General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

November 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$389,581.50	
Received	\$330,236.29 *	\$330,236.29 *
Spent		(\$330,195.27)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$59,345.21)	\$41.02
YTD Total HVA	C Loan Balance	\$206,330.98

^{*}Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

Preliminary December Update: Wonderful news! For the month of December \$63,893.96 was received for our Local Church Budget. This amount greatly exceeds our monthly needed amount of \$35,417, and it will go a long way in helping us make up our 2024 shortfalls. Praise God!

Our 2024 local church budget was \$425,000 and our 2025 budget is in the process of being finalized. Please keep Tithe & Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

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.

TITHE, although vital, goes to SNEC and *does not 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.

LOAN BALANCE: Our HVAC project was fully completed this year, and we are making progress on paying off the loan from that and the mold removal project. Here is an update of our progress, and please remember that our original loan amount was as much as \$425,000:

 December
 \$299,727.00

 March
 \$245,297.00

 June
 \$231,587.00

 September
 \$227,269.00

 November
 \$206,330.98

We have so much to be thankful for, and a declining debt is certainly one of those blessings. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or online at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Jan. 18	ER, Communion	Cécile Engeln	Fred Day
Jan. 25	Roger Prather	Tom Nicolas	Jonathan Bissell
Feb. 1	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson	Carlos Muchiutti

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon at <u>bulletin@wearecc.net</u>. All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.

OUR SERVICES AIR on local cable TV in several nearby towns. See the schedule at https://wearecc.net/local-tv.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS, go to https://wearecc.net/flowers.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Second Friday of the month at 3:30 PM. We prepare and serve food for the needy at WHEAT, 272 High St., Clinton.

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).

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.

Education & Music

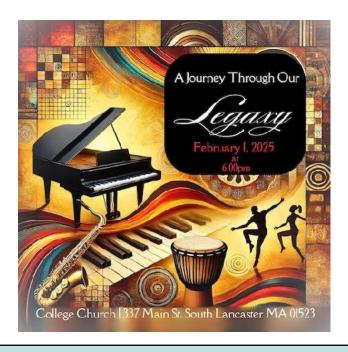
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

✓ Newsletter: www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ SNEC Scholarship: For full-time students at SDA colleges who have membership in a SNEC church. Info: www.sneconline.org/education. Application deadline: Feb. 7.
- ✓ Deininger Scholarship: For nursing/allied health programs. Info: www.sneconline.org/scholarship. Application deadline: Feb. 9.

THREE-WAY SCHOLARSHIP: You can now apply for spring Three-way and Home School scholarships at https://wearecc.net. Click Next Steps in the lower right corner to get started.



THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS LIVE!

Mobile Access: In the iOS App Store or Google Play, download "Instant Church Directory." Create a password for the mobile app and online.

Computer: Go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com, click the First time signing in? Create Login button and follow instructions. Create a password for the mobile app and online.

Once you're logged in, you can view Families and Staff in the directory. You can also submit updates to your info under Edit My Family. All updates will alert the Admin and Editors to view and approve them before going "live."

Haven't signed up? It's never too late to join! It is a "living" directory and can always be updated. To sign up, go to wearecc.net and click the Next Steps button at the bottom right.

Online Services

<u>HTTPS://WEARECC.NET</u> has our calendar, videos, bulletins, and more.

ONLINE/MOBILE GIVING: Download the Adventist Giving app or click the Giving link on <u>wearecc.net</u>. 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 <u>Messages</u> section of our website. Episodes usually drop Sunday mornings.

Search for collegechurchofsda on VouTube f

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	Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00-12:30, 1:00-3:30.		
Hours:	It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the		
	office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.		
Phone:	978-368-2130		
Address:	337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561		
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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers: treasurer@wearecc.net

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



Communion

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.

