

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

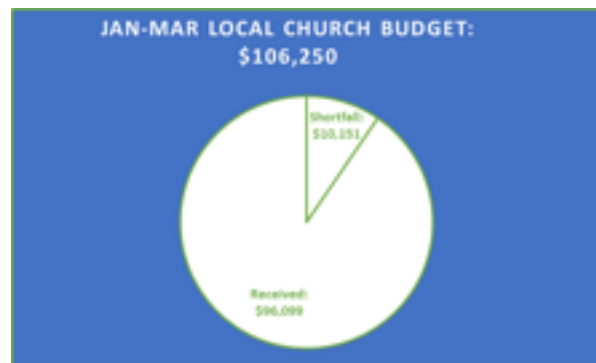
| Mar. 31, 2024 | Budget | Actual |
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| Needed | \$106,249.50 | |
| Received | \$96,099.28* | \$96,099.28* |
| Spent | \$10.00 | (\$96,008.07) |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$10,150.22) | \$91.21 |
| YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance | \$245,297.46 | |

*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 **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.



The church board received the March financial report at the April meeting. Our shortfall grew a bit, and we incurred extra expense in March with fixing the the sanctuary lights (notice that nothing is hanging over the platform any more). This project is not complete because we need more lighting in the sanctuary for evening programs. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. You can donate in a tithe envelope or at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

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| May 18 | Einar Rom | Horacio Castro |
| May 25 | Kristy Hodson | Roger Prather |
| June 1 | Roger Prather, SLA Baccalaureate | Mitchell Hall |

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.

✓ **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.

CAMP SONRISE: FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS: June 17–July 26, SLA. Campers ages 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/campsonrise or contact 954-325-7150 for more information.

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:

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| 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. |
| Phone: | 978-368-2130 |
| Address: | 337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561 |
| Mail: | PO Box 877, South Lancaster, MA 01561-0877 |

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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



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-10 NIV



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.

May 18, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Roy McCoy (Leominster Hospital), 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.

In Bereavement: The family of Len Garven (Wes's father), who passed away Monday.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 8:07 PM, Friday 8:12 PM

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| Today | 9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast (provided) After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner 2:00 PM Pathfinders 7:00 PM Free Concert Series |
| Sun. | 1:00 PM George Estrada Memorial Service |
| Mon. | 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group 7:00 PM Nominating Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee |
| Tue. | 9:30 AM Community Blood Drive 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 (postponed from last week) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom) |
| Thur. | 6:00 PM King's Kids (Music Room) 7:00 PM Camera Club 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel) |
| Fri. | 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: Kristy Hodson 11:25 AM Kids' Worship (time approximate) |

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 and haystack dinner after church (members, please bring your favorite toppings ready to serve).

Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

✓ **NOTE: Please don't bring cheese or sour cream today.** We have an abundance to finish up so that it doesn't go bad because these are our final indoor meals for the season. We'll start after-church picnics at members' homes on July 13.

GEORGE ESTRADA MEMORIAL

TOMORROW, 1:00 PM | 32 CORDAVILLE RD., SOUTHBOROUGH, MA

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

THIS TUESDAY, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM | 701 MAIN ST., LANCASTER

Organized by Boston Children's Hospital. Sign up to donate at <http://wearecc.net>.

COLLECTING ART FOR THE NEXT GALLERY SHOWING!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

All ages welcome to participate; art must be hangable. If you have questions, please contact Ilana at 978-503-9212 (text preferred).

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SABBATH, JUNE 8, 11:15 AM | DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

We're celebrating the accomplishments of our church members/attendees who are graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, and all forms of post-secondary education, including certificates. If you know of anyone who has graduated since last July, please fill out the form at <https://wearecc.net> by Wednesday, June 5.

✓ Click the little blue N in the lower right corner of any page to get started.

CHOOSE WELLNESS TOPIC SUPPER

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

We're happy to announce the next health presentation 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 answer any questions caregivers may have.

✓ Please sign up at <https://wearecc.net>.

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-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.

JOIN THE SLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP TEAM!

Are you a proud attendee or graduate of Browning Elementary or South Lancaster Academy? We're looking for dedicated people willing to dedicate one hour a week and one weekend a year to help us keep our community vibrant. Reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and ensure that our school continues to thrive.

✓ See position details at bit.ly/SLA-Doc. Apply at bit.ly/officer-apply.

CALLING ALL FLOWER ENTHUSIASTS!

If you could help with the sanctuary floral arrangements, please contact Arielle at acadyflores@gmail.com. Ideally, we need a team of four or more. This includes arranging the flowers and taking care of the arrangement after church. Many hands make light work. Thanks!



The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

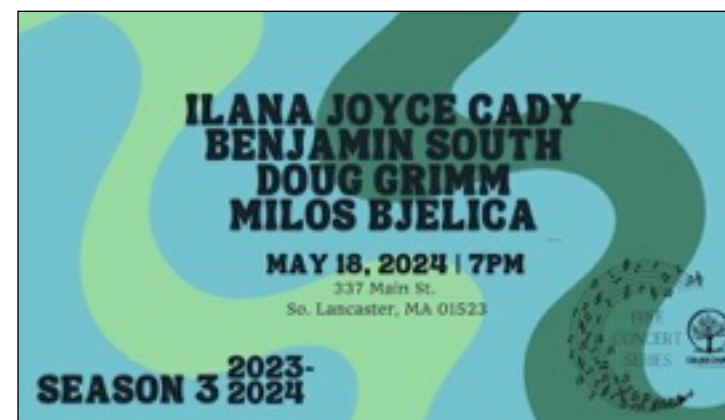
CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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| 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

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| 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, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



Join us tonight for the last concert of season three! The concert will feature clarinetist Milos Bjelica, tenor Benjamin South, baritone Doug Grimm, and Ilana Joyce Cady on piano. They will perform works by Mel Bonis, Francis Poulenc, Gerald Finzi, György Ligeti, Jonathan Dove and Charles Ives. Don't miss an evening of beautiful music. A light reception will follow.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 (J.S. Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Psalm 150
Evelyn Rodrigue

HYMN OF PRAISE

240, Fairest Lord Jesus (Crusader's Hymn)
Arielle Cady Flores, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Emmanuela Gibson

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Horacio Castro

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: Horacio Castro

SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading 795
Brenda Castro

MUSICAL SELECTION

Nearer My God to Thee (Brian D. Peterson)
Doug Grimm, baritone; Benjamin South, tenor; Ilana Joyce Cady, piano

THE GOOD LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS, PART 2

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

See insert.

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D (Jacques Lemmens)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano

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