph Dawkins

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Acts 8:26–38  
Charles Engeln & Esther Nicholas

**MUSICAL OFFERING**  
How Great Thou Art (*Hine*)  
Marcia Desilets, viola

**FINDING THE WAY: A MISSIONAL LIFE IN A LOST WORLD**  
Maria Valente  
*Maria is our associate pastor.*

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**  
Hymnal #359, Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling (*Fillmore*)

**BENEDICTION**  
Maria Valente

**POSTLUDE**  
Allegro (Sonata V) (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)  
*As the prelude is preparation, let the postlude be your reflection.*

**AFTERGLOW**  
Paul encourages us to pray continually because prayer is our connection to God, who listens and responds to those who seek Him. We invite you to meet with some of our elders in the Junior Room after the service for a 10–15 minute time of testimony and prayer.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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