

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

| January 2025 | Budget | Actual |
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| Needed | \$35,417.00 | |
| Received | \$35,075.81 * | \$35,075.81 * |
| Spent | | (\$35,022.65) |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$341.19) | \$53.16 |
| YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance | | \$168,546.14 |

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

The books for 2024 are closed, and we have much to be thankful for. We received \$397,450 for local church budget (less than budgeted), but thankfully, expenses were also less than budgeted.

LOAN BALANCE: Our loan balance went from \$299,727 in December 2023 to \$169,372 in December 2024, so over \$130,000 was contributed to the loan. This saved us **thousands** in interest (our loan amount was a maximum of \$425,000). Praise God for this! We have a year ahead of us, so let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

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| December 2023 | \$299,727.00 |
| March 2024 | \$245,297.00 |
| June 2024 | \$231,587.00 |
| September 2024 | \$227,269.00 |
| Jan. 2025 | \$168,546.14 |

TITHE, although vital, goes to the SNEC and **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. SNEC reported that CC returned \$1,017,664 in tithe in 2024. Praise God! You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

| DATE | SPEAKER | ELDER | DEACON |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Mar. 8 | Einar Rom | Mitchel Hall | JC Rogrigue |
| Mar. 15 | T. Nicholas, Educ. | Emmanuella Gibson | Fred Day |
| Mar. 22 | Einar Rom | Dave Rawson | Jonathan Bissell |

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon at bulletin@wearecc.net. All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.

OUR SERVICES AIR on local cable TV in several nearby towns. See the schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

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.

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).

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.

Education & Music

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church, providing financial & logistical support. 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

- ✓ **Newsletter:** www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
- ✓ **Experience SLA:** Wednesday, Mar. 12, 6:00–8:00 PM. For prospective parents and students. Teacher meet and greet, administration question and answer, registration assistance.
- ✓ **Art Fair & STEAM Night!** For current and prospective SLA students. SLA Gym, Mar. 12, 6:30–7:30 PM.
- ✓ **Visitation Day:** Thursday, Mar. 13, 8–11:30 AM. For prospective students to shadow the class they will be in for the 25-26 school year. For current SLA students, this is a "Step Up Day" where they will step up to next year's grade for the day.

CAMP WINNEKEAG summer camp brochures are available in the foyer literature rack by the announcement screen. Please see one of the pastors for special pricing.



THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS LIVE!
If you already signed up, download the Instant Church Directory app on your phone or go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com.
Sign up at wearecc.net: Click Next Steps at the bottom right.

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., & every other Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30; Tue. 10:45–12:00. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice. |
| Phone: | 978-368-2130 |
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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.



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



More of God. Less of Me. All of Us.

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 8, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president, former CC pastor Dave Osborne (bedridden, can't get up without a lift; Judy hopes he gets strong enough for heart surgery), Gunter Suckert (moved to CA to live with his younger brother), Lothar Suckert (hospital), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall).

Home-bound: Jackie Nosek, Lucy Santana, Joe Drader.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:46 PM, Friday 6:53 PM

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| Today | 9:15 AM | Refresh Praise and Worship (Youth Chapel) |
| | After Church | Prayer Session (Junior Room) |
| | 2:00 PM | Pathfinders |
| | 3:30 PM | Robert Rittenhouse Memorial & Reception |
| Sun. | 2:00 AM | Set clocks ahead for Daylight Saving Time |
| Mon. | 2:00 PM | College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) |
| | 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 |
| | 7:00 PM | Prayer Meeting (Zoom) |
| Thur. | 7:00 PM | Al-Anon (Earlteen Room) |
| | 7:00 PM | Choose Wellness Supper (Fellowship Hall) |
| Fri. | 3:30 PM | Feed the Hungry |
| | 7:30 PM | Friday Night Study (Zoom) |
| Sabb. | 9:00 AM | Fellowship Breakfast (provided) |
| | 10:00 AM | College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) |
| | 10:00 AM | Sabbath School (various locations) |
| | 11:15 AM | Worship Service: Tom Nicholas, Education Day |
| | After Church | Potluck Fellowship Dinner |
| | 2:00 PM | Adventurers |

DR. ROBERT RITTENHOUSE MEMORIAL

TODAY, 3:30 PM | SANCTUARY

This is for Connie Rittenhouse Drexler's father. Reception afterwards.

- ✓ Sign up to help with food at <https://tinyurl.com/edh8ppxb>.
- ✓ 2:00 PM: Setup (plating/garnishing food, etc.)
- ✓ 4:30 PM (approx.): Reception, Fellowship Hall.
- ✓ 6:00-7:30 PM (approx.): Cleanup.

"SPRING FORWARD"

TOMORROW, 2:00 AM

We set our clocks ahead an hour as we move to daylight saving time.

PASSION WEEK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, MAR. 5-APR. 16, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

Join Pastor Einar on a seven-week study of the Passion Week of Christ. Each Wednesday we will look at a different part of the passion week, in the following sequence:

- ✓ Mar 12: Tue-Wed events
- ✓ Mar 19: Thur. events
- ✓ Mar 26: Fri 12AM-6AM events
- ✓ Apr 2: Fri 6AM-9AM events
- ✓ Apr 9: Fri 9AM-12PM events
- ✓ Apr 16: Fri 12PM-3PM events

FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN MARCH

- ✓ **March 15:** Breakfast provided by the church; fellowship dinner: Baked potato bar. Please bring a dessert (can be fruit :).

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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



IMPACT 2025

THIS SABBATH, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL

Naor Pinto will host a viewing of this evangelistic series. Join us and invite others to this series to kick off Pentecost 2025. Services will be at 7:00 PM Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Saturdays.

- ✓ Or watch on the Atlantic Union Adventist Media YouTube channel.



Choose Wellness Nutrition Series Part 3: Grains, Legumes, and Non-Dairy

Free Supper/Presentation
All are welcome - please invite neighbors and friends!



Thursday, Mar. 13, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Register at <https://wearecc.net> (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or this QR code.



If anyone makes homemade bread and would like to share at the nutrition class on 3-13-25, please let Kari Radford know.

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

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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 | Pastor Maria's Office | Jos. Robertson |

See more online and in-person study options at wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options. Free study guides at www.ssnet.org.

PRISON PEN PAL?

An inmate at the Worcester County Jail grew up as an SDA and is open to having a visitor and/pen pal. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Bastien or Pastor Einar.

2039 Holy, Holy

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2. Gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther,
3. Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus,
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it,
5. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y;
we're so blest to be your chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther;
we're so glad that you've re - deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus;
come and fill our hearts a - new, Ho - ly Spir - it;
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah;

and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a to - ken of our love,

ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE

Prélude (Op.18) (César Franck)

WELCOME

Einar Rom

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #852
Lexi & Ralph Weichmann

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #240, Fairest Lord Jesus (Crusader's Hymn)
Kristie, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Deyvid Batista

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Mitchell Hall

Special Offering: Adventist World Radio (mark your tithe envelope)
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYER IN SONG

Hymnal #457, I Love to Tell the Story (Fisher)
Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mitchell Hall

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-8
Wendy Hall

MUSICAL OFFERING

Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse)
Kristie Stevensons

SEEING IS BELIEVING OR BELIEVING IS SEEING?

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Hymnal #245, More About Jesus (Sweney)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Variation (Op. 18) (César Franck)
As the prelude is preparation, let the postlude be your reflection.

AFTERGLOW

Paul encourages us to pray continually because prayer is our connection to God, who listens and responds to those who seek Him. We invite you to meet with some of our elders in the Junior Room after the service for a 10-15 minute time of testimony and prayer.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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