

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

August 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$283,332.00	
Received	\$224,740.63*	\$224,740.63*
Spent		(\$224,700.81)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$58,591.37)	\$39.82
YTD Total		

*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: 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.

Our 2024 Local Church Budget is \$425,000, and that breaks down to \$35,417/month. You may wonder where do those dollars go? Here are a few examples: Each month CC sends \$10,294 to help operate SLA for its 283 students; recently approximately 150 of us enjoyed a beautiful Sabbath at Camp Winnekeag and a wonderful meal in the cafeteria thanks to our Local Church Budget; we purchase Sabbath School magazines for our kids; we heat and cool our building with utility costs of several thousand dollars each month; we helped our Pathfinders attend the Believe the Promise Camporee in Wyoming; ran a VBS that blessed many children; ran the Choose Wellness Fair in Sterling, MA; purchased new mics for our sound system; regularly enjoy a delicious hot breakfast in our fellowship hall; printed this bulletin; and much, much more. Many lives are blessed thanks to our Local Church Budget. Please continue to support our Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

Please place your offering in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors or contribute online at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS, PRESIDING ELDERS, LEAD DEACONS

Oct. 19	Einar Rom	Marta Medina	Jean-Claude Rodrigue
Oct. 26	Bible Bowl	Roger Prather	Fred Day
Nov. 2	Tom Murray	Rose Dawkins	Fred Day

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 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.

✓ Newsletter: www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.



South Lancaster Academy
198 George Hill Road,
Lancaster, MA

FALL
festival

October
26
7-9 PM

\$5 Entry Fee




You can pay \$20 to rent a table, and get \$8 back if your area is clean.
Set up at 6:15.
To rent, contact:
loy.blackwel@mysla.org
Deadline: Oct. 15

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  

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., Fri. 8:00-12:30, 1:00-3:30. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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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 —

Ezekiel

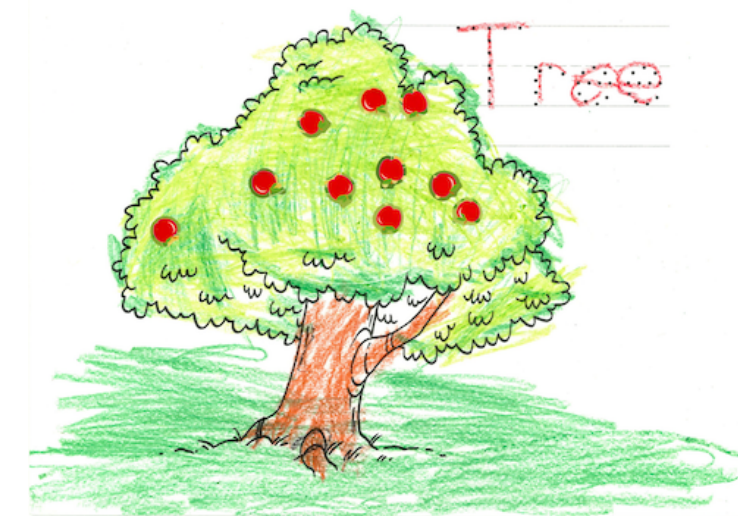


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Church Mission

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.

October 19, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Dottie Livergood, Linda Wilson (friend of Kim and Steve's), Mary Monroe (Holden Rehab, 32 Mayo Dr., Holden, MA), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), Henry Livergood, Pearl McDonald (Tish Brahmia's mom), Scott Meyers & Jason Lepkowski (related to June Willey), Dan Morris, Ray Dow, 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.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 6:22 PM, Friday 6:12 PM

Today	9:00 AM Breakfast (provided)
	After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM Small Group Training
	2:00 PM Adventurers, Pathfinders
	3:00 PM Christmas Play Rehearsal
Sun.	3:00 PM Free Concert Series (Student Prelude 2:15 PM)
Mon.	10:00 AM SLA Week of Prayer (all week)
	2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM Finance Committee
	7:00 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	7:00 PM Church Board
	9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:30 PM AI-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	4:00 PM Bible Bowl Starts
	6:30 PM Youth Supper/Vespers
	6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM Friday Night Study
Sat.	10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM Worship Service: Bible Bowl

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

BREAKFAST (PROVIDED) 9:00 AM, POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH

Members, please bring a dish ready to serve for the potluck. Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.

SMALL GROUP TRAINING

TODAY, 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Pastor Maria and Pastor Kevin Maldonado will lead out in this training session. Small group members intentionally pray together for unbelievers to come to know Jesus, and they cultivate relationships with unchurched people. Learn how in this seminar!

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE

TODAY, 3:00 PM | SANCTUARY

Please see Cameron's email for which players need to be here.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

- ✓ We're back this Monday as regularly scheduled.
- ✓ **Heated Pool Party:** Tomorrow, Ralph Weichmann's, 200 Hollis St., Groton, MA. Veggie grilling, chips, and dessert provided.
- ✓ **Breakfast:** Sunday Nov. 3, Ricardo Muchiutti's house. We need a headcount, please inform Mitchell Hall by October 31. Time and address to be provided.

