

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

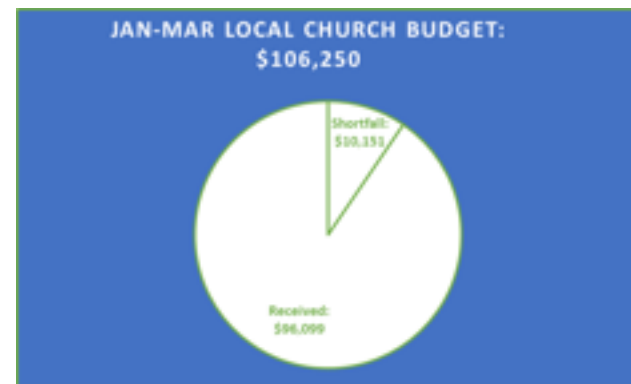
Mar. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$106,249.50	
Received	\$96,099.28*	\$96,099.28*
Spent		(\$96,008.07)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,150.22)	\$91.21
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$245,297.46

*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 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.



The church board received the March financial report on Tuesday. Our shortfall grew a bit, and we did incur an extra expense in March when we began fixing the problem with the sanctuary lights. (Please notice that nothing is hanging over the platform anymore.). This project is not complete yet since we do need more lighting in the sanctuary for evening programs. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. You can donate with a tithe envelope, or online at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Apr. 27	Roger Prather	Dave Rawson
May 4	Einar Rom	Marta Medina
May 11	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln

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>.

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.
- ✓ *Real Me Seminar for Girls:* Today - 2:00 PM Grades 6 & 7.
- ✓ *Bus Drivers with Class B-CDL Wanted:* Also air brake & passenger endorsement and medical certificate. CORI/SORI & background check required. Please send resumé to Ollyce Gardner at vp@mysla.org.

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](#) 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. 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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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



Giving

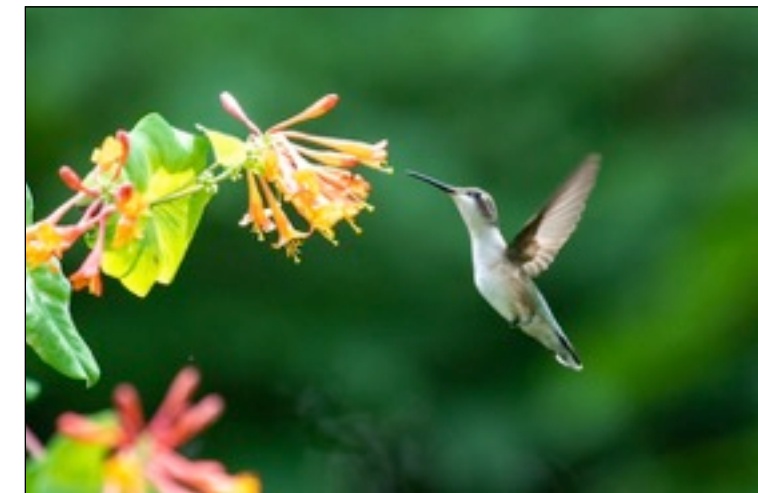


Image by Cacilda Morris.

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.

April 27, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Roy McCoy (on hospice at Fitchburg Health Care), Mary Monroe (home), Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village), Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet, Mary Lou Segar, 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), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:44 PM, Friday 7:50 PM

Today	9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner 3:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders 3:00 PM ACTS Training (Fellowship Hall)
Sun.	9:00 AM ACTS Training (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	12:00 PM Craft Supply Swap 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group 7:00 PM Nominating Committee (Earliten Room)
Tue.	7:00 PM Nominating Committee (Earliten Room) 9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM King's Kids (Music Room) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	5:00 PM Movie Night: Esther 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 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 Service: Einar Rom 3:00 PM ACTS Training (Fellowship Hall)

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

BREAKFAST (PROVIDED) 9:00 AM, POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH

Members, please bring a dish ready to serve for the potluck if you can. Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

- ✓ Also, May 11 will be an international potluck. Bring your favorite ethnic dish (dishes from the USA can be included, of course). Please bring a note card with the dish's name and country of origin.

PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER WALK

TODAY, 3:00 PM | MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL, W. BOYLSTON

Families and their dogs are welcome to join us. Meet at the trail parking lot. Jill Hodson, 781-799-8302.

CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

TOMORROW, 12:00-3:00 PM | 31 MAIN STREET, STERLING

To register contact debrajloss@juno.com If you can't attend but would like to donate some items, please let Debra know.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING

In: Kristy Hodson from Stoneham Memorial, Stoneham, MA
Jessica & Kervin Lopez from Leominster English

Out: Fern Burdette to Gloucester SDA Company, Gloucester, VA



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: ESTHER

FRIDAY, MAY 3: SUPPER 5:00 PM, MOVIE 5:30 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she walked through those palace doors. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Please sign up at <http://wearecc.net>.

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:30 PM | 2020 MAIN ST, LANCASTER

Supper and campfire provided. If it rains, the gathering will be in the CC fellowship hall—but no campfire is provided! For info contact our pastor or Mitchell Hall.

DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING

SABBATH, MAY 11

The needs are especially great right now. Get more info about this special offering, and donate at <https://www.communityservices.org/current/disaster-famine-relief/>.

CHOOSE WELLNESS TOPIC SUPPER

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We're happy to announce the next health presentation with supper will be on Alzheimer's. This is also for the community, so feel free to invite anyone who might be interested. The speaker will be Peter McDonald, executive director of Sunrise Senior Living. He is an expert in the field and will be able to field any questions caregivers may have.

CAMP SONRISE: FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

JUNE 17-JULY 26 | SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY

Campers age 5-12 can join us for part or all of this 6-week Christian day camp with worship, games, swimming, and field trips. New Director Lynise Mendoza and Assistant Director Marisol Gracia will lead out all 6 weeks. Visit www.mysla.org/camp-sonrise or contact 954-325-7150 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-13, 4:00-7:30 PM; JULY 14, 2:30-8:30 PM FOR PRE-TEENS

Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School 2024! The main VBS is for ages birth-age 10, BUT: New this year is a one-day immersive VBS for pre-teens on Sunday, July 14. Please visit <https://wearecc.net> or see Nicole Broushet for more info for volunteers and attendees.

LINDA OETMAN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1:00 PM | SANCTUARY

We hope you will join us as we fondly remember a life well lived, and look forward in hope to the promise of a reunion with eternal tomorrows.

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.ssn.net.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



SUMMER PICNICS ARE COMING!

If you can host a fellowship picnic after church this summer, please contact Sif at themuchiuttis@gmail.com or 978-621-2015.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT*

The purpose of this is so that we can view the presentation, but also so that we can begin to address our media needs. We know that the monitor we are using today is too small, but we are using it to get a sense of scale. Thank you for understanding.

LANCASTER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



PLEASE COME DONATE!

In partnership with
Boston Children's Hospital

701 Main St, Lancaster, MA 01523
Have questions? 608-317-2400

Organized by Amalia Hough, senior at SLA, NHS member and Kari Radford, Health Ministries Director at the College Church

To register go to
www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints
Look for Donate Blood/Zip code-01561/
sponsor - type in SLA/ Find date
For medical questions: 617-355-6677



or register here!

05/21
9:30 - 3:30

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Roger Prather
Mission Spotlight*

PRELUDE

Intermezzo (Sonata VIII) (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Psalm 1
Bernadette Figueiredo

HYMN OF PRAISE

342, Is This a Day of New Beginnings? (Dronfield)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Dave Rawson

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mariyan Montaque

Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope).
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: Mariyan Montaque

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:13-17
Lyndell Vega

MUSICAL SELECTION

Prelude and Fugue in A minor (J.S. Bach)
Andrew Sheranian, organ

WORLDVIEW, IDEOLOGY, AND RELIGION

Roger Prather
Roger is one of our elders.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

522, My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)

BENEDICTION

Roger Prather

POSTLUDE

Scherzoso (Sonata VIII) (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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