

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Nov. 30, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$382,668.00	
Received	\$322,469.66*	\$322,469.66 *
Spent		(\$322,372.49)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$60,198.34)	\$97.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 11/2023		\$6,707.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$6,368.04
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$422,196.97

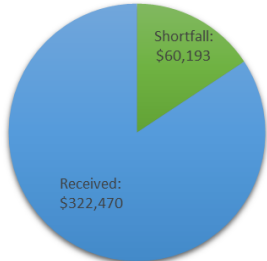
*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

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. God will bless us for it.

January - November Church Budget: \$382,663



What a year it has been! There have been highs and lows and a lot of work behind the scenes on our beautiful building. It's hard to comprehend, but between the HVAC project and the mold removal we spent \$718,203 in 2023. Thanks to many CC donations, SNEC subsidy, and some CC reserve funds, our loan amount will be \$298,500. Please consider helping in this by contributing to the HVAC fund in a tithe envelope or at <https://wearecc.net/give>.

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Jan. 20	Einar Rom	Cameron Loss
Jan. 27	Einar Rom	Josephine Robertson
Feb. 3	Daniel Thomas	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 restrooms 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.

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:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION: SLA is seeking to fill our half-time Development Director position. Responsibilities include:
✓ Management of our donor database
✓ School liaison to our Alumni Association
✓ Management of school fund-raising campaigns such as our BFE building project
✓ Work with the Treasurer in processing donations
✓ Helping manage our social media outlets
✓ Helping develop and implement fund-raising campaigns
If interested, please contact or send your resume to David Branum, Principal; principal@mysla.org; (978) 368-8544 x110.

EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ The SNE Conference has scholarships for those pursuing a bachelor or associate degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/mprcm5fb> by Feb. 9, 2024.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING / ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 9, 2024

Funds are limited and are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Get more info and apply at <http://tinyurl.com/yk7jujuy>. You can also visit the [SNEC Education Facebook](#) page.

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 our website. *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 Sabbath School lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](#) section of our website. Episodes 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 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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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.

Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Cacilda Morris.

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January 20, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Dan Linton, Sr. (Leominster Hospital); Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom; Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Mary Monroe (Leominster Rehab); Charmaine Bainum (Joyce Malin's aunt); Margareta Sbacchi (recoverating in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; David Bruso (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's father) and Rachel Sather (Matthew and Timothy Bruso's sister); Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon); Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother); Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver); Linda Oetman; Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester); 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 4:46 PM, Friday 4:54 PM		
Today	After Church	Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Adventurers, Pathfinders
	4:00 PM	Sabbath School Dept. Meeting (Chapel)
	7:00 PM	Free Concert Series
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
	7:30 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	6:30 PM	Ten Days of Prayer for Kids (nightly 'til Jan. 31)
	7:00 PM	Church Board
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	3:15 PM	Kids' Prayer Meeting
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King's Kids
	7:00 PM	Camera Club
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	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: Einar Rom

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP DINNER

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Visitors are welcome and don't need to bring anything. Members, please bring your favorite dish to share.

✓ There will not be a breakfast today.

ADVENTURERS, PATHFINDERS

TODAY, 2:00 PM

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT MEETING

TODAY, 4:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL

Please make sure you are present if you are a teacher or teacher's aide. Discussion: grow and glow. Thanks, *Ofelia R. Maskewich*

MISSING VACUUM

Our custodian, Ray Williams, had an antique Kenmore vacuum cleaner in the storage room in the downstairs foyer. It was his personal property, and it is now missing. If you borrowed it or know where it is, please put it back in that room or by the church office.

NEW ELDERS: SECOND READING

Mitchell Hall, Daniel Thomas



FREE CONCERT SERIES

TONIGHT, 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Tonight's concert features the Jamaica Plain Saxophone Quartet. This dynamic group was part of the series last year, and we are so excited for their return! The concert will feature works by Bach, Bozza, Iturralde, Whitlock, and the world premiere of Charles Shadle's "A Little Choctaw Music." You won't want to miss this wonderful concert.

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation: "What Scriptural evidence confirms Jesus as the Messiah?" Our guest presenter is Pastor Robert Kennedy. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

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

KIDS' PRAYER MEETING

THIS WEDNESDAY, 3:15 PM

More info at wearecc.net/cc-kids.

SNEC FAMILY MINISTRIES PRESENTS XTREME MARRIAGE

FEB. 9-11 | BOXBOROUGH REGENCY HOTEL

The presenters are César & Carolann De León, the directors of NAD Family Ministries. There are two different packages, with options for meals and overnight stays in the hotel. Register at www.sneconline.org/events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ *Choose Wellness Heart Disease Focus:* Our first topic supper meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome. Please invite people for this important topic.
- ✓ *Women's Ministry Sabbath Mar. 16:* We are having a guest speaker from Southern Adventist University. She will have the sermon and an afternoon program.

BECOME A CC PATHFINDER CLUB SPONSOR

The College Church Catamounts will be attending the International Pathfinder Camporee, Aug., 2024, in Gillette, WY. Some members need help to attend. Donate via check (memo: Gillette Camporee 2024—Donation) or online under Pathfinders—Donation. Questions: Contact Jill Hodson, Club Director, at jilldhodson@yahoo.com.

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

The "Cheers" Class

Young Adults

Blatt, Radford

Spanish

Livestream

Robertson

Fellowship Hall

Young Adult Room

Training Chapel

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Conference Room

Ralph Gifford III

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

Multiple teachers

WINTER HELP FOR LANCASTER SENIORS

Can you shovel, snowblow, or plow a path or driveway? The Town of Lancaster needs you! Lancaster seniors need help with snow removal, some of them so that Meals on Wheels can deliver. If you can volunteer, please contact Cécile Engeln at cecile.engeln@gmail.com or 978-855-8147 with your name, number, and how/where you can help.

A BIG THANK YOU ...

for your generosity to the Lancaster public schoolboy. We gave him a jacket, boots, snowpants, socks, hat, gloves, plus some pants and shirts. Thank you for what you have done for God. *Pastor Einar*



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Cantabile in F Major (*Alexandre Guilmant*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading #876

Steve and Wyatt Aubin

HYMN OF PRAISE

334, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*Nettleton*)

Michelle Lee Williams, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Cameron Loss

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Cameron Loss

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: Roger Prather

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:6-9

Bella Cassareale

MUSICAL SELECTION

He whispers in the morning (*Ofelia R. Maskewich*)

Ofelia R. Maskewich, voice; Yúnior Morales, guitar; Olga García, violin

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM AN ARBORIST?

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

69, Lord, Make Us More Holy (*Blackmon*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F (*Christian Cappelen*)

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

Kevin Lyczak, organ

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