BIBLE BOWL

We host the 2024 North American Bible Bowl this Friday and Sabbath, Oct. 25 & 26, with about 300 new faces on Sabbath. People are flying from all over North America to be a part of this A few notes:

- ✓ It will begin late Friday afternoon and conclude Saturday evening.
- ✓ There will be an offertory and the offering plates will be passed during the worship hour.
- ✓ There will be a lunch provided for those who are a part of the Bible Bowl and for the students of Indiana Academy.
- ✓ All are free to observe the events, and it will be live-streamed.
- ✓ Website is <https://bayda.org/bible-bowl-nationals>
- ✓ We can form our own team and be a part of this for 2025. Please let one of our Pastors know if you are interested.
- ✓ If you can, please park on the AUC campus and leave room for our guests and those who need to park nearer to the doors.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ✓ November 3, 10:00 AM we will meet at the Worcester Art Museum. It's a free day and they will have the Diwali Celebration that day. You won't want to miss it!
- ✓ December 10, 6 PM is our annual Yankee Swap at 31 Main Street, Sterling, MA. This is always a fun-filled event with a potluck favorite holiday foods potluck and Yankee Swap.
- ✓ We are starting to collect funds to support the families of North Star at Christmas. Please mark your contribution to Women's Ministry Christmas Fund. Thanks in advance for your support.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

- ✓ Please make plans to take part in this wonderful ministry. Although it may look a little different this year, we need your help! We will not be passing out and collecting bags as a group. We will still need volunteers for sorting, counting and filling boxes. We also will be delivering boxes as in the past. Please save the dates and join us in outreach to our community.
- ✓ You can sign someone up for a food gift at www.wearecc.net (click Next Steps in the lower right corner; **due by Sunday, Oct. 27**).
- ✓ November 2 : Bags passed out **to the congregation** to fill and bring back on November 9. We really need your help in this! Please take bags for yourself, neighbors, colleagues, and friends to fill. The Pathfinders are taking 50 bags! Be creative! Help us fill those bags! Bring them all back on Nov. 9th. We will have "helpers" to assist in getting them out of your vehicle if needed. If you don't see a helper outside then come into church and we will assist you.
- ✓ Remember, you can also donate money to the food drive.
- ✓ Save the dates:
 - o Nov. 2: Take your bags
 - o Nov. 9: All bags back to church
 - o Nov. 11: Sorting 9:30-12
 - o Nov. 13: Wednesday, 9:30-12 Sorting/counting/packing
 - o Nov. 15: Friday, 9:30-12 Sorting/counting/packing
 - o Nov. 17: Sunday, 10-1, Sorting/counting/packing
 - o Nov. 21 and/or 22, pickups at church (times TBD)
 - o Nov. 23: Sabbath, deliver boxes after church

ELDERS' RETREAT

SABBATH, NOV. 9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | CAMP WINNEKEAG

This promises to be a meaningful and enriching experience, and we encourage you to make your arrangements early to ensure your participation. You can [register here](#) (registration deadline is Oct. 24).

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be using the web platform Instant Church Directory. Please use our online form to be included. Just go to <https://wearecc.net> and click Next Steps in the lower right corner. We look forward to connecting with you!

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.ssnet.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

BOXES DUE NOV. 16

OCC's mission is to show God's love to needy children around the world, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please consider filling a shoebox for a needy child. See the foyer display for info and supplies. To track where your box goes, donate \$10 (see insert).

HURRICANE HELENE/MILTON RELIEF

You may be wondering how you can help with hurricane relief. The SNEC is working on sending supplies to affected areas, but you can go to <https://www.communityservices.org> and donate to Adventist Community Services. If you donate there, add "Hurricane Helene" in the comment line so it goes towards those efforts.

MAJOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

SNEC is creating a new community service center and will sell the property at 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster. To prepare, we're cleaning tomorrow and Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 9AM. Please come and help out!



The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Sicilienne (*Charles Callahan, 1951-2023*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Ps. 103:1-5

Marta Medina

HYMN OF PRAISE

11, The God of Abraham Praise (*Leoni*)

Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Doug Medina

BAPTISMS

Eric and Brendan Beal by Pastor Einar

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Marta Medina

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: More Like You (*Scott Wesley Brown*)

More like You Jesus, more like You

Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You

More like You Jesus, more like You

Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You

Lord You are my mercy, Lord You are my grace

All my deepest sins have forever been erased

Draw me in Your presence, lead me in Your ways

I long to bring You glory in righteousness and praise

Prayer: Ilsa Gründer

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Still (*Reuben Morgan*)

The Simon family; Olga Garcia, violin

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 22:10-14

Alex Tovar

HOW ARE YOUR ADJECTIVES?

Einar Rom

Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

73, Holy, Holy, Holy (*Nicaea*)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Holy, Holy, Holy* (arr. Sherwood)

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

Will Sherwood, organ, piano

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