

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

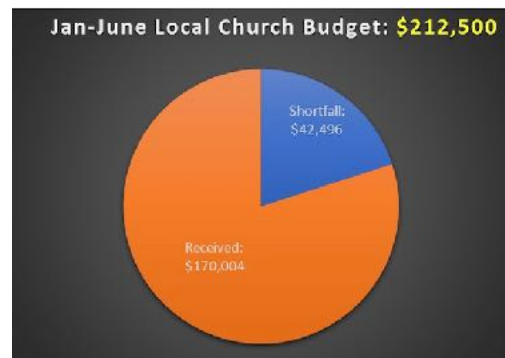
June, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$212,499.00	
Received	\$170,004.37 *	\$170,004.37 *
Spent		(\$169,972.64)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$42,494.63)	\$31.73
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$231,586.67	

*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: Our 2023 tithe was \$1,026,168. 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.



Our deficit grew in May and June. This is an annual trend, partly due to the two weeks at camp meeting and the start of summer vacation. Let us prayerfully consider how we can help reduce our deficit so we can begin the fall on budget. We are very blessed by a generous church family, and we are thankful to see our HVAC loan balance decrease each month ... a special thank you to those who are chipping away at that project.

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

Aug. 17	Einar Rom	Dave Rawson
Aug. 24	Einar Rom	Mariyan Montaque
Aug. 31	Marta Medina	Daniel Thomas

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 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.
- ✓ **Nurse Position:** We need someone with an RNBSN and is licensed in Massachusetts for our part-time school nurse position. Low stress position with competitive pay. Duties include health education programs, preparing health information, maintaining school health data. Please send your resume to Ollyce Gardner, principal@mysla.org

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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

- ✓ **Elementary & Secondary:** For three-way and home school scholarships, go to <https://wearecc.net> and click the launcher (the little blue N in the lower right corner of any page) to get started.
- ✓ **College:** The [SNEC scholarship application](#) is now open as well.

THAYER CONSERVATORY: Lessons in art, drama, music (piano, 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.

GREATER BOSTON ACADEMY needs a middle school Social Studies and Bible teacher. Send your resume and current NAD certificate, your philosophy of teaching, and your resume to Education Superintendent Beverley Bucknor at bbucknor@sneconline.org and GBA Principal Milton Torres at mtorres@gbaedu.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](#) section of our website. Episodes usually drop Sunday mornings.

Search for [collegethurchofsda](#) 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:	Tues., 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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Address:	337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561
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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

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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 —



Stone church, Bergen, Norway. Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

"We are most like beasts when we kill. We are most like men when we judge. We are most like God when we forgive."

- William Arthur Ward

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.

August 17, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Roy McCoy (Clinton Hospital), 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' 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 family of Lolly Linton (Dan's mom), who passed away Tuesday morning. Her service will be Monday, Aug. 26, at 7:00 PM in the youth chapel.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:46 PM, Friday 7:37 PM

Today	After Church	Potluck Picnic at Ralph & Deb Gifford's Home
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Tue.		SLA's First Day of School (half day)
	7:00 PM	Church Board
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:00 PM	SLA Board (postponed from last week)
	7:00 PM	Personal Ministries Committee (Zoom)
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	11:10 AM	Worship: Einar Rom
	After Church	Potluck Picnic at Tom & Barb King's Home

SUMMER PICNIC SCHEDULE

Our after-church summer picnics at members' homes are happening! Members, please bring a dish to share. Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. Here are the next few hosts:

✓ **Today:** Ralph & Deb Gifford, 861 George Hill Road, Lancaster.

✓ **Aug. 24:** Tom & Barb King, 6 Stonebridge Circle, Clinton. This will be our final picnic of the summer.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The next gallery showing will be installed August 21. If you'd like to participate, please drop off your art by August 19. Questions? Contact Ilana at 978-503-9212. If you haven't looked at this latest installation yet, go check it out downstairs!

SABBATH SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

SABBATH, AUG. 31

On Aug. 31 we will have our Sabbath School promotions following the worship service children's story. **Teachers and Leaders:** Please e-mail your names of 'graduates' to Ed so he can prepare the needed certificates.

