

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Jan. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$35,700.00	
Received	\$31,869.93*	\$31,869.93 *
Spent		(\$31,806.76)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,830.07)	\$63.17
HVAC Project Monthly Donations for 01/2024		\$8,133.38
HVAC Project Loans Minimum Monthly Expense		\$2,631.75
YTD Principal & Interest Paid on HVAC Loans		\$2,631.75
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance		\$298,230.76

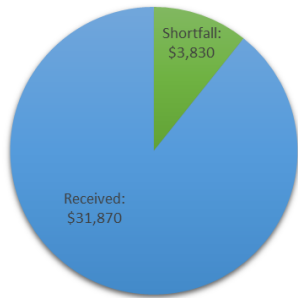
*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget was \$417,456 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. Let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. God will bless us for it.

January Local Church Budget: \$35,700



On Tuesday, Feb. 27, our church board voted to recommend the 2024 church budget to a church business meeting that has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 19. Our proposed budget is \$429,476 and includes over \$120,000 of financial support for South Lancaster Academy. Our local church budget also supports local outreach, our Pathfinders and Adventurers, our annual fall trip to Camp Winnekeag, Sabbath School supplies, cleaning supplies, fellowship dinner supplies, and much more. Please keep our local church budget in your stewardship planning. Give at <https://wearecc.net/give>. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Mar. 2	Einar Rom	Roger Prather
Mar. 9	Tom Nicholas, Education Sabbath	Mitchell Hall
Mar. 16	Rachel Williams-Smith, Women's Min.	Mariyan Montaque

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>.

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).

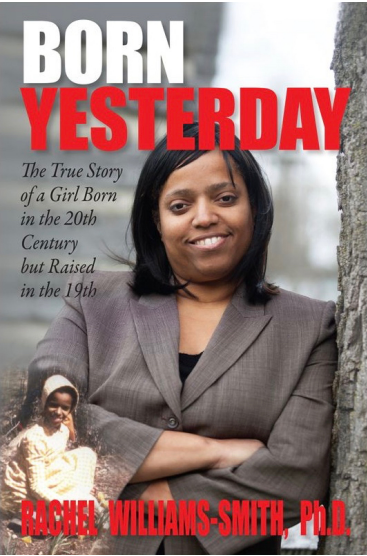
Education & Music

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.

- ✓ **Experience SLA:** Mar. 14, 6:00–8:00 PM and Mar. 15, 8:00–11:30 AM. Meet teachers, see classrooms, and shadow your prospective class. See mysla.org or the screen in the foyer for more info.
- ✓ **Newsletter:** www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
- ✓ **Alumni:** Connect with us at www.mysla.org/alumni.

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 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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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



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Robert Malin.

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.

March 2, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe; Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; 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 5:39 PM, Friday 5:47 PM		
Today	9:00 AM	Fellowship Breakfast (provided) After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Adventurers, Pathfinders
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	6:30 PM	Elevate Prayer Meeting (FH)
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	King’s Kids
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	3:30 PM	Feed the Hungry (WHEAT in Clinton)
	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: Tom Nicholas, Education

CHURCH OFFICER SELECTION BEGINS TODAY
Today we select the organizing committee (the pre-nominating committee). Please pray for this important and sacred process for our church.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY
Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 AM and potluck after church (members, please bring a haystack topping ready to serve if you can). Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

HELPING CLINTON ELEMENTARY KIDS
The kids can use a few more things to finish up the school year: Girls underwear, size 8; girls sweatpants/leggings, sizes 6-18; boys underwear, sizes 6, 8; boys sweatpants, sizes 6, 7, 8, 10. There is a bin outside the church office for new clothes, or, if you prefer to donate cash, you can mark your tithe envelope "Clinton School Kids." The last day to bring these items is **today**. Thank you!

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
This week’s conversation: Part 2 of “What is the biblical evidence that the dead are asleep and know nothing?” Our guest presenter is Pastor Orlando Moncrieffe. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals, and there are also highlights of this and previous conversations.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING
In: Emmanuella & Terrence Gibson from Northborough, MA
Out: Edgar-Aaron Fernandez to the Manhattan church, New York, NY
Cathy Lanza to the University Parkway church, Pensacola, FL

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>.

ELEVATE PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6, 6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
A creative and craft-focused in-person prayer meeting for all ages. Join us as we make prayer vision boards and enjoy a light supper. Sponsored by the Children’s Ministries department.

BACH PROJECT CONCERT, ASHMONT HILL CHAMBER MUSIC
SUN., MAR. 10, 4:00 PM | 209 ASHMONT ST., DORCHESTER
All are invited to attend the next concert of The Bach Project, directed by College Church organist Andrew Sheranian. The program includes the exuberant Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 for harpsichord solo and orchestra, as well as the Coffee Cantata. Yes, Bach wrote a cantata all about coffee, and it's about as close as he ever came to writing an opera. More info at www.ahchambermusic.org.

PATHFINDER FUNDRAISER
DROP OFF ITEMS SUNDAY MAR. 10, 4:00–6:00PM
The Pathfinders are still collecting clothes and soft household textiles to raise money for their Gillette Camporee Trip. Used items must be in sellable condition. You may drop off your bagged items at the Church or give to Jill. Thank you. *Jill Hodson, 781-799-8302*

THE CC ART GALLERY ...
is looking for new art for the downstairs gallery! Next submission deadline will be March 13. There’s no theme for this showing, just another round of people’s favorite pieces. All ages are encouraged to participate. Art must be able to be hung or framed. Questions? Contact Ilana Cady at 978-503-9212 (text preferred).

- WOMEN’S MINISTRY**
- ✓ *Women's Ministry Sabbath Mar. 16:* In celebration of women's month, Rachel Williams-Smith from Southern University will present the Sabbath service as well as an afternoon program from 2:00-4:30 in the Youth Chapel. The focus will be "Overcoming Obstacles."
 - ✓ *Craft Supply Exchange Apr. 28:* We’re sponsoring a craft supply exchange. You can bring craft items that you no longer need and pick up others that might interest you.

WHO IS RACHAEL WILLIAMS SMITH?
She’s our guest speaker and afternoon presenter for Mar. 16. The back cover of her book (see other side) tells us something about her amazing life: "Though born in 1965, Rachel’s story could easily have been set in the 1800s. Wearing long dresses and broad brimmed bonnets and living without modern conveniences including electricity, telephone, radio, television, or indoor plumbing, she and her two older brothers were shaped by the extreme religious views of her iron-willed, Vietnam-veteran father and malleable, practical-minded mother. The family separated from society and lived under often harsh conditions in an old, abandoned house atop a remote range of hills in Tennessee, awaiting the end of the world. Then at 16, Rachel was forced to face the world in which she was not raised to live. She struggled to adjust to an unsheltered life without casting aside the good along with the bad. Eventually she found her way to a full, balanced, and vibrant life." She currently serves as Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication at Southern Adventist University.

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



SPIRITUAL REVIVAL RETREAT
MARCH 29–31 | CAMP WINNEKEAG
Guest Speaker: Pastor Pavel Goia. Info: <https://youtu.be/nSsfCcVlevY>. Registration opens on Feb. 26 at <https://www.sneconline.org/events>.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES
Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? The College Church Prayer Shawl team can make them a Prayer Shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



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EXPERIENCE SLA

Events for Prospective Parents and Students



MARCH 14, 2024
6-8 PM
EXPERIENCE SLA Science Fair
Peek into classrooms
Teacher meet & greet
Q&A with Administration
Registration Assistance



MARCH 15, 2024
8-11:30 AM
VISITATION DAY
Sign your child up to shadow their prospective class for a day!

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SCAN HERE



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Invocation in E-flat major (*Alexandre Guilmant*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #855
Cameron Loss

HYMN OF PRAISE
73, Holy, Holy, Holy (*Nicaea*)
Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Doug Medina

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Cameron Loss, Nicole Broushet
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
Isaiah 6:1–7
Ulises Poyser

MUSICAL SELECTION
Michelle Lee Williams, voice; Annette Siver, piano

THE DAY A PROPHET WAS PETRIFIED WITH FEAR
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
85, How Great Thou Art (*Hine*)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Postlude in B-flat (*J. Guy Ropartz*)
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.