

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

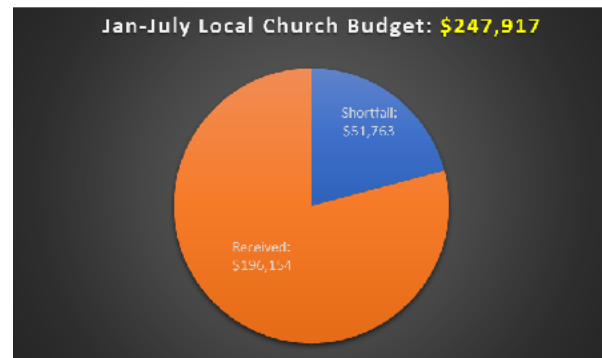
July 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$247,915.50	
Received	\$196,154.05 *	\$196,154.05 *
Spent		(\$196,124.80)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$51,761.45)	\$29.25
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$229,902.39	

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2024 church budget is \$425,000 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.

REMEMBER: Tithe, although vital, goes to our local conference and **it 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.



Summer has passed and fall is around the corner. SLA started the 2024-25 school year on August 20, our choir room is getting an update thanks to Thayer and our local church building fund, our Pathfinders all returned home from the Believe the Promise camporee in Wisconsin, and our annual Camp Winnekeag Sabbath is coming soon. A lot is happening. Let's all prayerfully do what we can to start this fall season off on a strong financial note.

Please place your offering in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors or contribute online at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Sept. 7	Bill Knott	Marta Medina
Sept. 14	Worship at Winnekeag	Emmanuella Gibson
Sept. 21	Einar Rom	Thomas Nicholas

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 in Sterling, Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, Lunenburg, and West Boylston. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

OUR TRAINING CHAPEL in the right rear of the sanctuary includes a baby changing station, a private nursing area, and a restroom. There are also changing stations in the restrooms downstairs. Note: A Sabbath School class meets in that chapel from 10:00-11:00 AM.

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.

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 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

See the linked pages for requirements, deadlines, and to apply.

✓ **Elementary & Secondary:** For three-way and home school, go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. **Deadline: Monday, Sept. 30.**

✓ **College:** The [SNEC scholarship application](#) is open. **Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 15.**

Pathfinder and Adventurer Enrollment

What: Intro and Enrollment in Classes

Who: All children ages 3-9 (Adventurers) ages 10-15 (Pathfinders)

When: Sunday September 8th, 3-5 pm

Where: College Church Fellowship Hall (337 Main St. S. Lancaster)

Food Provided!!

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](#) section of our website. Episodes usually 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., Fri. 8:00-12:30, 1:00-3:30. 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



Giving



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.

September 7, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Lothar Suckert, Henry Livergood, Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Mary Monroe (home), Dan Morris, Ray Dow, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, Lucy Santana (River Terrace), John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

In Bereavement: The loved ones of Roy McCoy, who passed away Sunday morning. We will let you know about his service as we can.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:11 PM, Friday 6:59 PM

Today	After Church	Dinner for Adventurers and their families
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	4:00 PM	Christmas Play Read-through (Sanctuary)
Sun.	4:00 PM	Pathfinder Enrollment (see other side)
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	3:30 PM	Feed the Hungry
	7:00 PM	That Flute Guy Concert (Sanctuary)
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	11:15 AM	Worship at Winnekeag, Einar Rom

ADVENTURERS

TODAY, 2:00 PM | BEGINNER, KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY ROOMS

✓ After church the Adventurer families will have a dinner in the fellowship hall. **Note:** this is not a general fellowship dinner.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

PATHFINDER ENROLLMENT

TOMORROW, 4:00-6:00 PM

See other side for more info.

MEN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SEPT 15

WooSox game, 5 tickets left. Contact Mitchell Hall if interested at 978-870-5088.

FEED THE HUNGRY

We need a cooking team for our Sept. 13 and Oct. 11 turns at WHEAT In Clinton (those are both Fridays). If you can help, please let the office and Mandy Conner know. The key time is 3:30 till about 5:15 PM.

CHOOSE WELLNESS FREE SUPPER/PRESENTATION
THURSDAY, OCT. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Topics: Breast Cancer, Grief. Presented by Ilsa Gründer, NP, Cancer Center; Marta Medina, MSW. Sign up at wearecc.net (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or use the QR code.



MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

Out: Victor, Nicole and Valencia Broushet to College View Church, Lincoln, NE

DO YOU SING?

Are you missing having a choir to sing with for church? Join our pick-up choir for a performance with SLA choirs November 23. Learn the music at home, and join the choir for a dress rehearsal (Friday, Nov. 22) and performance (Sabbath, Nov. 23). Music and practice tracks are available, just email ilanacady16@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

For occasional adult companionship for my 80-year-old mother at our home in Lancaster. She is pleasant and needs very little except smiles and conversation. No medical requirements. Times would be flexible as needed; sometimes during the day and sometimes in the evening. Please call Peggy Pickford (daughter) at 978-398-5048 if you can help.



Note: We won't be streaming this concert because the streaming equipment will have been taken to Winnekeag for the next morning.



A Free Community Health Fair

Sunday, September 22 | 11:00am - 3:00pm

- Kids' area
 - Bouncy house
 - Games
 - Face painting
- Chair massages
- Vegan food options
- Information on nutrition and lifestyle

Clearview Farm

4 Kendall Hill Road, Sterling, MA

This is a chance to reach out to our community about the impact nutrition and lifestyle have on their lives. If you can help, sign up at www.wearecc.net (Next Steps button in the lower right corner) or with the form in today's bulletin.

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.

FROM PASTOR EINAR

Our pastor is visiting his mother in Norway through Sept. 10. You can reach him via text and email (see other side), but if you have a more pressing pastoral need, please contact one of our co-lead elders, Rose Dawkins or Josephine Robertson. Approved contact info:

✓ Rose: (978) 808-7198, dawkinsr@comcast.net

✓ Josephine: (978) 257-0461, josephine_robertson@yahoo.com

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Marta Medina

PRELUDE

Chorale and Toccata on Rejoice, the Lord is King (Albert Travis)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #696, from Psalm 34, NIV
Matt Bruso

HYMN OF PRAISE

221, Rejoice, the Lord is King (Darwall's 148th)
Ralph Dawkins, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Rick Wall

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Marta Medina

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: Into My Heart (Harry D. Clarke)

Into my heart, into my heart
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus
Come in today, come in to stay
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus

Prayer: Winnifred Forson

ORGAN HYMN

Marche Triomphale, Op. 65, No. 59, Now Thank We All Our God (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:18-20, NRSV
Sofia C. Maskewich

"A SIN OF FEAR": WHEN OUR HEARTS CONDEMN US

Bill Knott

Bill may be the Associate Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty at the General Conference of SDA, but really, he's one of our own, having grown up here.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

198, And Can It Be? (Sagina)

BENEDICTION

Bill Knott

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in B-flat (Brenda Portman)

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

William Ness, organ, piano

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