

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

December 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$424,998.00	
Received	\$397,450.40 *	\$397,450.40 *
Spent		(\$397,245.15)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,547.60)	\$205.25
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$169,371.92	

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

The books for 2024 are closed, and we have much to be thankful for. We received \$397,450 for local church budget (less than budgeted), but thankfully, expenses were also less than budgeted.

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.

December 2023	\$299,727.00
March 2024	\$245,297.00
June 2024	\$231,587.00
September 2024	\$227,269.00
December 2024	\$169,371.92

TITHE, although vital, goes to 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. God will bless us for it. SNEC reported that CC returned \$1,017,664 in tithe in 2024. Praise God! You can donate in the offering boxes by the sanctuary doors, or at wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Feb. 22	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas	Jonathan Bissell
Mar. 1	Women's Ministry	Rose Dawkins	Carlos Muchiutti
Mar. 8	Einar Rom	Dave Rawson	JC Rogrigue

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 are a constituent church, providing financial & logistical support. 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

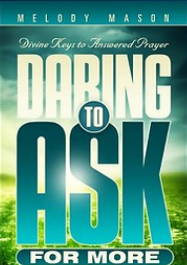
- ✓ **Newsletter:** www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.
- ✓ **Experience SLA:** Wednesday, Mar. 12, 6:00–8:00 PM. For prospective parents and students. Teacher meet and greet, administration question and answer, registration assistance.
- ✓ **Art Fair & STEAM Night!** For current and prospective SLA students. SLA Gym, Mar. 12, 6:30–7:30 PM.
- ✓ **Visitation Day:** Thursday, Mar. 13, 8–11:30 AM. For prospective students to shadow the class they will be in for the 25-26 school year. For current SLA students, this is a "Step Up Day" where they will step up to next year's grade for the day.


THREE-WAY SCHOLARSHIP: Apply for spring elementary & academy Three-way and Home School scholarships. More info and application at <https://wearecc.net>. Click Next Steps in the lower right corner to get started. **Deadline is this Friday, Feb. 28.**

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.

SPRING SPIRITUAL REVIVAL RETREAT

APRIL 4-6, 2025

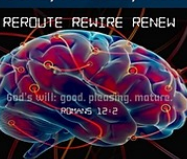





Keynote speaker
Melody Mason
Coordinator of
"Back to the Altar"
Discipleship
Training Program
General Conference

Registration opens on February 20

Youth Theme:
Reroute, Rewire, Renew





Keynote speaker
Pr. Omar Rodriguez
Washington Conference

There will be a children's program

PENTECOST TOGETHER
Camp Winnekeag 257 Ashby Rd, Ashburnham, MA




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](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**  

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., & 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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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.

Bulletin



Giving



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Ed Collins.

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

February 22, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Gunter Suckert (moved to CA to live with his younger brother), Lothar Suckert (hospital), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (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.

In Bereavement:

- ✓ Condolences to Bill and Joanne Baldwin and family. Bill's father, Bill Sr., passed away on Feb. 6 and the funeral was held Feb. 14. Bill Sr. was 98 years old and an alumnus of SLA and AUC: <https://www.slatteryfuneralhome.com/obituary/William-Baldwin>.
- ✓ Condolences to the loved ones of Robert Rittenhouse (Connie R. Drexler's dad), who passed away Feb. 8. There will be a memorial for him here on Mar. 8, with a reception to follow.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:29 PM, Friday 5:37 PM

Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	6:00 PM	SLA Romantic Dinner Fundraiser
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	10:30 AM	Personal Ministries Council
	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	Al-Anon (Earliteen Room)
Fri.		Education Grant Submission deadline
	6:30 PM	Praise and Worship Vespers (Youth Chapel)
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Women's Ministry
	After Church	Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	5:30 PM	Church Business Meeting

SLA ROMANTIC FUNDRAISER DINNER

TODAY, 6:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

All are welcome to this fundraising event. There will be great food, including vegan and gluten-free options, and great music provided by our SLA kids. Tickets are \$30/person, and you can pay at the door.

- ✓ Free child care for kids age 4-10, but please email lcady@mysla.org to request it.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

NEW PRAISE AND WORSHIP VESPERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 6:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL

This new praise and worship vespers will take place on the fourth Friday of every month, sponsored by the youth and young adult groups. All are welcome and encouraged to come!

FELLOWSHIP MEALS IN MARCH

- ✓ **March 1:** Haystacks provided by the church. Please bring your favorite dessert (can be fruit :)
- ✓ **March 15:** Breakfast provided by the church; fellowship meal: Baked potato bar. Please bring a dessert (can be fruit :)

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

SABBATH, MAR. 1, 5:30 PM

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 starting on Wednesday, Mar. 5. Each Wednesday we will look at a different part of the passion week, in the following sequence:

- ✓ Mar 5: Sun-Mon events
- ✓ Mar 12: Tue-Wed events
- ✓ Mar 19: Thursday events
- ✓ Mar 26: Fri. 12AM-6AM events
- ✓ Apr 2: Fri 6AM-9AM events
- ✓ Apr 9: Fri 9AM-12PM events
- ✓ Apr 16: Fri: 12PM-3PM events



True Testimonies from Women of the Bible

In Celebration of Women's History Month



Saturday, March 1, 11:15 – church service

2:00-4:30 - Afternoon session - Youth Chapel

will include music, presentations, and small group discussions/prayer

College Church, 337 Main Street,
So. Lancaster, MA

All are invited – free lunch between meetings!
Downstairs in Fellowship Hall

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	Pastor Maria's Office	

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? We'd like to make them a prayer shawl! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.

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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!

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Deep River (arr. by Gerre Hancock)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Hymnal #859
Winston Townsend

HYMN OF PRAISE
Hymnal #8, We Gather Together (Kremser)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES
Davidson Devasigamony

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Daniel Thomas

Special Offering: SNEC Budget
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYER IN SONG
Servant Song (see insert)
Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Daniel Thomas

MUSICAL OFFERING
Amazing (Wintley Phipps)
Arensa Morisset, voice

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 13:31-36a
Jason Durandis

LIVING LIKE ROYALTY BECAUSE OF OUR TRUE ZIP CODE
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
Seek Ye First (see insert)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Steal Away (arr. by Patrick Quigley)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

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.