

# 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)
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$32,517.25)</b>	<b>\$41.27</b>

\*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



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 (you may have experienced this yourself), 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 6	Einar Rom	Keila Mejia
May 13	Josephine Robertson	Cameron Loss
May 20	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto: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](http://www.mysla.org).

✓ *Newsletter:* [www.mysla.org/school-newsletter](http://www.mysla.org/school-newsletter).

✓ *SLA Alumni:* Do we have your contact info, especially email? Contact us at [alumni@mysla.org](mailto:alumni@mysla.org), or [www.slaalumni.org](http://www.slaalumni.org). We also post on Facebook.

AUC ALUMNI: Are you getting the latest info on alumni events? Visit [AlumniofAUC.com](http://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](http://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



Giving



**COLLEGE CHURCH**  
— of Seventh-day Adventists —  
**Love. Grow. Serve.**



Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

May 6, 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 7:53 PM, Friday 7:59 PM

Today

After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner

7:30 PM Youth Social

Sun. 1:00 PM Women’s Ministry: Worcester Art Museum

Mon. 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast ([more airings](#))

7:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting

7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group

Tues. 7:00 PM Camera Club

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 Book Club ([wearecc.net/book-club](#))

7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)

Fri. 3:30 PM Feed the Hungry

7:30 PM Friday Night Study

Sat. 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast ([more airings](#))

10:00 AM Sabbath School (Various Locations)

11:10 AM Worship Service: Josephine Robertson

1:30 PM Adventurers

2:00 PM Youth Hike

2:00 PM Pathfinders Hike Mt. Wachusett

7:00 PM Free Concert Series

HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP DINNER  
**TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Members, please bring your favorite haystack toppings ready to serve. Visitors are welcome and don’t need to bring anything.

YOUTH SOCIAL  
**TODAY, 7:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

YOUNG ADULT HIKE  
**TODAY, 3:00 PM**  
The Young Adult ministry is inviting all young adults to hike Mount Wachusett as part of our mental health focus for the month of May. We will hike the Old Indian/Midstate Trail, which begins in the Watchusett Ski Resort parking lot, halfway through the upper lot on the right.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY  
**TOMORROW, 1:00 PM | WORCESTER ART MUSEUM**  
On the first Sunday of each month it’s free.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING  
**In:** Tom Bloom from Avon Park, FL  
Samarie Mojica from Efeso Spanish, Midfield, AL  
**Out:** Kevin N. Bisson (the son) to Crosswalk Company, W. Boylston, MA  
Liza Brown to the Forest Lake Church, Apopka, FL  
Vanderlei Cunha to Lancaster, MA Brazilian  
Michael Kelley to the La Sierra University Church, Riverside, CA  
Alexa Muchiutti to the Loma Linda University Church, Loma Linda, CA

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
**TODAY, 3:30–5:00 PM | SLA CHAPEL**  
Calling all children to join us for an interactive and engaging time learning about Biblical figures and ways to use our faith and the Word of God. Haystack dinner. 198 George Hill Rd., Lancaster.

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](mailto:cckids@wearecc.net).  
✓ **SNEC VBS Training Session:** Sunday, May 7, from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Youth Chapel.

VBS PLANNING MEETING  
**MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM**  
For info, email Nicole at [cckids@wearecc.net](mailto:cckids@wearecc.net).

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP  
**THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE**  
We’re studying "Seven Questions that Rattle in the Minds of Most Men." We hope you can join us. Info & Zoom login at <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

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.

BOOK CLUB  
**THIS THURSDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM**  
See <https://wearecc.net/book-club> for more info.


FEED THE HUNGRY  
**THIS FRIDAY, 3:30 PM | WHEAT COMM. CAFÉ, CLINTON**  
This ministry takes place the second Friday of each month at 272 High St., Clinton. We prepare and serve food to needy people in the community. For more info, contact the church office.

GALA ORGAN CONCERT  
**THIS FRIDAY, 8:00 PM | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WORCESTER**  
Featuring Wesley Hall and William Ness. Free. 111 Park Ave., Worcester.

WACHUSETT DAM DAY  
**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 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.

# 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.

Lesson

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Downstairs:

Newborn-Age 2

Age 3-Kindergarten

Grades 1-3 (Primary)

Upstairs:

Grades 4–6 (Juniors)

Grades 7–8 (Early Teens)

Grades 9–12 (Youth)

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Bible Journaling

The “Cheers” Class

Young Adults

Blatt, Radford

Spanish

Livestream

Robertson

Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall

Young Adult Room

Training Chapel

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Conference Room

Multiple teachers

Ralph Gifford III

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH  
**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 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.I.brown@comcast.net](mailto:Norman.I.brown@comcast.net), or Jeff Drew, 978-877-3253, [jkd7575@gmail.com](mailto:jkd7575@gmail.com).

SUMMER PICNICS  
July 1, 15, and 29 are picnic dates that still need hosts. For info, contact Sif at [themuchiuttis@gmail.com](mailto:themuchiuttis@gmail.com) or 978-621-2015.

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.

RAY SAULS’ COMMUNITY GARDEN STARTING UP  
Now is the time to plant peas and cold-tolerant plants. Things like tomatoes and squash require warm weather, and planting should be held for Memorial Day weekend.  
✓ If you take a right out of the church parking lot, then a left at the next intersection and go under the railroad bridge, the garden is a few hundred feet down on the right.  
✓ For info, contact the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES  
Are you graduating from high school this spring, or do you know someone who is? Please let us know at <https://forms.gle/y16q5VvgN5sfyY8z7> so that the CC prayer shawl team can make you one for graduation!

THANK YOU  
Dear College Church, thank you so much for your part in making my surprise retirement celebration at South Lancaster Academy so special. Love to all, *Janice Ford*

# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PASTORAL WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Sarabande for a high ceremony (*Herbert Howells*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

John 6:35–40

Judy Stillwell

HYMN OF PRAISE

545, Savior Like a Shepherd (*Shepherd*)

Sarah Bravo, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Blanca Bruso

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Keila Mejia

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:* Rose Dawkins

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:17–20

Fred Day

MUSICAL SELECTION

I’d Rather Have Jesus (*Rhea F. Miller, George Beverly Shea*)

Alex Bezerra, vocal; Horacio Castro, piano

WHAT FRIENDS DO ...

Einar Rom

*Einar is our lead pastor.*

HYMN OF DEDICATION

577, In the Heart of Jesus (*Heart of Jesus*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Final (Symphony IV) (*Louis Vienne*)

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

Andrew Sheranian, organ

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