

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

August 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$283,332.00	
Received	\$224,740.63*	\$224,740.63*
Spent		(\$224,700.81)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$58,591.37)	\$39.82
YTD Total		

*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: Tithe, although vital, goes to our local conference and **it 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. God will bless us for it.

Our 2024 Local Church Budget is \$425,000, and that breaks down to \$35,417/month. You may wonder where do those dollars go? Here are a few examples: Each month CC sends \$10,294 to help operate SLA for its 283 students; recently approximately 175 of us enjoyed a beautiful Sabbath at Camp Winnekeag and a wonderful meal in the cafeteria thanks to our Local Church Budget; we purchase Sabbath School magazines for our kids; we heat and cool our building with utility costs of several thousand dollars each month; we helped our Pathfinders attend the Believe the Promise Camporee in Wyoming; ran a VBS that blessed many children; ran the Choose Wellness Fair in Sterling, MA; purchased new mics for our sound system; regularly enjoy a delicious hot breakfast in our fellowship hall; printed this bulletin; and much, much more. Many lives are blessed thanks to our Local Church Budget. Please continue to support our Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

Please place your offering in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors or contribute online at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Sept. 28	Einar Rom	Horacio Castro
Oct. 5	Brian Allison	Mariyan Montaque
Oct. 12	SLA Alumni	Daniel Thomas

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are normally due Wednesdays by noon at bulletin@wearecc.net. Request an announcement be read aloud by filling out the form linked at wearecc.net/bulletin. **All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.**

OUR SERVICES AIR in Sterling, Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, Lunenburg, and West Boylston. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

OUR TRAINING CHAPEL in the right rear of the sanctuary includes a baby changing station, a private nursing area, and a restroom. There are also changing stations in the restrooms downstairs. Note: A Sabbath School class meets in that chapel from 10:00–11:00 AM.

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.

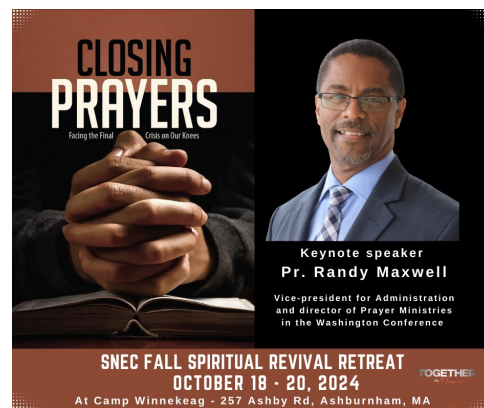
HARD OF HEARING? Try an assisted listening device from the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. Bring your headphones to connect (needs standard headphone jack).

Education & Music

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS: Elementary & Secondary: For three-way and home school, go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. **Deadline: this Monday, Sept. 30.**



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. **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:

Regular Hours:	Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30.
	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.



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Mission Sabbath

Who are we talking about when we go and tell the world about Jesus? What Jesus do we know and talk about? Thankfully, John helps us answer that question by outlining seven I AM's of Jesus:

I am the bread of life. John 6:35
I am the light of the world. John 8:12
I am the gate for the sheep. John 10:7-9
I am the good shepherd. John 10:11
I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25
I am the way the truth and the life. John 14:6
I am the vine, you are the branches. John 15:5

On this Mission Sabbath, let's remember the Great I AM who lives in our hearts and rules the cosmos. We have so much to share with others.

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.

September 28, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe (Leominster Hospital), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Lothar Suckert, Henry Livergood, Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, Ray Dow, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, Lucy Santana (River Terrace), John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:34 PM, Friday 6:24 PM

Today	After Church Potluck Dinner
	After Dinner Think Tank/Discussion About Outreach Ideas
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
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.	7:30 PM Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	6:30 PM Young Adult Supper/Discussion
	7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM Worship Service: Brian Allison
	After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	1:45 PM +1 Town Hall Meeting
	2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
	4:00 PM Christmas Play Rehearsal

MISSION FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK & MEETING TODAY

MEAL 1:00 PM, MEETING 1:45 PM (TIMES APPROXIMATE) | FH Members, please bring a dish ready to serve. Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. After the meal we will discuss strategies for mission and outreach. If you can't be here, please attend via Zoom (click Next Steps in the lower right corner at <https://wearecc.net>).

