

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

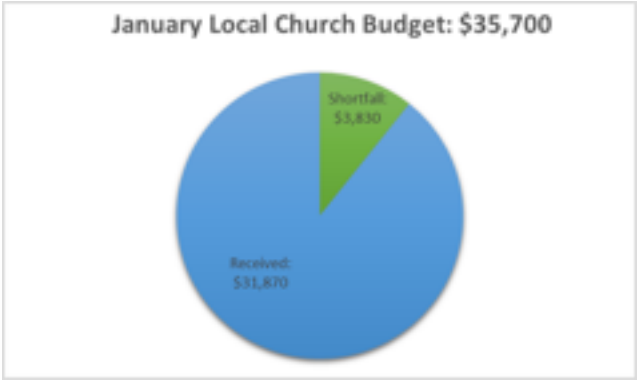
Jan. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$35,700.00	
Received	\$31,869.93*	\$31,869.93 *
Spent		(\$31,806.76)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,830.07)	\$63.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 01/2024		\$8,133.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$2,631.75
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$298,230.76

*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.



On Tuesday, Feb. 27, our church board voted to recommend the 2024 church budget to a church business meeting that has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 19. Our proposed budget is \$429,476 and includes over \$120,000 of financial support for South Lancaster Academy. Our local church budget also supports local outreach, our Pathfinders and Adventurers, our annual fall trip to Camp Winnekeag, Sabbath School supplies, cleaning supplies, fellowship dinner supplies, and much more. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Mar. 16	Rachel Williams-Smith, Women's Min.	Mariyan Montaque
Mar. 23	Einar Rom	Ralph Gifford III
Mar. 30	Einar Rom (Easter Sabbath)	Mariyan Montaque

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 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.
✓ *Newsletter:* www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
✓ *Alumni:* Connect with us at www.mysla.org/alumni.

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 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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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:
treasurer@wearecc.net

Bulletin



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.

March 16, 2024

Women's Celebration – Overcoming Obstacles

- In connection with Women's Month
- Saturday, March 16: Youth Chapel, College Church, 337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA 2:00-4:30 PM
- Presented by Rachel Williams-Smith, Dean and Professor of the School of Journalism and Communication, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 - Presentation, music, group interactions

The College Church Presents

mindfit

A Mental Health Interactive Documentary Series

April 4, 5, 8, 9
7:00 PM- 8:00 PM

337 Main Street, South Lancaster MA

**There is no charge for attendance*

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe; Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating 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.

In Bereavement: The loved ones of long-time member George Estrada, who passed away Mar. 2. His service will be Sunday, May 19, at 1:00 PM at the Southboro Golf Club.

Week at a Glance. See the announcements or wearecc.net for more.

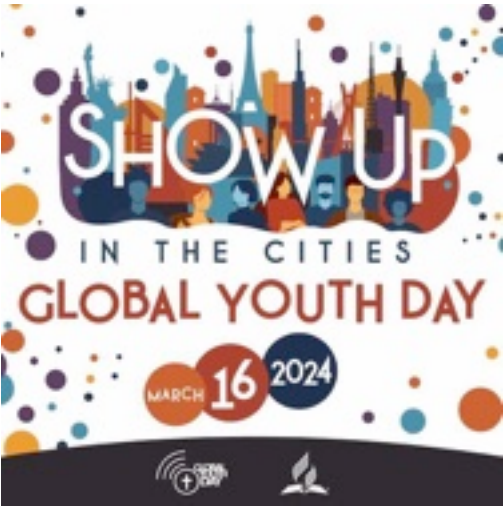
South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:56 PM, Friday 7:03 PM		
Today	After Church	Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Women’s Ministry Event (Youth Chapel)
	2:00 PM	Adventurers, Pathfinders
	7:00 PM	Free Concert Series
Sun.		Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
Tue.	6:00 PM	VBS Leader Meeting (Conference Room)
	7:00 PM	Church Business/Board Meeting
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	3:15 PM	Kids’ Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King’s Kids (Music Room)
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	6:00 PM	Youth Supper & Vespers
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
	3:00 PM	Dean Davis Memorial Live Stream from GA

POTLUCK DINNER TODAY AFTER CHURCH
Members, please bring a dish. Visitors are welcome and don’t need to bring anything.

