

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

August 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$283,332.00	
Received	\$224,740.63*	\$224,740.63*
Spent		(\$224,700.81)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$58,591.37)	\$39.82
YTD Total		

*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.

Our 2024 Local Church Budget is \$425,000, and that breaks down to \$35,417/month. You may wonder where do those dollars go? Here are a few examples: Each month CC sends \$10,294 to help operate SLA for its 283 students; recently approximately 150 of us enjoyed a beautiful Sabbath at Camp Winnekeag and a wonderful meal in the cafeteria thanks to our Local Church Budget; we purchase Sabbath School magazines for our kids; we heat and cool our building with utility costs of several thousand dollars each month; we helped our Pathfinders attend the Believe the Promise Camporee in Wyoming; ran a VBS that blessed many children; ran the Choose Wellness Fair in Sterling, MA; purchased new mics for our sound system; regularly enjoy a delicious hot breakfast in our fellowship hall; printed this bulletin; and much, much more. Many lives are blessed thanks to our Local Church Budget. Please continue to support our Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

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

Oct. 5	Brian Allison	Mariyan Montaque
Oct. 12	Loran Hauck, SLA Alumni	Daniel Thomas
Oct. 19	Einar Rom; baptisms	Marta Medina

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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Thanksgiving Choral Celebration
NOVEMBER 23 9:30 AM

Join us for a choral collaboration with SLA choirs, learn the song at home at your own pace and join SLA for two rehearsals and a performance for our Thanksgiving service.


Email Ilana Cady for music & practice tracks & rehearsal schedule (only 2 rehearsals)
ilanacady16@gmail.com

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  

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 —

"Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."

— Ellen G. White, *Education*, pg. 13

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.

October 5, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Linda Wilson (friend of Kim and Steve's), Mary Monroe (Leominster 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), 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:22 PM, Friday 6:12 PM

Today	After Church Haystack Potluck Dinner
	After Dinner +1 Town Hall Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
	4:00 PM Christmas Play Rehearsal
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	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
	7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:30 PM Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.	3:30 PM Feed the Hungry
	7:00 PM SLA Alumni Vespers
	7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM Worship Service: Loran Hauck, SLA Alumni
	After Church Alumni Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM Pathfinders

+1 EDUCATION TOWN HALL

TODAY, AFTER SABBATH DINNER | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come and get info on the +1 program, which will provide resources for SNEC students and teachers: classroom needs, professional development, capital expansion, new schools, etc. Today's speaker, Brian Allison, will enlighten us.

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

TODAY, 4:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Please see Cameron's email for which players need to be there today.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ We will be making care packages for our first year college students. Please submit their names and mailing addresses to Deb Loss at debrajloss@juno.com. If your student is local, please arrange for the package to be picked up at the church.
- ✓ Women's Ministry potluck brunch Oct. 6 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We will also be packing up the care packages for first year college students. To donate items or money for these boxes, please contact Kari Radford or Deb Loss.

NEW IRON SHARPENS IRON SERIES

THIS MONDAY, OCT. 7, 7:00 PM

The men's group will start a four-part Desmond Doss Foundation series on Courage, Conviction, Integrity, and Humility. Each session we'll look at a different quality. Please plan to join us for this series that is so relevant to our society today. Free.

FEED THE HUNGRY

THIS FRIDAY, 3:30 PM | WHEAT, 272 HIGH ST., CLINTON

Help needed for Friday. Please let Pastor Einar or Pastor Maria if you can help. Our usual crew will be out of town that day.

SLA 142ND ALUMNI WEEKEND

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 11-13

Guest speaker Loran Hauck '69, vespers, worship, basketball and volleyball games, business meetings. Register at www.mysla.org/alumni.

Choose Wellness Free Supper/Presentation: Breast Cancer, Grief

Presented by:
Ilsa Gründer, NP, Cancer Center
Marta Medina, MSW

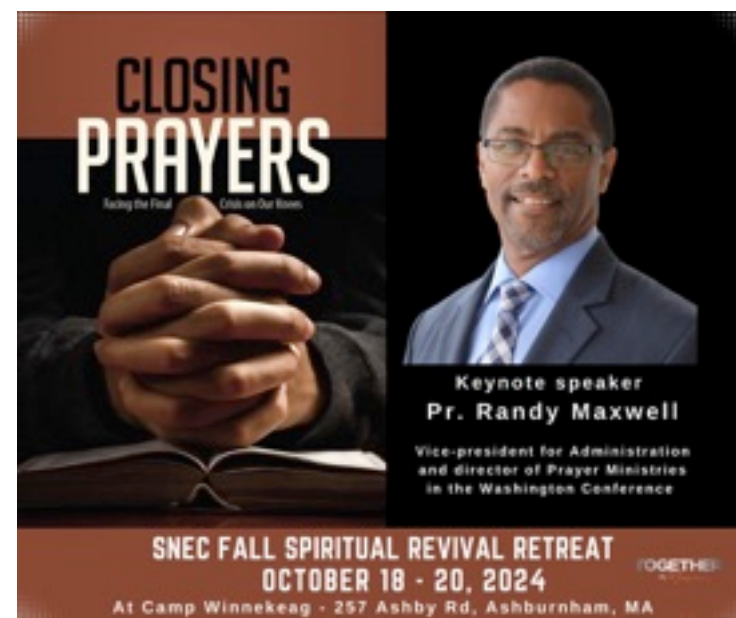


Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Sign up at <https://wearecc.net> (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or this QR code.



This Choose Wellness event is a community outreach event. It's mission-focused, so please invite at least two of your community friends to come! You could take a picture of the poster so they have the link/QR code to register.



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.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Meals needed for our North Star ministry the week of Oct. 20. If you're not currently on the Meal Train list to provide a meal, please contact Darla Stong at: 978-204-2598 to be added. Thank you for helping with this important ministry!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Details are coming. This year there are five weekends in November, so the collection, sorting, and distribution of the food will all happen in November.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be using the online platform Instant Church Directory! Please use our online form to be included. Just go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. We look forward to connecting with you!

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

You may be wondering how you can help with Hurricane Helene relief. The SNEC is working on sending supplies to affected areas, but you can go to <https://www.communityservices.org> and donate to Adventist Community Services. If you donate there, add "Hurricane Helene" in the comment line so it goes towards those efforts.

MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

The Atlantic Union Conference has officially transferred ownership of the property at 87 Flagg Street, Lancaster, to SNEC Adventist Community Services (ACS). Establishing our Regional Community Center is crucial, offering furniture distribution, skill development training, mental health counseling, and a regional food pantry to serve our community.

- ✓ To begin this work, they will sell the property at 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster. In preparation, we're having cleaning days on Sunday, Oct. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 3. Please come and help out!

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 760
Linet Cardoza-Simon, Mariyan Montaque

HYMN OF PRAISE

539, I Will Early Seek the Savior (Fillmore)
Arielle Cady Flores, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Paula Severin

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mariyan Montaque

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: Mariyan Montaque

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

My Tribute (Andrae Crouch)
Maggie Morisset, voice

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1
Nathan Cardoza-Simon

WHY ADVENTIST EDUCATION?

Brian Allison

Brian is the Associate Superintendent for Education for the Southern New England Conference of SDA.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

572, Give of Your Best to the Master (Barnard)

BENEDICTION

Brian Allison

POSTLUDE

Hyfrydol (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

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.