## **General Information**

#### CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

February 2025	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$71,208.00	
Received	\$62,398.94 *	\$62,398.94 *
Spent		(\$62,385.67)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,809.06)	\$13.27
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance		\$168.546.14

\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

On our March 1 Business Meeting, approved a 2025 Church budget of \$427,250. This is 0.35% more than our 2024 budget. This funds all our local ministries, expenses, and our support of SLA. We also voted to move forward with installing 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. We also feel that it would be wise to reduce our debt. We'd like to see our debt reduced to \$100,000 and our Elevator Fund grow to \$100,000 by December 31, 2025. The elevator project will cost around \$200,000.

> March 2024 \$245,297.00 June 2024 \$231,587.00 September 2024 \$227,269.00 Feb. 2025 **\$166,925.72**

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 Perfecter of our faith.

So far in March we have received \$12,707 for church budget. Compare that to our expected budget for the month, which is \$35,604.

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. Pastor Einar

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Mar. 22	Reflections on Love	Dave Rawson	Jonathan Bissell
Mar. 29	Einar Rom	Marta Madina	Carlos Muchiutti
Apr. 5	Maria Valente	Mariyan Montaque	Carlos Muchiutti

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).

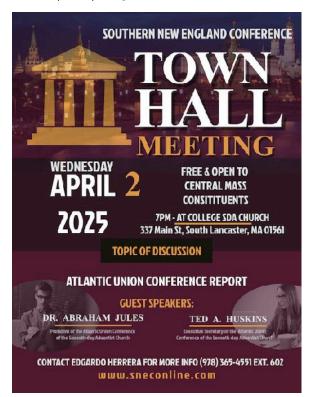
NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Third Friday of the month. Michelle Lee Williams leads this ministry for the residents of Sterling Village, 18 Dana Hill Rd, Sterling, MA. She needs pianists, singers, and speakers each month. For info, call her at 508-728-6495.

## **Education & Music**

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





### 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 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.



Bulletin

Search for collegechurchofsda on VouTube





## **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 Mon., Wed., & every other Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30;

Hours: 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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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

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



From our beautiful flower garden in 2023.

### **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 22, 2025

## The Church at Work

#### PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Ted Jones (former Atlantic Union president), former CC pastor Dave Osborne; Gunter Suckert (moved to CA to live with his younger brother), Lothar Suckert (UMass, Lake Ave.), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Henry & Dottie Livergood, 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, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall).

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or  $\underline{\text{wearecc.net}}$  for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:03 PM, Friday 7:09 PM		
Today	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	After Church Prayer Session (Junior Room)	
	7:00 PM	Impact 2025 Evangelistic Series (Youth Chapel)
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.	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (on-site, live stream, & Zoom)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom

#### **IMPACT 2025 EVANGELISTIC SERIES**

#### TODAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL

Naor Pinto hosts. Services: 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.

#### IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

#### 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 26: Fri 12AM–6AM events
- ✓ Apr 2: Fri 6AM–9AM events
- ✓ Apr 9: Fri 9AM–12PM events
- ✓ Apr 16: Fri 12PM–3PM events

## SLA FAMILY GAME NIGHT

### SUNDAY, MAR. 23 FROM 3:00-6:00 PM

Join us for a family game night fundraiser. We'll have fun while raising money for our school's new playground. Your \$3 entrance fee covers admission, two bingo cards, and either a drink or popcorn. Additional snacks will be available for purchase; please contact

homenadschool@mysla.org with questions. See you there!

## CREATE. CONNECT. INSPIRE.

#### SABBATH APR. 12, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | BAILEY HALL

All are welcome to this seminar to learn how to do social media, create engaging visuals, and enhance your church's digital presence. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y5mm27sb">https://tinyurl.com/y5mm27sb</a>.

# SPARK YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND: ANCHORED FAITH APRIL 18–20 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Appearing: The Reason Trio, Dr. Sienna-Kaye Denham-Wilks, Pastor Jason and Natanya Wanderlaan. Sign up at yasnec.org/events.

#### ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER CLOSING

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Our beloved South Lancaster ABC will close its doors for good next month. If you have gift cards, now is the time to use them.

#### YOU MATTER GIRLS' RETREAT

## MAY 16-18 | CAMP WINNEKEAG

Join us for an unforgettable weekend filled with powerful messages, new friendships, and fun activities, You'll be reminded that you are loved, you are strong, and you have a purpose. Open to girls of all faith, ages 10–17. Contact: Karen Zeno (508) 320-7264; register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/7m8tr7dt">https://tinyurl.com/7m8tr7dt</a>.

#### TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Ever feel depressed or inadequate? Here are confidential resources: For Women: <a href="https://www.gorgeous2god.org">www.gorgeous2god.org</a>. A safe place to ask your

- ✓ For Women: <a href="www.gorgeous2god.org">www.gorgeous2god.org</a>. A safe place to ask y toughest questions and find your deepest purpose!
- ✓ For Guys: <u>www.aruggedjourney.org</u>. A rugged journey is dedicated to connecting young men to God through mentorship and community. No judgment—just compassionate advice from people who care.

#### PRISON PEN PAL?

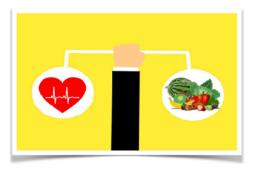
An inmate at the Worcester County jail grew up as an SDA and is open to having a visitor and/pen pal. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Bastien or Pastor Einar.

# Choose Wellness Nutrition Series Part 4

Foods That Prevent/Reverse Heart Disease and Cancer

Free Supper/Presentation

All are welcome – please invite neighbors and friends!



Thursday, Apr. 3, 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.



## 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
_ive Stream	Sanctuary	Multiple teachers
Robertson	Pastor Maria's Office	Jos. Robertson

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

### LIVE POLLING QR CODE

We invite the congregation to participate in today's discussion by using your phones to scan this QR code. Further instructions will be given.



# 2039 Holy, Holy gra - cious your chil - dren, gra - cious glad that you've re-deemed us, fill our hearts a - new, Fa ther. gra - cious gra - cious pre - cious Ho - ly pre - cious Ho - ly sus,

# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

#### **PRELUDE**

Tierce en taille, Duo, Basse de Trompette (Jean-Adam Guilain)

#### WELCOME

Einar Rom

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

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal # Bob Caruthers

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal #348, The Church Has One Foundation (Aurelia) Kristie Stevenson, leader

#### NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judy Stilwell

#### PRAYER IN SONG

Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alex Tovar

#### REFLECTIONS ON LOVE

Moderator: Josephine Robertson; Panelists: Pastor Einar Rom, Carlos Muchiutti, Dave Rawson, Aldwyn Montaque Perspectives from several of our members.

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In groups.

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (see screens)

#### BENEDICTION

Josephine Robertson

## POSTLUDE

Dialogue (Jean-Adam Guilain)
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.