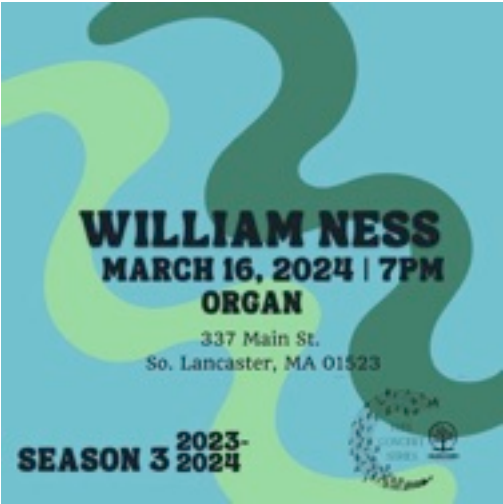
IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
This week’s conversation: “Is the Sabbath a relic of the past?” Our guest presenter is Dr. Bertram Melbourne. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals.

A BIG THANK YOU ...
to all who contributed clothes or cash to the Clinton School Kids. Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate two huge bags of clothes. The children will be blessed by your gifts.



TODAY, 2:00–4:00 PM
The College Church Children’s Ministry invites you to join us for Global Youth Day. We will be assembling new parent care kits for women from vulnerable populations as well as sorting baby clothes and toys in support of Glō Mom’s upcoming community baby shower (sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School). If you’d like to donate maternity clothing, toys, or used baby clothes, please leave them in the church office or contact Nicole Broushet.



TODAY, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY
William was our Minister of Music from 1987-2001 and is responsible for acquiring our J.W. Walker & Sons pipe organ. This concert will feature music by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Emma Lou Diemer, Margarita Merriman, Calvin Taylor, Denis Bedard, Eurydice Osterman, Amy Beach, and Carl Haywood. This honors black and women composers in this varied program, which includes Bach, whose birthday was March 21, 1685.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
THIS TUESDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
Church board meeting will follow if needed. This will be a hybrid meeting. If you can’t make it in person, log in at <https://wearecc.net/church-business-meeting>.

PRISON MINISTRY MANDATORY MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY, 5:00–7:00 PM | WORCESTER COUNTY JAIL
Address: Dr. Paul Ware Dr., Boylston, MA (just over the line from West Boylston). Look for a sign that says Command and Training Center and then drive down a long driveway where the training house is located. If you need more help, ask for directions at the guard shack.

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



EASTER EVENTS
✓ **Agape Supper: Friday, Mar. 29, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall:** Join us once again for a beautiful, spiritual experience. Please register at [www.wearecc.net](https://wearecc.net). Click the blue-&-white N in the lower right hand corner of any page, then choose Agape Supper Signup.
✓ **Easter Breakfast: Sabbath, Mar. 30, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall:** Followed by a special Easter service with lots of music. No Sabbath School that day.

CRAFT SUPPLY EXCHANGE
SUNDAY, APR. 28, NOON–3:00 PM
Women's Ministries will be hosting a craft supply swap. For more info or to register, please contact Deb Loss at debrajloss@juno.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 10–13, 4:00–7:30 PM; JULY 14, 2:30–8:30 PM FOR PRE-TEENS
Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School 2024! The main VBS is for ages birth–10 years, BUT: New this year is a one-day immersive VBS for pre-teens on Sunday, July 14. Please visit <https://wearecc.net/vbs> or reach out to Nicole Broushet for additional information for volunteers and attendees.

HELP ROGER PRATHER WITH HIS PH.D. DISSERTATION
It’s about the relationship between religious beliefs and political opinions related to climate change. If you’d like to help, you must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. resident. It’s an anonymous survey of 21 questions about your demographics, political opinions, and religious beliefs. If you can help, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYJLZWV>.



NEW SNEC OFFICE HOURS
9:00-6:00 M-Th., closed on Fridays. The Adventist Book Center continues to hold its same hours and is open on Fridays.

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
Sicilienne (*Maria-Teresia von Paradis*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading 725
Rachel Sarpong

HYMN OF PRAISE
499, What a Friend We Have in Jesus (*Converse*)
Sarah Bravo, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Blanca Bruso

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Mariyan Montaque
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: Mariyan Montaque

SCRIPTURE
Esther 4:10-17
Rose Dawkins

MUSICAL SELECTION
They Could Not (*Sandi Patti*)
Arensa Morisset, voice

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
Kari Radford

RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY
Rachel Williams-Smith
Rachel is the Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Southern Adventist University

HYMN OF DEDICATION
103, O God, Our Help (*St. Anne*)

BENEDICTION
Rachel Williams-Smith

POSTLUDE
Fantasy on "St. Anne" (*Margarita Merriman*)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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