

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Mar. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$104,364.00	
Received	\$71,846.75*	\$71,846.75*
Spent		(\$71,805.48)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$32,517.25)	\$41.27

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

HVAC project fundraising balance: \$147,528.21.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget is \$417,450 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 doesn't cover any of our expenses. Those come out of Church Budget. So let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. We believe God will bless us for it.

2023 Jan-Mar Church Budget: 104,364



■ Received: 71847 ■ Shortfall: 32517

CHURCH FAMILY, we are blessed with a vibrant and active church. That was evident from our full April schedule. We had Overflow vespers, Refresh, breakfast, Movie Night, Agape Supper, Easter play, and more. Praise God! And at most of these events no offering was collected (nice, right?!). But there were expenses, and they are covered by our Church Budget. In addition to those expenses, utilities are up, and we continue to support SLA to the tune of \$10,000/month. Please consider this as you help our Church Budget. Thank you, and may God continue to bless the College Church family and community.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

May 13	Josephine Robertson	Cameron Loss
May 20	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson
May 27	Einar Rom; Sofia Maskewich baptism	Dave Rawson

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at bulletin@wearecc.net. *All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.*

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 rest rooms downstairs.

OUR SERVICES AIR on Sterling/Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, and West Boylston cable TV. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

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

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER: 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster, 978-365-7152.
✓ *Help for the Needy:* On Tuesdays from 9:30 AM–noon you can pick up clothing and housewares. They request a small donation.
✓ *House of Refuge:* 7:00–8:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. Sermonette, music, testimonies. To take part in the service, call or text Becky Renzi at 978-870-0266.

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.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Fourth 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.

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.

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).

SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast dealing with the Sabbath School lesson. You can find the episodes in the [Messages](#) section of our website, or on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. The episode for each Sabbath's lesson drops on Sunday morning.

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.
✓ *SLA Alumni:* Do we have your contact info, especially email? Contact us at alumni@mysla.org, or www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.
✓ *Assistant Treasurer and Spanish Teacher Positions:* Please contact David Branum at principal@mysla.org or 978-368-8544 for info; also see the slide on the screen in the upper foyer.

AUC ALUMNI: Are you getting the latest info on alumni events? Visit AlumniofAUC.com to sign up for monthly emails. If you don't have email, you can get 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 our website. *Be sure to choose the College Church or we won't get your donation.* Questions? Please contact the church office.

Search for collegechurchofsda on YouTube Facebook Instagram

Find our Sabbath School podcast on our website, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts.

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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at <http://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM <i>It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.</i>
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Bulletin



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Love. Grow. Serve.



Image by Ofelia Maskewich. Happy Mother's Day tomorrow!

May 13, 2023

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Corcoran House, Clinton), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Health Care); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Inigo Vega, Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, six members of the Schad family, Salma Prata and Solange Baia (Keila’s mom and aunt); Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab); Rachel Gravelin, Dan Morris, Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 8:01 PM, Friday 8:07 PM	
Today	1:30 PM Adventurers 2:00 PM Youth/Pathfinders Hike Mt. Wachusett 6:00 PM Panel Discussion on Mental Health 7:00 PM Free Concert Series
Sun.	Happy Mother’s Day!
Mon.	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Finance Committee 7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
Tues.	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
Thur.	3:30 PM Kids’ Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM King’s Kids 7:00 PM SLA Board 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)
Fri.	Adventurer Spring Escape Begins 7:00 PM Youth Vespers 7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 10:00 AM Sabbath School (Various Locations) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner

ADVENTURERS
TODAY, 1:30 PM

PATHFINDER CLUB AND CC YOUTH HIKE
TODAY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE
The College Church Catamounts Pathfinder Club and CC Youth (grades 9–12) will be hiking Mt. Wachusett. Families are invited, too. Bring a sack lunch and meet at the Balance Rock Trailhead at the Mt. Wachusett Ski Area parking lot between Lots 8 and 9. 41 Mile Hill Rd, Westminster, MA. *Jill Hodson, Pathfinder Club Director*

WACHUSETT DAM DAY
TODAY, 2:00–5:00 PM | ROUTE 70, CLINTON
The DCR Rangers will staff the top of the dam, answering questions and providing information about programs. DC’s Environmental Quality Staff will host a Meet a Scientist table to demonstrate how water is tested for conductivity and answer questions about water supply protection. Backpacks and large bags not allowed, no restrooms.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH
TODAY, 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
The Young Adult ministry invites everyone to a panel for a guided discussion on topics such as anxiety, depression, and much more.

