

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Dec. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$417,456.00	
Received	\$395,798.97*	\$395,798.97 *
Spent		(\$395,702.53)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$21,657.03)	\$96.44
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 12/2023		\$29,879.92
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$130,299.79
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$299,726.97

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget was \$417,456 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. Let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. God will bless us for it.



We were truly blessed in 2023, and now 2024 is underway. The proposed 2024 budget is \$429,476, but it needs to be approved by the church board, and more importantly, by our church in business session. That date is TBD. The board meets on Tuesday and there will be a new financial snapshot in next week's bulletin. Three needs present themselves: Our Capital Improvement Loan of just under \$300,000; the sanctuary video projector project; a new exterior sign for Main Street (this would be installed perpendicular to Main Street instead of parallel to it and would be double sided). Please keep our church budget in your stewardship planning and prayers. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Feb. 24	Bill Knott	Horacio Castro
Mar. 2	Einar Rom	Roger Prather
Mar. 9	Einar Rom	Mitchell Hall

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are normally due Wednesdays by noon at bulletin@wearecc.net. Request an announcement to 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 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>.

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.

- ✓ **Constituency Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 29, 7:00 PM. We are a constituent church, so official CC members can attend and vote.
- ✓ **Experience SLA:** Mar. 14, 6:00–8:00 PM and Mar. 15, 8:00–11:30 PM. Meet teachers, see classrooms, and shadow your prospective class. See mysla.org or the screen in the foyer for more info.
- ✓ **Newsletter:** www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
- ✓ **Alumni:** Connect with us at www.mysla.org/alumni.

EDUCATION GRANTS:

- ✓ Spring elementary/secondary scholarships for SLA or home school: Apply at <https://wearecc.net/three-way> by Feb. 29.

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.

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](https://wearecc.net/messages) section of our website. Episodes drop Sunday mornings.

Search for [collegechurchofsda](https://wearecc.net) 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, 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.
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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.

Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



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.

February 24, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe (at Uchee Pines until Feb. 28); Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recovering in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother); 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 5:31 PM, Friday 5:38 PM

Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
	7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
	7:00 PM Finance Committee
Tue.	7:00 PM Church Board
	9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
	Three-way Grant Submission Deadline
	7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM King's Kids
	7:00 PM SLA Constituency Meeting
	7:00 PM Camera Club (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	6:30 PM Young Adult Supper & Discussion
	6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast (provided)
	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 Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders

Kids' Worship

TODAY, 11:25 AM | YOUTH CHAPEL

Kids of all ages are invited to worship together. Join your friends in a fun and inspirational service.

- ✓ We'll attend the main worship service until the children's story, then go to the chapel for a dedicated kids' service.

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation: What is the biblical evidence that the dead are asleep and know nothing? Our guest presenter is Pastor Orlando Moncrieffe. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

SLA CONSTITUENCY MEETING

THIS THURSDAY, 7:00 PM IN THE SLA CHAPEL

All CC members are invited to attend and vote. Our annual church support of SLA exceeds \$120,000, and many of our children and youth attend SLA. More info at

LANCASTER COMMUNITY FORUM

THIS THURSDAY, 7:00 PM | MARY ROWLANDSON ELEM. SCHOOL
Lancaster residents are invited to attend. Info: www.lancaster2035.org.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER & DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MAR. 1, 6:30 PM | CARLOS & RHONDA'S HOME

Our next gathering will be at 18 Colonial Dr., Clinton. Please contact Pastor Einar for details.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS NEXT SABBATH

Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 and potluck after church (members, please bring a dish). Come hungry! Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

HELPING CLINTON ELEMENTARY KIDS

The kids can use a few more things to finish up the school year: Girls underwear, size 8; girls sweatpants/leggings, sizes 6-18; boys underwear, sizes 6, 8; boys sweatpants, sizes 6, 7, 8, 10. There is a bin outside the church office for new clothes, or, if you prefer to donate cash, you can mark your tithe envelope "Clinton School Kids." The last day to bring these items is Sabbath, Mar. 2. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICER SELECTION BEGINS NEXT SABBATH

At that time we will select the organizing committee (the pre-nominating committee). Please pray for this important and sacred process for our church.

BACH PROJECT CONCERT, ASHMONT HILL CHAMBER MUSIC SUN., MAR. 10, 4:00 PM | 209 ASHMONT ST., DORCHESTER

All are invited to attend the next concert of The Bach Project, directed by College Church organist Andrew Sheranian. The program includes the exuberant Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 for harpsichord solo and orchestra, as well as the Coffee Cantata. Yes, Bach wrote a cantata all about coffee, and it's about as close as he ever came to writing an opera. More info at www.ahchambermusic.org.

CC ART GALLERY ...

is looking for new art for the downstairs gallery! Next submission date will be by March 13. There's no theme for this next showing, just another round of people's favorites pieces that they have. All ages are encouraged to participate. Art must be able to hang or framed. Questions? Contact Ilana Cady at 978-503-9212 (text preferred).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ *Women's Ministry Sabbath Mar. 16:* In celebration of women's month, Rachel Williams-Smith from Southern University will present the Sabbath service as well as an afternoon program from 2:00-4:30 in the Youth Chapel. The focus will be "Overcoming Obstacles."
- ✓ *Craft Supply Exchange Apr. 28:* We're sponsoring a craft supply exchange. You can bring craft items that you no longer need and pick up others that might interest you. This has been done in other areas and has been a huge success!

SEE YESTERDAY'S BROADCAST EMAIL ...

for an update from the Vegas on a new display of Inigo's artwork at Boston Children's hospital.

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.ssnnet.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



SPIRITUAL REVIVAL RETREAT

MARCH 29-31 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Guest Speaker: Pastor Pavel Goia. Info: <https://youtu.be/nSfCcVlevY>. Registration opens on Feb. 26 at <https://www.sneconline.org/events>.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? The College Church Prayer Shawl team can make them a Prayer Shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 894, from 1 Chron. 29:11-13
Janice Gründer

HYMN OF PRAISE

559, Now Thank We All Our God (*Nun Danket*)
Arielle Cady Flores, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Kathy Suckert

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Horacio Castro

Special Offering: SNEC Budget (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: Horacio Castro

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 26:7-9; 13-14; 17-21, NRSV
Kendra Chama

MUSICAL SELECTION

All Day, All Night with My Lord What a Morning (*Russell Robinson*)
Lanu Stoddart, voice

FINDING MORAL CERTAINTY

Bill Knott

Bill is Director of Government Affairs for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and works in Washington, D.C. with legislators, advocacy groups, and international organizations to represent the interests of the Church and to promote religious liberty. He is also a former College Church member.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

71, Come, Thou Almighty King (*Italian Hymn*)

BENEDICTION

Bill Knott

POSTLUDE

Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano

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

EXPERIENCE SLA
Events for Prospective Parents and Students

MARCH 14, 2024
6-8 PM
EXPERIENCE SLA
Science Fair
Peek into classrooms
Teacher meet & greet
Q&A with Administration
Registration Assistance

MARCH 15, 2024
8-11:30 AM
VISITATION DAY
Sign your child up to shadow their prospective class for a day!

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