

## General Information

### CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

| November 2024               | Budget         | Actual         |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Needed                      | \$389,581.50   |                |
| Received                    | \$330,236.29 * | \$330,236.29 * |
| Spent                       |                | (\$330,195.27) |
| Surplus (Deficit)           | (\$59,345.21)  | \$41.02        |
| YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance |                | \$206,330.98   |

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: By God's grace and the generosity of many people, we have seen many lives blessed in 2024. The Holiday Food Drive, Adventurers, Pathfinders at the WY camporee, helping families at North Star, over \$100,000 sent to SLA, VBS, a concert series, many haystacks were enjoyed; our annual Camp Winnekeag day with a baptism; "A Single Life" last week, and much more. Let's prayerfully consider how we can all help us end this year ready for 2025.

We are planning to resume the call for offering, offertory, and passing offering plates. This is important because in the coming year we will be discussing some large projects for our church family.

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 **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.

LOAN BALANCE: Our HVAC project was fully completed this year, and we are making progress on paying off the loan from that and the mold removal project. Here is an update of our progress, and please remember that our original loan amount was as much as \$425,000:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| December  | \$299,727.00 |
| March     | \$245,297.00 |
| June      | \$231,587.00 |
| September | \$227,269.00 |
| November  | \$206,330.98 |

We have so much to be thankful for, and a declining debt is certainly one of those blessings. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or online at [wearecc.net/give](https://wearecc.net/give). Pastor Einar

| DATE    | SPEAKER                 | ELDER          | DEACON               |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Jan. 4  | Einar Rom               | Rocio Bravo    | Carlos Muchiutti     |
| Jan. 11 | Einar Rom               | Horacio Castro | Jean-Claude Rodrigue |
| Jan. 18 | Einar Rom,<br>Communion | Cécile Engeln  | Fred Day             |

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are normally due Wednesdays by noon at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto:bulletin@wearecc.net). Request an announcement be read aloud by filling out the form linked at [wearecc.net/bulletin](https://wearecc.net/bulletin). All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.

OUR SERVICES AIR in Sterling, Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, Lunenburg, and West Boylston. See schedule at <https://wearecc.net/local-tv>.

OUR TRAINING CHAPEL in the right rear of the sanctuary includes a baby changing station, a private nursing area, and a restroom. There are also changing stations in the restrooms downstairs. Note: A Sabbath School class meets in that chapel from 10:00-11:00 AM.

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 to grade 12. We are a constituent church of this fine institution, providing 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).

## 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](https://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:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Regular Hours: | Mon., Wed., Fri. 8:00-12:30, 1:00-3:30.<br>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 —

Bulletin



Giving



When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.

- Howard Thurman

Southern New England Conference

## Stewardship Leadership Training.



**We Will Talk About:**

- Am I a steward? A Christian steward?
- Why does the condition of my heart matter?
- Praise and testimony
- Money talk in His Word
- Thinking broadly about stewardship

- Who gives to what?
- Where does my tithe go?
- What happens to my offerings?
- How can I promote holistic stewardship in my life, home, church, etc.
- Financial tips

**Cape Verdean**

**Saturday, January 25**, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
Brockton Cape Verdean Church  
Brockton, MA

**English**

**Saturday, February 1**, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
(for Central MA Area churches)  
College Church, South Lancaster, MA

**Saturday, February 8**, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
(for CT | Western MA Area churches)  
Three Angels Church, Newington, CT

**Saturday, February 22**, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
(for SE Mass and RI Area churches)  
Foxboro Church, Foxborough, MA

**Sunday, February 23** (Prayer Breakfast)  
(for Boston Area churches)  
Stoneham Church, Stoneham, MA

**Ghanaian**

**Sunday, January 19**, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Lakeview Ghanaian Church  
Worcester, MA

**Haitian**

**Saturday, March 1**, 2:30-6:00 p.m.  
Dedham Temple Church  
Dedham, MA

**Hispanic**

**Sunday, February 2**, 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Clinton Spanish Church  
Clinton, MA

**Portuguese**

**Saturday, March 29**, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
SNEC Bailey Hall  
South Lancaster, MA



Presented by  
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[www.sneconline.org/stewardship](http://www.sneconline.org/stewardship)

### 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.

January 4, 2025



# The Church at Work

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Lothar and Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (Holden Rehab, 32 Mayo Dr., Holden, MA), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, the Flannery family, Sae Louis, Lucy Santana (River Terrace), John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss), Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes's brother), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester), Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Bob Rogers.

**Home-bound:** Jackie Nosek.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or [wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net) for more.

