

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

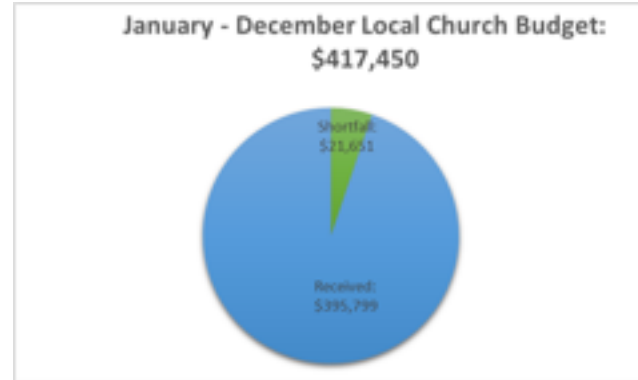
Dec. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$417,456.00	
Received	\$395,798.97*	\$395,798.97 *
Spent		(\$395,702.53)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$21,657.03)	\$96.44
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 12/2023		\$29,879.92
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$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 thank God for your generosity in 2023. We carried a deficit each month. Thankfully, we ended with a much smaller one than expected, and had it not been for unforeseen expenses, we may have had a surplus. So, the good news is that we have a well working HVAC system and we have removed the mold from our building. To do this, we now have a loan of just under \$300,000 ... much less than it could have been. The 2024 budget is being crafted now and we foresee a year of wonderful and meaningful events. Projects include upgrading our sanctuary video projector and replacing our Main Street church sign. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning and prayers. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Our proposed 2024 Local Church budget is \$429,476 but still needs to be approved by the church board and a church business meeting. *Pastor Einar*

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Feb. 17	Einar Rom	Nicole Broushet
Feb. 24	Bill Knott	Horacio Castro
Mar. 2	Einar Rom	Roger Prather

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.

- ✓ **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.

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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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 Cacilda Morris

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.

Love. Grow. Serve.

February 17, 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.

In Bereavement:

- ✓ The family of Elnora King, who on Monday morning passed to her rest in Jesus. Elnora joined our fellowship on Dec. 1, 1957, so she was a member for over 66 years. No services have been planned as of yet, but details are forthcoming.
- ✓ The family of Dean Davis, who fell asleep in Jesus Tuesday. Vera said that he passed peacefully and without pain. Dean was chair of the AUC Theology department for years.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:22 PM, Friday 5:30 PM

Today	9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast (provided) After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner 4:00 PM Pathfinders 5:30 PM Courage to Persevere
Mon.	Happy Presidents' Day (church office closed) 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
Tue.	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 6:00 PM Choose Wellness Topic Supper: Heart Disease 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	7:00 PM Southwestern Adventist U. Pop-up Concert 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: Bill Knott 11:20 AM Kids' Worship

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

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.

PATHFINDERS

TODAY, 4:00 PM

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation: Is the God of the Old Testament and the New Testament the same God? Our guest presenter is Pastor Kristy Hodson. 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>.

KIDS' PRAYER MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY, 3:15 PM | KINDERGARTEN ROOM
More info at wearecc.net/cc-kids.



Soup & Bread Supper/Presentation

Health Topic: Heart Disease

- Risk factors
- Lifestyle modifications
- Difference between men and women
- Dietary impact

Presented by Kari Radford, RN, PhD.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street
So. Lancaster, MA 01561

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!

HELPING CLINTON ELEMENTARY KIDS

The Clinton Elementary School kids can use a few more things to finish up the school year, including: 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!



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.

Lesson



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	

CHURCH OFFICER SELECTION BEGINS SOON

On Sabbath, March 2, we will select the organizing committee (the pre-nominating committee). Please pray for this important and sacred process for our church.

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.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Tell Kirosha what you can do at <http://tinyurl.com/courage-2024>.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

The Valley of the Bones (based on the spiritual "Dry Bones")
(Margaret Bonds)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 855
Terrence, Emmanuella, and Gianna Gibson

HYMN OF PRAISE

3, God Himself is With Us (*Wunderbarer König*)
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Annabel Argueta

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Nicole Broushet; Brian Ashmankas, Worcester County Jail Chaplain
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: Nicole Broushet

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 27:1-6
Adrian Davidson

MUSICAL SELECTION

A Secret Place (*Richard Smallwood*)
Maggie Morisset, vocal

HELP!

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

290, Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus (*Lemmel*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

The Bells (based on "Peter, go ring dem bells") (*Margaret Bonds*)
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.