

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. 12	Einar Rom
Dec. 19	Einar Rom
Dec. 26	Einar Rom
Jan. 2	Einar Rom, Communion

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.

Education & Music

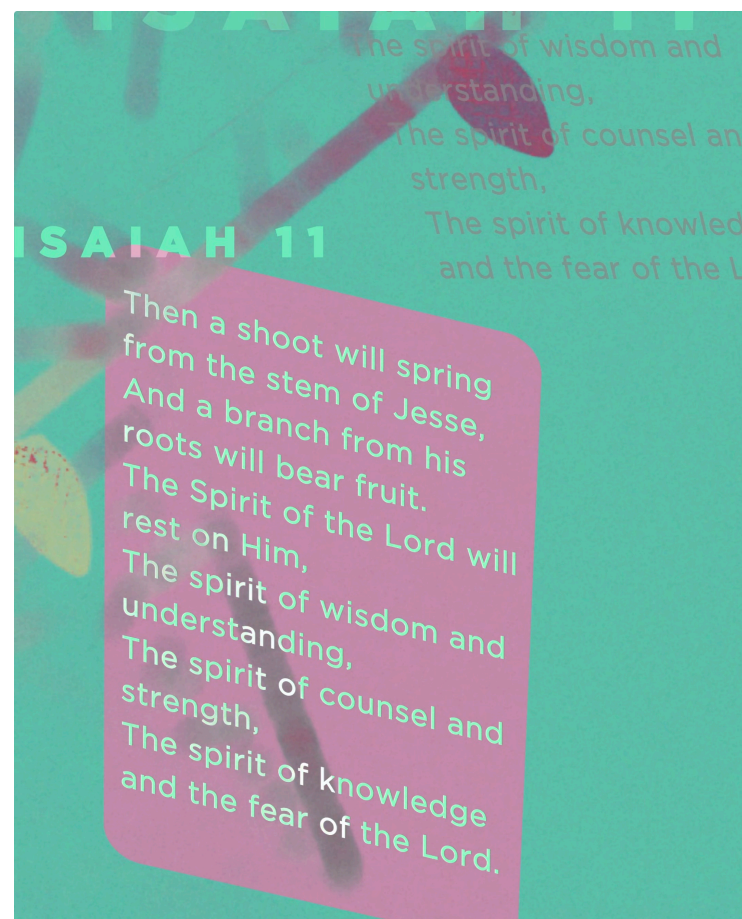
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K through grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing both financial & logistical support. For more info: 978-368-8544 or www.mysla.org.

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

Bulletin



Giving



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
Phone:	978-368-2130
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The Church at Work

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 4:14 PM, Friday 4:16 PM

Today	6:30 PM	Glō Gathering
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
	7:30 PM	Last Day Events Zoom Meeting
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. 16, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

We are studying Exodus. All are welcome to join.

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

LAST DAY EVENTS ZOOM MEETING

FRIDAY, DEC. 18, 7:30 PM | ZOOM

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.

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.

NO SLA BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH

It will meet again in January.

BULLETIN ARTWORK

We are seeking your artwork for the bulletin. The plan is to highlight art each month that corresponds with the time of year. All ages are welcome. Please send yours to office@thecollegechurch.com.

IF YOU'RE CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSET ...

Please remember our [Helpsy bin](#) (the blue one) in our parking lot. It is a great place to repurpose your used clothing. We recently received a check for \$98.28 that will be used in our Agape Fund.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Are you interested in being sure we have fresh flowers to enjoy each Sabbath? Please contact our Pastor if you are, or sign up at wearecc.net/flowers.

WE NEED POINSETTIAS!

If you'd like to add some Christmas cheer to the church, please consider donating a pink, red, or white poinsettia to the church for this Christmas season. You can leave plants in the upper foyer, or mark your tithe envelope Poinsettias. Thanks!



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.ssnet.org, you can download the Sabbath School app from your app store, or scan the QR code on the right.



CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Downstairs: Grades 1–3	Upstairs: Grades 4–5
	Grades 6–8
	Grades 9–12

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.

Delivery to Church Office: Thursday, Dec. 31, Time TBA.

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.

ROOF PROJECT

Total Cost: \$341,100

Cash raised as of Nov. 7: \$145,011.46*

* Not including 2020, 2021, or 2022 pledges not received yet.

The project is in the final stretch that is slated to be completed next week. We have much to rejoice about, and that includes the generosity of our church family. Thus far \$145,011.46 has been received! Thank you all! If we can keep up this level of support we can likely eliminate the Atlantic Union Revolving Fund loan of \$100,000 that we have been approved for. Let us advance upon our knees.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all mobile devices.

PRELUDE (11:10 AM)

Come, Redeemer of the Gentiles (*Samuel Scheidt*)

WELCOME, OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:15 AM)

Pastor Einar Rom

Special Offering: Evangelism (mark your tithe envelope).

Loose offerings go to local church budget.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

1 John 5:11–13

Elon Prather

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Improvisation on "O sing a song of Bethlehem" (*Juan A. Mesa*)

ADVENT LIGHTING

Bianca Loss (*Script by Cameron Loss*)

CHILDREN'S STORY

Michelle Lee Williams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Roger Prather

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8–14

Loren Prather

MUSICAL SELECTION

Because of Who You Are (*Sandi Patti*)

Arensa Morisset, vocal

CAVE A OR CAVE B?

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

MUSICAL SELECTION

O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be) (*Passion*)

Arensa Morisset, vocal; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above I Come (*Johann Pachelbel*)

Juan A. Mesa, organ

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