

# General Information

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

March 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$142,416.00	
Received	\$114,842.66 *	\$114,842.66 *
Spent		(\$114,780.42)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,573.34)	\$62.24
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$162,688.86	
Elevator Fund	\$3,491.89	

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

QUICK SUMMARY: Good news: Our utility expenses dropped a bit this month compared to last month; our loan balance has dropped slightly; and our elevator fund balance has more than doubled in the past month. The bad news is that our deficit grew, so please prayerfully consider how we can all help change this trend as we enter the summer months.

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. You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or at [wearecc.net/give](http://wearecc.net/give). Pastor Einar

Our 2025 church budget is \$427,250. This funds all local ministries, expenses, and our support of SLA. We also voted to install an elevator. We've added an Elevator Project Fund donation line in Adventist Giving, and you can write that on the tithe envelopes. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make this need a reality. It would also be wise to reduce our debt. We'd like to see it reduced to \$100,000 and our Elevator Fund grow to \$100,000 by Dec. 31. The elevator will cost around \$200,000.

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
May 31	Interntl. Sabb.	Emmanuella Gibson	Jonathan Bissell
June 7	SLA Bacc.	Rocio Bravo	Carlos Muchiutti
June 14	Elders Panel	Alex Tovar	J.C. Rodrigue
June 21, 28:	Camp Meeting		

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays at [bulletin@collegechurch.net](mailto:bulletin@collegechurch.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://collegechurch.net/local-tv>.

TO SPONSOR FLOWERS, go to our website and click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner of the page.

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 activities to keep little hands busy during the worship service. You can get one 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](http://www.mysla.org).



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.



**JUNE 20-28, SNEC CAMPGROUNDS, SO. LANCASTER**  
It's less than a month away! Learn more at [www.sneconline.org](http://www.sneconline.org).

THE NEW COLLEGE CHURCH WEBSITE IS LIVE!  
The site is live with a new web domain at [www.collegechurch.net](http://www.collegechurch.net). We've been working on it for months and are still doing so, but we wanted to get it to you now.  
All the email addresses you are used to will work with it: [office@collegechurch.net](mailto:office@collegechurch.net), [pastor@collegechurch.net](mailto:pastor@collegechurch.net), and addresses for the treasurers, the bulletin, etc. The wearecc.net addresses will still work, too, for now. Please let us know if you have suggestions for it.

# Online Services

[HTTPS://Collegechurch.net](https://Collegechurch.net) has our calendar, videos, bulletins, and more.

ONLINE/MOBILE GIVING: Download the Adventist Giving app or click the Giving link on [wearecc.net](http://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

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://collegechurch.net>.

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.
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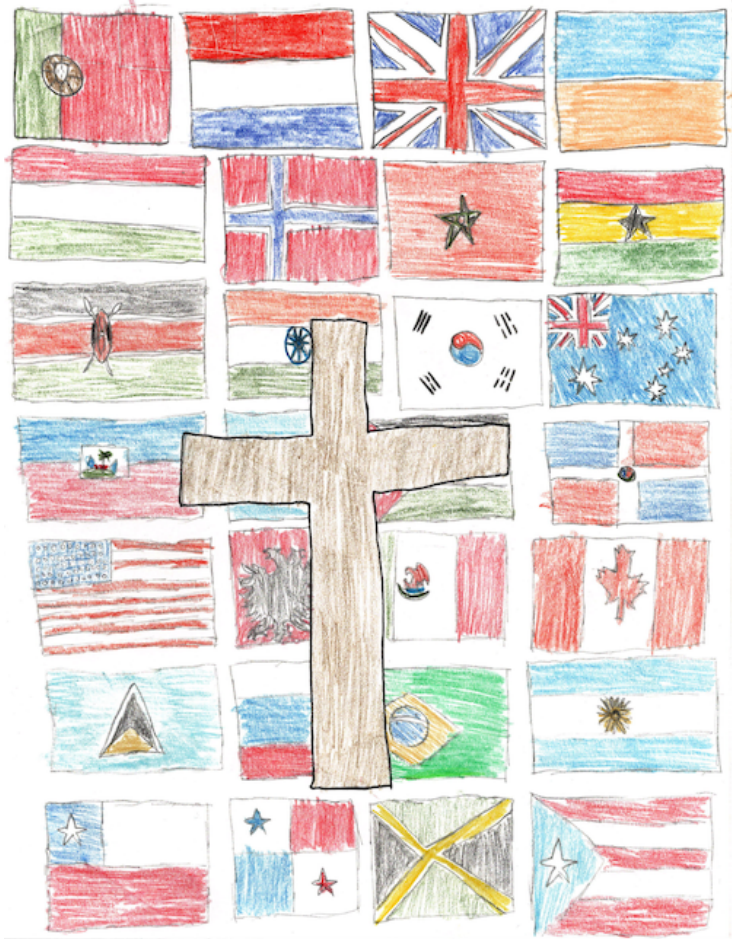
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# 2024-25 Church Goals

- ✓ **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 —



# International Sabbath

Image by Oliver Engeln

# 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

May 31, 2025



# The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Rick Wall, Henry Livergood (Lifecare, Leominster), Dottie Livergood, Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president), former CC pastor Dave Osborne, Brenda Castro, Mary Monroe (Gardner Rehab), 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.