Worship at Winnekeag

Join us at 257 Ashby Rd., Ashburnham on Sabbath, Sept. 14, for outdoor worship at 10:00 AM, followed by dinner and a relaxing afternoon. We'll be in the cafeteria if it rains.

✓ **Sabbath dinner is free, but you have to register by Monday, Sept. 2** at <https://wearecc.net> (click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner of any page) or by contacting the church office.

✓ **Registration is super important** because we have to tell the camp how many meals to prepare. *If you don't register, you may not get a meal!*

✓ **If you sign up but then can't go, let us know by Sept. 2 so that we don't pay for a meal no one eats.** A couple of years ago we had to pay for about 50 registered people who didn't show up.

To help with costs, donate to Church Social Programs at <https://wearecc.net/give> or in a tithe envelope.

JOHNNIE SCHU'S ANNUAL FREE LABOR DAY COOKOUT MON., SEPT. 2, 10:30 AM-DUSK | 90 REDSTONE HILL RD., LANC.

There will be live music, farm animals, pony cart rides, free food (optional potluck), a swimming pool, and more. There's plenty of seating, but you may want to bring a camp chair. More info: John Schumacher-Hardy, 774-415-1201 or jcs12367@gmail.com.

SNEC FAMILY MINISTRIES MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM POSTPONED

The SNEC Family Ministries team has had to postpone this event that was scheduled for Sept. 7. Sorry for any inconvenience. At this time we have no info on when or if it will be rescheduled.

✓ Normal Sabbath School classes will meet that day.

A BUSY AND MEANINGFUL SEPTEMBER IS COMING

Sept. 14: Worship at Winnekeag (registration open; see above)

Sept. 21: Adventurers & Pathfinders lead our worship service

Sept. 28: Worship service with a focus on mission

CLINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COLLECTION

We're collecting things for Clinton Elementary School kids again (see the bin outside the church office). Needs: boys and girls sweatpants/leggings and shorts, sizes 6-14; girls socks; boys and girls underwear, sizes 6-14; small fidgets, Play-Doh, Legos, squish balls. Only new clothing please. Cash donations can be made online or put in a tithe envelope marked "Clinton School Kids." Thank you!

✓ The Women's Ministry is helping with this effort. Please bring your items to the church on Sabbath. Thanks!

CALLING ALL RINGERS!

Come and join the fun of playing in the College Church Bell Choir! If you enjoy music, if you enjoy the company of friends, then the College Church Bell Choir is for you! Rehearsals are Friday nights from 6:30 to 7:30. The first rehearsal will be on Sept. 6. We will have four performances per year. Interested? Contact Lira Cady at 617-538-0099 or liracady@comcast.net.

PRAYER OF THANKS

All our Pathfinders and staff returned safely from the Believe the Promise camporee in Wyoming. The weather was a challenge, but a blessed time was had by all.

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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION

The composer of today's special musical selection is Ramón Serratos (1895-1973), who was a Mexican composer, pianist, and educator. At 11 years of age he was the organist in the parish of Compostela. At age 20 he graduated as "maestro de piano" in the Teatro Degollado de Guadalajara, which was an unprecedented event, considering that it was the first degree that the state government of Jalisco had ever granted in this subject. He was Director of the National School of Music of UNAM, the National Autonomous University of Mexico. This Nocturno has similarities of mood to a Chopin Nocturne, but also a nostalgic and poignant quality which is decidedly Mexican.



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

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist ("Now We Ask the Holy Spirit")
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 859
Kari Radford

HYMN OF PRAISE

15, My Maker and My King (El Kader)
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Blanca Bruso

EDUCATION DEDICATION

(SLA classes begin Tuesday)
Students, Teachers, and Pastor Einar

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Dave Rawson, Kari Radford

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: Dave Rawson

MUSICAL SELECTION

Nocturno, (Ramón Serratos)
Malcolm Halliday, piano

SCRIPTURE

Gen. 45:1-7 & 14-15
Winston Townsend

JOSEPH: THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING D'S IN LIFE, PART 4

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

516, All the Way (Lowry)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major (John Stanley)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Malcolm Halliday, organ, piano

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