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM MEETING

TOMORROW, 10:00 AM, VILLAGE CHURCH

This will be the second annual Christmas walk-through, and this will be an informational meeting.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ We will be making care packages for our first year college students. Please submit their names and mailing addresses to Deb Loss at debrajloss@juno.com. If your student is local, please arrange for the package to be picked up at the church.
- ✓ Women's Ministry potluck brunch Oct. 6 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We will also be packing up the care packages for first year college students. To donate items or money for these boxes, please contact Kari Radford or Deb Loss.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 6:30 PM | 17 HALL AVE., STERLING, MA

Pizza provided and fire outside, weather permitting. Contact Einar, Maria, or Mitchell if attending.

Choose Wellness Free Supper/Presentation: Breast Cancer, Grief

Presented by:
Ilsa Gründer, NP, Cancer Center
Marta Medina, MSW



Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Sign up at <https://wearecc.net> (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or this QR code.



Join us for a choral collaboration with SLA choirs, learn the song at home at your own pace and join SLA for two rehearsals and a performance for our Thanksgiving service.

Email Ilana Cady for music & practice tracks & rehearsal schedule (only 2 rehearsals)
ilanacady16@gmail.com

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. Free study guides at www.ssnet.org.

CALL TO WORSHIP

AP: As College Church members we believe that through our love for God

Church: We love others.

AP: As we grow in God

Church: We grow together.

AP: By serving our community

Church: We serve our God.

ALL: God calls us all to work with Him for our community.

NEW IRON SHARPENS IRON SERIES

MONDAY, OCT. 7, 7:00 PM

The men's group will start a four-part Desmond Doss Foundation series on Courage, Conviction, Integrity, & Humility. Each we'll look at a different quality. Please plan to join us for this series that is so relevant to our society today. Free.

SLA 142ND ALUMNI WEEKEND

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11-13

Guest speaker Loran Hauck '69, vespers, worship, basketball and volleyball games, business meetings. Register at www.mysla.org/alumni.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Meals needed for our North Star ministry the week of Oct. 20. If you're not currently on the Meal Train list to provide a meal, please contact Darla Stong at: 978-204-2598 to be added. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!

LOST & FOUND

Check out the lost and found table in the foyer. Anything remaining after church today will be given away or discarded, so if it's yours, please pick it up!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be using the online platform Instant Church Directory! Please use our online form to be included. Just go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. We look forward to connecting with you!

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

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE

O mensch bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 (J.S. Bach (1685-1750))

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO MISSION SABBATH

Einar Rom, Josephine Robertson

Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope).

Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Maria Valente, Associate Pastor (AP) See column to the left.

HYMN OF PRAISE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (Peter Scholtes)

Kristie Stevenson, leader

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." Arielle Cady Flores, Sarah Nicholas

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY: The Pathfinders

LOVE: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. - John 13:34, 35



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." Mary Meade-Montaque

POWER: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. - John 14:12-14

HOMILY: Einar Rom (Einar is our lead pastor)

MINISTRY IN MUSIC: Each One Reach One (Babbie Mason) Arensa Morisset



GOAL 3: Proactively engage in meeting the needs of our community. Rose Dawkins

TRUTH: And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. -John 14:16, 17

ORDINATION OF ELDERS: Einar Rom, Maria Valente

HYMN OF DEDICATION: Lead Me, Guide Me (Akers)



CHURCH DEDICATION: I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17: 20, 21

CHURCH RESPONSE: We will go.

BENEDICTION OF PEACE: Einar Rom

CLOSING HYMN: 214, WE HAVE THIS HOPE (General Conference)

POSTLUDE

Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203 (Dietrich Buxtehude)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano