

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

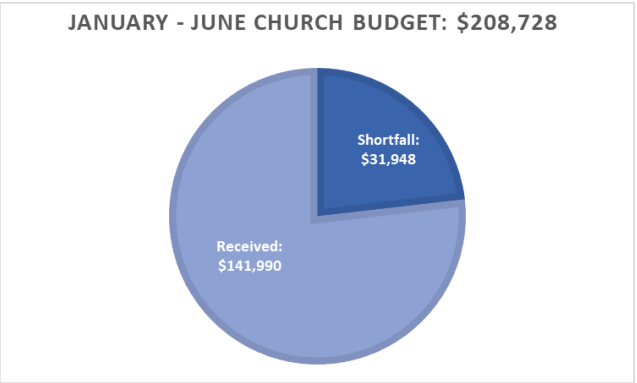
June 30, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$208,728.00	
Received	\$160,367.43*	\$160,367.43*
Spent		(\$160,300.00)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$48,360.57)	\$67.43
HVAC Project Monthly Income		\$2,576.44
HVAC Project Fundraising Target Balance		\$105,315.08

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

BUDGET: Our 2023 church budget is \$417,450 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 doesn't cover any of our expenses. Those come out of Church Budget. So let's make the Church Budget as regular a part of our giving as tithe. We believe God will bless us for it.



As you can see, we fell a bit behind in our budget, but it's not surprising since June involves Camp Meeting and we are away two out of four Sabbaths. While the expenses keep on (SLA, SS supplies, insurance, etc.), one silver lining is that utilities were down significantly because we're not running the AC. Let's keep the needs of our active church in our stewardship planning.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Aug. 19	Einar Rom	Dave Rawson
Aug. 26	Ofelia Maskewich, Sabbath School Graduation	Marta Medina
Sept. 2	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon (except in certain holiday weeks) at bulletin@wearecc.net. *All submissions require pastoral staff approval and are subject to editing.*

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.

OUR SERVICES AIR on Sterling/Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, and West Boylston cable TV. See 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER: 129 Bolton Rd., Lancaster, 978-365-7152.

✓ *Help for the Needy:* On Tuesdays from 9:30 AM–noon you can pick up clothing and housewares. They request a small donation.

✓ *House of Refuge:* 7:00–8:45 PM on the second Friday of each month. Sermonette, music, testimonies. To take part in the service, call or text Becky Renzi at 978-870-0266.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY: Fourth 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

EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ The SNEC has scholarships for those pursuing a degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/etc4zvyu> by Aug. 31.

✓ Scholarships for those attending South Lancaster Academy (all levels) and home school. Info at <https://wearecc.net/three-way>.

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:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

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 a rt, 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 our website. *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 Sabbath School lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](#) section of our website. Episodes drop Sunday mornings.

Search for collegechurchofsda on YouTube Facebook Instagram

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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at <http://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:	
Regular Hours:	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM <i>It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the ofice administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.</i>
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Bulletin



A recent visitor to the church. Image by a College Church member.

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Dennis Williams, Victor Broushet, Nicole Broushet, Ray Dow, The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, Salma Prata and Solange Baia (Keila’s mom and aunt); Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab); Rachel Gravelin, Dan Morris, Laura Lee Williams, David Tessier (brother of Wendy Hall), Isaac (relative of the Giffords), Bob Rogers.

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

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:44 PM, Friday 7:35 PM			
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast	(more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee	
	7:30 PM	ISI Men’s Group	
Tues.	7:00 PM	Church Business Meeting	
	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)	
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	
Thur.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)	
Fri.	6:00 PM	Adventurer Vespers	
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study	
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast	(more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)	
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Ofelia Maskewich, Sabbath School Graduation	
		After Church Fellowship Picnic	

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>

MISSION TRIP
Céleste Perrino is now in the Dominican Republic as a medical missionary. Donations (see below) are for medical supplies for the clinic and baseballs for the kids.
✓ In [Adventist Giving](#), click “More Offering Categories” at the bottom of the Local Church section, then look for *Dominican Republic Mission Trip*.

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
THIS TUESDAY, AUG. 22, 7:00 PM | ZOOM
Like the board meeting last Monday, this is also to discuss additional funding to take care of issues that have cropped up in the HVAC project.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP SPECIAL MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23, 7:00 PM | KIMBALL’S
The Wednesday prayer meeting group has been meeting for years now via computer screens. On August 23 that will change for one meeting. On that day we will meet for a time of fellowship at Kimball’s, 1543 Lunenburg Road (Rt. 70). All are welcome to join us.

ADVENTURER VESPERS
THIS FRIDAY, 6:00 PM | CHURCH LAWN
Adventurer familes are welcome for games, food, worship, and songs.