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

**Other:** That we can regularly offer ASL interpretation for the deaf.

THIS WEEK: See announcements or [collegechurch.net](http://collegechurch.net) for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 8:18 PM, Friday 8:23 PM		
Today	After Church	International Fellowship Dinner
	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
Sun.	9:00 AM	Pathfinders
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Group
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	3:30 PM	Good News Gang
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thur.	6:30 PM	Choose Wellness Health Fair Planning Mtg.
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	6:30 PM	Young Adult Supper/Discussion
	7:00 PM	SLA Consecration
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (on-site, live stream, & Zoom)
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: SLA Baccalaureate
	6:00 PM	Singles’ Ministry

TODAY’S SABBATH FLOWERS

Today’s flowers are in memory of Inigo Vega on his birthday. Like wildflowers, our days are fleeting, yet the love of the Lord endures forever. Though Inigo is gone from our sight, God’s compassion and promises remain. Because of Jesus’ love for us, we will see Inigo soon.

NEW ENGLAND VEGFEST

**TOMORROW, NOON–5:00 PM | WORCESTER STATE U.**

This vegetarian/vegan festival features food vendors, speakers, restaurants, cooking demos, and more. Come hungry! Admission is free, but the food is not. *Location:* WSU Wellness Center, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA. Free e-tickets and info at [www.nevegfest.org](http://www.nevegfest.org).

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP

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

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

THE GOOD NEWS GANG

**WEDNESDAYS THROUGH JUNE 4, 3:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

This is designed to help kids learn about their faith and prepare for baptism, but any kids are welcome to join.

PRAYER MEETING SERIES

**WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM | ZOOM**

We’re studying *I Used to Be Perfect*, a powerful book by SDA professor, theologian, and historian Dr. George R. Knight. Just go to [www.collegechurch.net](http://www.collegechurch.net) and click the prayer meeting banner at the top of the page.



International Sabbath is today! We will worship the Lord and hear about growth, culture, and faith from our featured speakers.

- ✓ *Parade of Nations:* Wear traditional clothing or carry a flag and meet Cécile and Emmanuella in the upper foyer at 11 AM to participate. We will reverently march into the Sanctuary as the prelude plays.
- ✓ *Potluck:* Bring a dish from the country of your choice. Be sure to label what it is and where it is from.
- ✓ *Invite* your friends and family! We are excited to share and learn.

100 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

**NOW THROUGH JULY 12**

Visit [backtothealtar.org](http://backtothealtar.org) for info and readings. Let’s keep this important meeting (July 3–12, St. Louis, MO) in our prayers since this will help set the tone and direction for the future of our global church community.

NEXT SABBATH IS SLA BACCALAUREATE

We will hold our regular Sabbath School classes, but the worship service will be the baccalaureate for this year’s South Lancaster Academy graduating class.

MOUNTAIN OF MIRACLES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 14–18, 4:00–7:00 PM AND JULY 19, WORSHIP SERVICE**

It’s an exciting week of fun and adventure at VBS! We are pleased to offer this event FREE of charge! Registration is open at [www.collegechurch.net](http://www.collegechurch.net) (click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner). You can also sign up to help.



# The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

<b>Downstairs:</b>	<b>Upstairs:</b>
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
Live Stream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Pastor Maria’s Office	Jos. Robertson

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).

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

**SABBATH, JUNE 14, 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 any post-secondary education, including certificates. If you know of anyone who has graduated since last July, please go to [www.collegechurch.net](http://www.collegechurch.net) by Wednesday, June 11, and click the Next Steps button in the lower right corner of any page.

SUMMER PICNICS

To host a picnic, please let Sif know at [themuchiuttis@gmail.com](mailto:themuchiuttis@gmail.com) or [978-621-2015](tel:978-621-2015) by June 6.

- ✓ Dates: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 9.

SMALL GROUP ENCOUNTER

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 6:30 PM**

A special invitation for your small group. If you meet online or in person, you are invited to bring your group to meet together in prayer, testimony, and fellowship.



# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

*Please silence all devices.*

**PRELUDE AND PARADE OF NATIONS**

Fugue in D Major (*Johann Sebastian Bach*)

**WELCOME**

Einar Rom, Cécile Engeln

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

1 Chronicles 16:24–36

Kendra Chama

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Kirosha Sidelca, Arielle Cady Flores, Norys Rodriguez, Caleb Bastien, Will Zonicle, Gabriela do Valle, Duo Universo, Ilana Joyce Cady, Hector Flores

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Emmanuella Gibson, Maria Valente

**NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Blanca Bruso

**MINISTRY MATTERS**

Emmanuella Gibson

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalms 86:9

Evelyne Rodrigue

**ALL THE NATIONS YOU HAVE MADE**

Matheus Valente, Ofelia Maskewich, Adrian Davidson, Winifred Forson, Einar Rom

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Hymnal #422, Marching to Zion (*Lowry*)

**BENEDICTION**

Tibor Simon

**POSTLUDE**

Carillon-Sortie (*Henri Mulet*)

*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.*