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH
TOMORROW, 10:00 AM | VILLAGE CHURCH
The Village Church Men’s Ministry invites you to celebrate the women in our lives. Please register at www.villagesdachurch.org or contact Norman Brown, 978-870-8559, Norman.l.brown@comcast.net, or Jeff Drew, 978-877-3253, jkd7575@gmail.com.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
We start a new series Monday. Tony Dungy, former head coach of the NFL’s Buccaneers and Colts, is a Christian and has produced a three-part series, "God’s Uncommon Man." Please join us for these relevant meetings. Info & login at <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.
✓ Please Note: no meeting May 29.

KIDS’ PRAYER MEETING
THIS THURSDAY, 3:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & FELL. HALL
More info & registration: <https://wearecc.net/cc-kids>.
✓ 3:30–4:30 PM: Light early supper and activities.
✓ 4:30–5:30 PM: Worship, Bible study, prayer, crafts.

NEW ENGLAND VEGFEST
SUNDAY, MAY 21, NOON–5:00 PM | WORCESTER STATE U.
This vegetarian/vegan festival features food samples, speakers, restaurants, cooking demos, and more. Come hungry! Admission is free, but the food is not. Location: WSU Wellness Center, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA. Free e-tickets and info at www.nevegfest.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
VBS is coming, and we want your help! We need enough volunteers for a safe and successful VBS, and not have to turn away kids. There’s something for everyone to do, and you can have a kingdom impact.
✓ Register to help at <https://collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/vbs-helper-reg-2023>, or contact Nicole at cckids@wearecc.net.

PASTOR EINAR AWAY
Our pastor is in Fitchburg today to preach and do a baby dedication.



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options. Get free study guides at www.ssnet.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



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		
Bible Journaling	Fellowship Hall	Multiple teachers
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	

LANCASTER’S 370TH ANNIV. COMMEMORATIVE BLESSING
THIS THURSDAY, 6:00 PM | BULLFINCH CHURCH
Our pastor will participate in Lancaster’s 370th Anniversary Commemorative Blessing, at 725 Main Street (Lancaster was settled in 1643). There will be readings, blessings, prayers, an offering [to benefit WHEAT], and more. Please feel free to join us that evening. This event is open to all.

CHOOSE WELLNESS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON
This is an exciting outreach adventure that takes a lot of planning. We need your help by volunteering and donating. If you use Adventist Giving (wearecc.net/give), tap/click “add other” at the bottom of the Local Church section to find Choose Wellness. We’re still looking for people to be part of the planning committee.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE
Von Gott will Ich nicht lassen (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Isaiah 61:1–3
Ray Sauls

PRAISE
Keila Mejia, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Cameron Loss

MUSICAL SELECTION
Morning Has Broken (*Linda R. Lamb*)
Community Bell Choir, Lira Cady, director

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Cameron Loss

Special Offering: Disaster & Famine Relief (mark your tithe envelope). Loose offerings go to local church budget; please put in the boxes by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayer Song: 482, Father, Lead Me Day by Day (*sung twice*)
Father, lead me day by day, ever in Thine own sweet way
Teach me to be pure and true; show me what I ought to do
Prayer: Roger Prather

SCRIPTURE
Ruth 1:6–8, 14–18
Adrian Davidson

MUSICAL SELECTION
A Glad Alleluia (*Kevin Chesney*)
Community Bell Choir, Lira Cady, director

WHAT DID RUTH KNOW?
Josephine Robertson
Josephine is one of our elders.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
186, I’ve Found A Friend (*Friend*)

BENEDICTION
Josephine Robertson

POSTLUDE
Tempo moderato (Sonata IV) (*Josef Gabriel Rheinberger*)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.
Andrew Sheranian, organ

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