

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

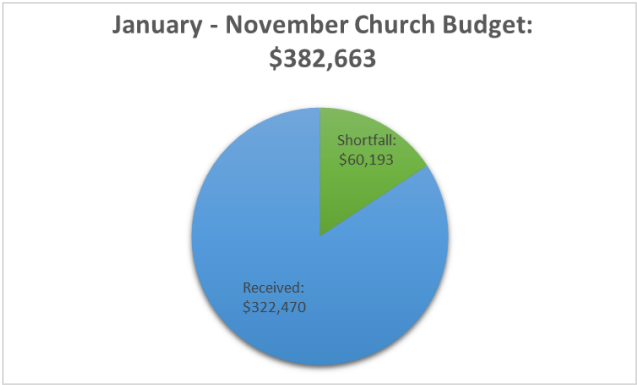
Nov. 30, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$382,668.00	
Received	\$322,469.66*	\$322,469.66 *
Spent		(\$322,372.49)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$60,198.34)	\$97.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 11/2023		\$6,707.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$6,368.04
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$422,196.97

*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. God will bless us for it.



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.

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.
✓ Newsletter: www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
✓ Alumni: Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION: SLA is seeking to fill our half-time Development Director position. Responsibilities include:
✓ Management of our donor database
✓ School liaison to our Alumni Association
✓ Management of school fund-raising campaigns such as our BFE building project
✓ Work with the Treasurer in processing donations
✓ Helping manage our social media outlets
✓ Helping develop and implement fund-raising campaigns
If interested, please contact or send your resume to David Branum, Principal; principal@mysla.org; (978) 368-8544 x110.

EDUCATION GRANTS:
✓ The SNE Conference has scholarships for those pursuing a bachelor or associate degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/mprcm5fb> by Feb. 9, 2024.

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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING/ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS
APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 9, 2024
Funds are limited and are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Get more info and apply at <http://tinyurl.com/yk7jujuy>. You can also visit the [SNEC Education Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SNECEducation) page.

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](https://www.mysla.org/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 backs of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card or at <http://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:	
Regular Hours:	Mon., Wed. 8:45 AM–12:30 PM 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.
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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.

Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Love. Grow. Serve.

January 13, 2024

What a year it has been! There have been highs and lows and a lot of work behind the scenes on our beautiful building. It's hard to comprehend, but between the HVAC project and the mold removal we spent \$718,203 in 2023. Thanks to many CC donations, SNEC subsidy, and some CC reserve funds, our loan amount will be \$298,500. Please consider helping in this by contributing to the HVAC fund in a tithe envelope or at <https://wearecc.net/give>.

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS		
Jan. 13	Einar Rom, Communion	Daniel Thomas
Jan. 20	Einar Rom	Cameron Loss
Jan. 27	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson

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>.

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Nicole Broushet; Mary Monroe (Leominster Rehab); Charmaine Bainum (Joyce Malin’s aunt); Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; David Bruso (Matthew and Timothy Bruso’s father) and Rachel Sather (Matthew and Timothy Bruso’s sister); Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon); Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother); Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom); Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver); Linda Oetman; Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester); 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 4:37 PM, Friday 4:44 PM		
Today	7:30 PM	Ten Days of Prayer (each night until Jan. 20)
	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Church Office Closed)
		2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Tue.		7:00 PM Conversations in Bible Fundamentals
		7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
		9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
		7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
		7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King’s Kids
		7:00 PM SLA Board
		7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	10:00 AM	Sterling Village Ministry
		6:00 PM Youth Supper & Vespers (FH, Youth Chapel)
		6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
		10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations)
		11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom
		After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner
		2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
		7:00 PM Free Concert Series

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

SLA PRESENTS CHILDREN’S CHURCH: WHO WAS JESUS?
TODAY, 3:00-5:00 PM | SLA CHAPEL
Enjoy an interactive service where we will dive into who Jesus was as a baby, a child, and an adult. Games, crafts, and a light supper!