Worship at Winnekeag

Join us at 257 Ashby Rd, Ashburnham on Sabbath, Sept. 9, for outdoor worship at 10:00 AM, followed by dinner and a relaxing afternoon. We’ll be in the cafeteria if it rains.

- ✓ **Sabbath dinner is free, but you must register for it by Sunday, Sept. 3** at <https://wearecc.net> (click the blue-and-white N in the lower right corner of the page) or by contacting the church office.
- ✓ **Registration is super important** because we have to tell the camp how many meals to prepare. *If you don’t register, you may not get a meal!*
- ✓ **However, if you register but then can’t go, make sure to contact us so we don’t pay for a meal no one eats.** Last year we had to pay for about 50 registered people who didn’t go.

To help with costs, go to <https://wearecc.net/give> or use a tithe envelope (Social Programs).

POTLUCK PICNIC
SABBATH, AUG. 26, AFTER CHURCH | TOM & BARB KING’S HOME
Visitors are welcome to join us at our picnics and don’t need to bring anything. Members, please bring food and chairs for you & visitors. Join us at 6 Stonebridge Circle, Clinton, MA.

TEEN WEEKEND SEMINAR
SEPTEMBER 8–9 | STONEHAM MEMORIAL CHURCH
Dr. Jennifer Jill Schwirzer will speak at Friday vespers at 7:00 PM and on Sabbath morning for Sabbath School and church. There will be a lunch to allow teens one-on-one time with her. Join us at 29 Maple St., Stoneham, MA, for those aged 13 to 19.

INIGO VEGA CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY
There will be a reception afterwards in the fellowship hall. This is a church-wide request for platters of finger food and help in the kitchen. Please [register here](#) to sign up for food to bring or to help with setup and/or clean up. Additional info:
✓ setup will be Sept. 10, 1 PM
✓ cleanup/break down is Sept. 10, approx. 5 PM
✓ if you can't bring food or help, you could donate to help purchase food. Write “Memorial/Repast Donation” on your tithe envelope or [donate online](#). Please let Deb Gifford know that you donated: grandmadgifford@comcast.net

CHOOSE WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR
SUN., SEPT. 17, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON
We ask you to prayerfully consider helping this important community outreach with our needs. Thank you for your support.
✓ We're asking people to donate lightly used teddy bears (no more than 18 inches). There will be a container in the foyer. Thanks in advance for your support.
✓ Donate in a tithe envelope or by clicking “More Offering Categories” at the bottom of the Local Church section of Adventist Giving. Choose Wellness is an option near the bottom.

CLINTON SCHOOL DONATIONS
With Fall and the start of school approaching, it’s time to think of the Clinton Public School kids again. We are collecting new boys sweatpants and girls leggings, and boys and girls underwear sizes 6–16. There is a collection bin outside the church office, or you can donate money ("Clinton School"). We'll be collecting clothes and cash through August.

The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

See more online and in-person study options at wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options. Get free study guides at www.ssnet.org, download the Sabbath School app, or scan the QR code on the right.



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		
Bible Journaling	Fellowship Hall	<i>Next meeting 9/16/23</i>
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	

“JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" EXPERIENCE
This walk-through experience for the community of the birth of Christ is set for three evenings in December. We need sewers and builders to begin props and costumes. If you can help, please inform our pastor. The JTB is being coordinated by the local Lancaster & Clinton SDA churches and is a wonderful way to give back to our community. VBS happened by three churches partnering together, and this is an opportunity for continue that partnership.

SNEC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
The deadline to apply for this is approaching. See other side for details.



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PASTORAL WELCOME
Einar Rom

PRELUDE
Trio Sonata 5 (Mvt. 1) (*J.S. Bach*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #843
Daniel Daum

HYMN OF PRAISE
586, What a Joy It Is to Worship Here (*Jeg Er Saa Glad*)
Arielle Cady Flores, leader

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Blanca Bruso

EDUCATION DEDICATION
All students, faculty, and staff of any school

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING
Dave Rawson
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayer Song: Breath on Me, Breath of God (see column to the left)
Prayer: Dave Rawson

SCRIPTURE
Rom. 12:2–10
John Thomas

MUSICAL SELECTION
You Gave Me Love/Razón de Vivir (*Archie Jordan, Claire Cloninger, Danny Berrios*)
Ofelia Maskewich, voice; Abel Herrera, guitar

PEOPLE ARE LIKE LEGOS ...
Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION
575, Let Your Heart Be Broken (*Bjorklund*)

BENEDICTION
Einar Rom

POSTLUDE
Prelude and Fugue in C Major (*J.S. Bach*)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ

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