January 18, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Lothar Suckert (UMass), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass, Lake Ave.), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

Home-bound: Jackie Nosek, Lucy Santana, Joe Drader.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or <u>wearecc.net</u> for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:44 PM, Friday 4:52 P			Sunset: Today 4:44 PM, Friday 4:52 PM
	Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	Sun.	1:00 PM	Lancaster Garden Club
	Mon.		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, church office closed
		7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
		2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
	Wed.	6:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
		12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
		7:00 PM	In Search of Shiloh (Zoom)
	Thur.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
	Fri.	6:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
	Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
		10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
		11:15 AM	Worship Service: Roger Prather
		2:00 PM	Adventurers
		2:30 PM	Pathfinders

SPECIAL PRAYER SESSION

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | JUNIOR ROOM

LANCASTER GARDEN CLUB

TOMORROW, 1:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All are welcome to learn about gardening.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

IN SEARCH OF SHILOH

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH FEB. 5, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

The name Shiloh, meaning "to whom it belongs," or the "rightful King," is found in Genesis 49: 10 The journey through the Scriptures linking God, the Father, and Jesus as this "rightful King," is important in understanding Jesus' purpose and mission.

VOLLEYBALL & BOARD GAMES

AFTER SUNSET, JAN. 25, 5:00 PM | SLA GYM

Come join us at 198 George Hill Rd., South Lancaster

CHOOSE WELLNESS SUPPER

THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 6:00-8:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Choose Wellness is starting a nutrition series exploring new avenues, including the impact of food choices on cancer. Research shows more and more evidence that "we are what we eat." Food choices greatly impact our health, and the better educated we are, the better choices we can make. Join us for a free supper and presentation.

3RD BLACK HISTORY MO. CELEBRATION: COURAGE TO DREAM SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 5:30 PM | MECHANICS HALL, WORCESTER

Share the courageous faith stories of Black and Brown immigrants who journeyed to Worcester County in search of a better life. Through performances by local artists, actors, choirs, and culinary creatives, we will celebrate their resilience and contributions. Tickets: www.mechanicshall.org. Questions: info@kirosha.com.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 3:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Enjoy a delightful repertoire of flute choir music to brighten your Sunday afternoon. Don't worry—you'll have plenty of time to enjoy this inspiring performance and catch the Super Bowl festivities later in the day! Admission is free, and all are welcome. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of beautiful music and community

FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY

MARCH 28-30 | HARTFORD, CT

This is a SNEC event to encourage and equip people to share their faith. Several registration levels are available. For just Sabbath, the cost is \$150/person. Many seminars will be available, and John Bradshaw is the keynote speaker. https://tinyurl.com/festivalofthelaity.

THANK YOU

Clinton Elementary School needed a few more clothing items to finish the school year, which we covered with funds in the Clinton School Kids Fund. Thank you for your support of this important ministry. Please continue so we'll be ready for next school year. *Dawn Rom*

The Lord's Praver



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Downstairs:Upstairs:Newborn-Age 2Grades 4-6 (Juniors)Age 3-KindergartenGrades 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	Pastor Maria's Office	

See more online and in-person study options at <u>wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options</u>. Free study guides at <u>www.ssnet.org</u>.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

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





The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Pastor Maria Valente

PRELUDE

Concerto in C, first movement, (Haydn)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

John 13:12-17 Keila Mejia

HYMN OF PRAISE

21, Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio) Leader: Arielle Cady Flores

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES (CHILDREN'S STORY)

Ray Sauls

MUSICAL OFFERING

Suite No. 1, Prelude (J.S. Bach)

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mariyan Montaque

Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYER IN SONG

Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cécile Engeln

MUSICAL OFFERING

Adagio non troppo (Villa Lobos)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9–13 from Message Bible Gianna Gibson

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

COMMUNION

Separate for Ordinance of Humility (Fellowship Hall)

Canon in D (Pachebel)

Kate Hodson, piano

Communion Hymn: 403, Let Us Break Bread Together (Spiritual)

Prayer & Distribution of elements

HYMN OF DEDICATION

The Lord's Prayer (see left) (Malotte)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

POSTLUDE

Bryn Calfaria (Look, you saints, the sight is glorious) (Ralph Vaughan Williams) Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Sofia Hernandez Williams, cello; Roy Imperio, piano Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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