SNEC OFFICER TRAINING CANCELLED
Unfortunately, due to low registration, the conference is cancelling the officer training scheduled for tomorrow. They may offer something online in the next few weeks.

MISSING VACUUM
Our custodian Ray Williams had an antique Kenmore vacuum cleaner in the storage room by the water fountain in the downstairs foyer. It was his personal property, and it is now missing. If you borrowed it or know where it is, please bring it back and put it back in that room or by the church office.

NEW ELDERS: FIRST READING
Mitchell Hall, Daniel Thomas



TEN DAYS OF PRAYER
JAN. 10–20, 7:30–8:00 PM | ZOOM
Join us to seek the Lord in prayer in this focused meeting. All are welcome. More info at <https://wearecc.net/ten-days-of-prayer>.
✓ **Exception:** This Monday only, Jan. 15, we’ll meet from 6:30–7:00 PM to avoid overlapping with Conversations in Bible Fundamentals.

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
This weeks conversation, “How do we know we can trust the Bible?” Guest presenter: Pastor John Nixon. Invite your friends and meet us on zoom. More info at <https://wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals>.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING SESSION
SAB., JAN. 20, 9:00 AM | BAILEY HALL, SNEC CAMPGROUNDS
Gain crucial skills and earn certification in disaster response, community resilience, and life-saving techniques. Be a beacon of hope in times of crisis. Limited spots available—sign up now to make a difference! Cost: \$40. www.sneconline.org/events-1/mema-training

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP DINNER
SABBATH, JAN. 20, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL
Visitors are welcome and don’t need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite haystack toppings ready to serve.
✓ There will not be a breakfast this time.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEETING
SABBATH, JAN. 20, 4:00 PM
Please make sure you are present if you are a teacher or teacher’s aide. Discussion: grow and glow. Thanks, *Ofelia R. Maskewich*

SOME THINGS TO PONDER, FROM PASTOR EINAR:
✓ *John Piper:* "But what is the ultimate good in the good news? It all ends in one thing: God himself. All the words of the gospel lead to him or they are not the gospel. For example, salvation is not good news if it only saves from hell and not for God. Forgiveness is not good news if it only gives relief from guilt and doesn't open the way to God. Justification is not good news if it only makes us legally acceptable to God but doesn't bring fellowship with God. Redemption is not good news if it only liberates us from bondage but doesn't bring us to God. Adoption is not good news if it only puts us in the Father' s family but not in his arms."
✓ *Ellen White:* "The prayer of Christ to His Father, contained in the seventeenth chapter of John, is to be our church creed." Read the whole chapter, verse by verse." 3SM21.

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		
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	

BECOME A CC PATHFINDER CLUB SPONSOR
The College Church Catamounts will be attending the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug. 2024, at Gillette, WY. Some club members, after making their \$200 deposit, need financial assistance to attend. Thank you for becoming a club sponsor in any amount. Donate via check (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024—Donation) or online under Pathfinders—Donation. Questions: Contact Jill Hodson, Club Director, at jilldchodson@yahoo.com.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Allegretto (Sonata IV) (*Felix Mendelssohn*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Ps. 95:1–7a
Mitchell Hall

HYMN OF PRAISE
148, O Love, How Deep, How Broad (*Infinite Love*)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Megan Jones

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Daniel Thomas
Special Offering: Religious Liberty (mark your tithe envelope).
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: Damon Loss

SCRIPTURE
John 17:15–21
Grace Bravo

MUSICAL SELECTION
O Come, All Ye Faithful, SLA Strings (*Adeste Fideles*)
Arielle Cady Flores, director

WHAT DOES GOD PRAY FOR?
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

ORDINANCE OF HUMILITY
Women: Junior Room; Men: Fellowship Hall; Families/Couples: Youth Chapel

HYMN OF CONSECRATION
Let Us Break Bread Together (*Spiritual*)

THE LORD’S SUPPER
Church Family

HYMN OF DEDICATION
104, My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (*Resignation*)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata IV) (*Felix Mendelssohn*)
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.