**South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:29 PM, Friday 4:35 PM**

| Today | After Church | Haystack Fellowship Dinner   |
|-------|--------------|--|
| Mon.  | 7:00 PM      | Iron Sharpens Iron (Men's Group)   |
|       | 2:00 PM      | College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )<br>Artist Submissions Due |
| Tue.  | 11:00 AM     | Personal Ministries Steering Committee   |
|       | 9:00 PM      | Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)  |
| Wed.  | 6:00 AM      | Ten Days of Prayer starts (Zoom, every day)  |
|       | 12:00 PM     | Bulletin Deadline  |
|       | 6:30 PM      | Ten Days of Prayer starts (Zoom, every day)  |
|       | 7:00 PM      | In Search of Shiloh (Zoom)   |
| Thur. | 7:30 PM      | Al-Anon (Earliten Room)  |
| Fri.  | 3:30 PM      | Feed the Hungry  |
|       | 6:30 PM      | Bell Choir Rehearsal   |
|       | 7:30 PM      | Friday Night Study (Zoom)  |
| Sabb. | 9:15 AM      | Refresh  |
|       | 10:00 AM     | Sabbath School (various locations)   |
|       | 10:00 AM     | College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )                           |
|       | 11:15 AM     | Worship Service: Einar Rom   |
|       | 2:00 PM      | Adventurers  |
|       | 2:30 PM      | Pathfinders  |

## HAYSTACK FELLOWSHIP DINNER

### TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL

The haystacks will be provided by the church; please bring a favorite dessert.

✓ There will be no meals the third weekend of this month due to communion.

## IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

### SUBMISSIONS DUE THIS MONDAY, JAN. 6

If you have a painting, sketch, quilt, photograph, or other hangable art piece, submit it for our next showing! You can leave it in the church office and pick it up there when the show is over.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We hope to "go live" with our new church directory by next Sabbath, January 11! Thank you to those who have already signed up. Please go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner if you would like to be included!

## IN SEARCH OF SHILOH

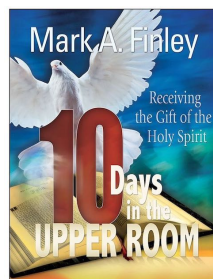
### THIS WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This is a continuation of the Conversations in Bible Fundamentals series. This will be a five-week study on Wednesdays Jan. 8–Feb. 5 at 7:00 PM. The name Shiloh meaning "to whom it belongs," or the "rightful King" is found in Genesis 49: 10: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." The journey through the Scriptures linking God, the Father, and Jesus as this "rightful King," is sometimes difficult to follow but an important one in understanding the purpose and mission of Jesus in the New Testament. The search for Shiloh is the search for Jesus as present in the OT and revealed in the NT.

## FOUR DAYS UNTIL TEN DAYS OF PRAYER!

### DAILY STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY, 6:00 AM AND 6:30 PM | ZOOM

The morning sessions will use Mark Finley's book (see right), and the evening ones will use [www.tendaysofprayer.org](http://www.tendaysofprayer.org). For more info and to log in, visit <https://wearecc.net> and look for the Ten Days banner at the top.



## FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY

### MARCH 28-30 | HARTFORD, CT

This is a conference event to encourage and equip people to share their faith with others. Several registration levels are available. To attend only Sabbath events, the cost is \$150/person. Many seminars will be available and John Bradshaw is the keynote speaker.

# 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](http://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Free study guides at [www.ssnet.org](http://www.ssnet.org).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? Our Prayer Shawl team would like to make them a prayer shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



## THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

### 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!

WORDS: Jimmy Owens  
 MUSIC: Jimmy Owens  
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HOLY HOLY  
 Irr.

# The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

## WELCOME

Pastor Einar Rom

## PRELUDE

O Morning Star, how fair and bright (Dietrich Buxtehude)

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #855

Sarah Bravo

## HYMN OF PRAISE

144, O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (Kingsfold)

Leader: Praise Team

## LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Karl Hernandez

## MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Rocio Bravo

Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Ilana Joyce Cady, piano; Arielle Cady Flores, lead; Kristie Stevenson, Will Zonicle, vocal; Hector Flores, percussion; Anya Neidigh, Isaac Brito, Tom Engeln, violin; Bella Brito, cello; Dave Cady, trumpet; Nathan Neidigh, trombone

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: Holy, Holy (see column to the left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

Prayer: Bianca Loss

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:20–4:4

Rachel Sarpong

## EXODUS FROM NORMALCY: NO MORE "WHAT IFS"

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

## HYMN OF DEDICATION

148, O Love How Deep How Broad (Infinite Love)

## BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Kingsfold (Andrew Sheranian)

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

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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