

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

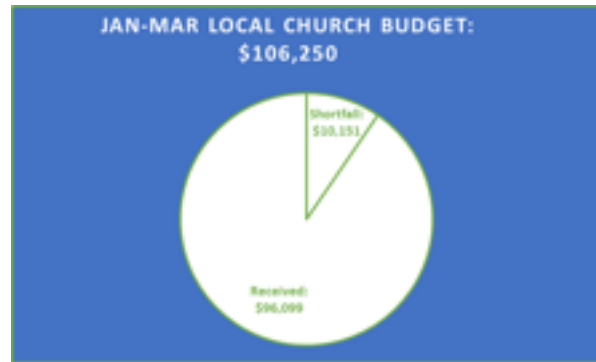
Mar. 31, 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$106,249.50	3
Received	\$96,099.28*	\$96,099.28*
Spent	\$10.00	(\$96,008.07)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$10,150.22)	\$91.21
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$245,297.46	

*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 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 problem with the sanctuary lights (notice that nothing is hanging over the platform any more). This project is not complete yet 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

May 11	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln
May 18	Einar Rom	Horacio Castro
May 25	Kristy Hodson	Roger Prather

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 age 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/camp-sonrise 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

Bulletin



Giving



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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treasurer@wearecc.net

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 —



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 11, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Len Garven (Wes's father), 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.

Also: Our 2024 Nominating Committee.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:59 PM, Friday 8:06 PM

Today After Church International Potluck Fellowship Dinner
2:00 PM Adventurers: Investiture & Reception

Sun. Happy Mothers' Day!

Mon. 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast ([more airings](#))
7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
7:00 PM Nominating Committee

Tue. 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 (Music Room)
7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)

Fri. 10:00 AM Sterling Village Ministry
6:00 PM Youth Supper/Discussion
7:30 PM Friday Night Study

Sat. 9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast (provided)
10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations)
10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast ([more airings](#))
11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom
After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner
2:00 PM Pathfinders
7:00 PM Free Concert Series

DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF OFFERING

TODAY, IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The needs are especially great right now. Get more info at www.communityservices.org/current/disaster-famine-relief/. Donate in Adventist Giving or in a tithe envelope

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring your favorite ethnic dish (dishes from the USA qualify, of course). Please include a note card with the dish's name and country of origin.

✓ *Fellowship Meals Next Sabbath, May 18:* Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 and haystack dinner after church (members, please bring your favorite toppings ready to serve). Come hungry! Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

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.

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-age 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.

✓ *Available Positions:* Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary.

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



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



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!

WISH ANDREW WELL ON HIS BIG TRIP!

This is Andrew's last weekend as our organist for the summer, *but don't worry, he'll be back!* His job at All Saints gave him a generous sabbatical, and he will travel and perform at Karlskrona, Piteå, and Umeå in Sweden, and at Exeter Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in the UK. We wish him a safe and successful trip!

LANCASTER COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



PLEASE COME DONATE!

In partnership with
Boston Children's Hospital

701 Main St, Lancaster, MA 01523
Have questions? 508-317-2400

Organized by Amalia Hough, senior at SLA, NHS member and Keri Radford, Health Ministries Director at the College Church

To register go to
www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints
Look for Donate Blood/Zip code-01563/
sponsor - type in SLA/ Find date
For medical questions: 617-355-6677



or register here!

05/21
9:30 - 3:30

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 654) (J.S. Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Ps. 66:1-5

Jonathan Bissell

HYMN OF PRAISE

547, Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

Arensa Morisset, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Bianca Loss

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

Arielle Cady Flores

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Cécile Engeln

*Special Offering: Disaster & Famine Relief (mark your tithe envelope).
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.*

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sweet Hour of Prayer (arr. by Sandra Eithun)

College Church Bells, Lira Cady, director

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: Tom Nicholas

SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading 795, from Matthew 5, NIV

Damon Loss

MUSICAL SELECTION

Let All Things Now Living (arr. Anna Laura Page)

College Church Bells, Lira Cady, director; Rhonda Muchiutti, flute

THE GOOD LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

See insert.

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Fugue (Sonata VIII) (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)

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

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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