General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

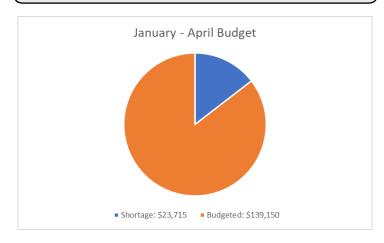
| Apr. 30, 2023 | Budget | Actual |
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| Needed | \$139,152.00 | |
| Received | \$115,435.67* | \$115,435.67* |
| Spent | | (\$115,398.56) |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$23,716.33) | \$37.11 |
| HVAC Project Monthly Income | | \$9,582 |
| VAC Project Fundraising | \$129,460 | |

*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.



CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you for a blessed April. We were blessed with many activities, and also blessed with your generosity. Thank you. Our 2023 shortfall shrank significantly, thanks to a larger than expected Church Budget income in April. Praise God! What is not reflected in the chart above is the fact that donations continue to be made for our HVAC project that is now underway. We are making great progress on that and perhaps we can avoid taking a loan for it. Let us all prayerfully consider how we can help fund this needed

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

| May 20 | Einar Rom | Josephine Robertson |
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| May 27 | Einar Rom; Sofia Maskewich | Dave Rawson |
| | baptism | |
| June 3 | SLA Baccalaureate | N/A |

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 rest rooms 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast dealing with the Sabbath School lesson. You can find the episodes in the Messages section of our website, or on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. The episode for each Sabbath's lesson drops on Sunday morning.

Education & Music

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.
- ✓ SLA Alumni: Do we have your contact info, especially email? Contact us at alumni@mysla.org, or www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.
- ✓ Assistant Treasurer and Spanish Teacher Positions: Please contact David Branum at principal@mysla.org or 978-368-8544 for info; also see the slide on the screen in the upper foyer.

AUC ALUMNI: Are you getting the latest info on alumni events? Visit <u>AlumniofAUC.com</u> to sign up for monthly emails. If you don't have email, you can get a special note from the Alumni Association.

THAYER CONSERVATORY: Lessons in art, 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 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.

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Giving

Find our Sabbath School podcast on our website, Spotify, and Apple

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 Mon.-Wednesday 8:45 AM-12:30 PM, 1:30-3:00 PM

Hours: Friday: 8:45 AM-12:30 PM

It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the ofice administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.

Phone: 978-368-2130

Address: 337 Main St., South Lancaster, MA 01561

Mail: PO Box 877, South Lancaster, MA 01561-0877

Einar Rom, Lead Pastor:

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Ed Collins, Office Administrator

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Michelle Lynn, Church Clerk (membership questions) clerk@wearecc.net

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

treasurer@wearecc.net





Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

May 20, 2023

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Corcoran House, Clinton), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Health Care); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom), Inigo Vega, Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, six members of the Schad family, 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 8:08 PM, Friday 8:13 PM 9:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast After Church Potluck Fellowship Dinner Adventurer Spring Escape Concludes Sun. 12:00 PM New England VegFest Mon. 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 7:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting 7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group 7:00 PM Camera Club 9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website) 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting 3:30 PM Kids' Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM King's Kids 6:00 PM SLA Senior Recital (Youth Chapel) 7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel) 2:30 PM Sterling Village Ministry 5:30 PM Movie Night 7:30 PM Friday Night Study 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings) 10:00 AM Sabbath School (Various Locations) 11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom; Sofia Maskewich baptism 11:15 AM Kids' Worship

FELLOWSHIP MEALS TODAY

Breakfast (provided) at 9:00 and potluck after church (members, please bring a dish). Come hungry! Visitors are welcome at both meals and don't need to bring anything.



2:00 PM Soup & Bread Fellowship (Vegan Nest)

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

SNEC Health Ministry Coordinator Tom Dombrowski and others will take part in a panel discussion exploring the multi-dimensional impact of a plant-based diet, moderated by Nicole Broushet. There will be plenty of good food and great resources! If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Nicole. *Location:* WSU Wellness Center, 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA. Free e-tickets and info at www.nevegfest.org.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

For info, email Nicole at cckids@wearecc.net.

CHOOSE WELLNESS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON

√ Planning Committee Meeting: Tomorrow at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

For login, go to wearecc.net and find the Choose Wellness card on the home page.

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THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE

Tony Dungy, former head coach of the NFL's Buccaneers and Colts, is a Christian and has produced a three-part series, "God's Uncommon Man." Please join us for these relevant meetings. Info & login at https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron.

✓ Please Note: No meeting May 29.

KIDS' PRAYER MEETING

THIS THURSDAY, 3:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & FELL. HALL

More info & registration: https://wearecc.net/cc-kids.

- ✓ 3:30–4:30 PM: Light early supper and activities.
- ✓ 4:30–5:30 PM: Worship, Bible study, prayer, crafts.

MOVIE NIGHT

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 26, 5:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

God came to young King Solomon and said, "Ask what I shall give thee." God gave him the request of his heart, and Solomon asked for wisdom! What gift has God given you to steward? Join us for our next movie night as we have fun exploring this concept and so much more with Rich Aguilera's movie The Mysterious Note!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SABBATH, JUNE 10, 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 all forms of post-secondary education, including certificates. If you know of anyone who has graduated since last July, please fill out the form linked at https://wearecc.net by Wednesday, June 7.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY ATHLETIC BANQUET SUNDAY, JUNE 11 | SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

All are welcome as we look back on the 2022–23 athletic season. Adults are \$10 and pre-K–12th grade \$5 if paid by May 31. Payment after that is adults \$15 and pre-K–12th grade \$10. Thank you for your support of SLA. For more info, contact Cameron at cmloss@juno.com.

CAMP MEETING

Camp meeting happens just 'down the road' and is 'just around the corner.' The dates are June 16–24, and, the venue is the campgrounds of the Southern New England Conference at 34 Sawyer Street, So. Lancaster. Details: www.sneconline.org/campmeeting.

SUMMER PICNICS

We still need hosts for July 1 and 29. For info or to host one, contact Sif at themuchiuttis@gmail.com or 978-621-2015.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming, and we want your help! We need enough volunteers for a safe and successful VBS, and not have to turn away kids. There's something for everyone to do, and you can have a kingdom impact.

✓ Register to help at https://collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/vbs-helper-reg-2023, or contact Nicole at cckids@wearecc.net.

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.



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| 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 | Multiple teachers | | |
| 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 | | | |
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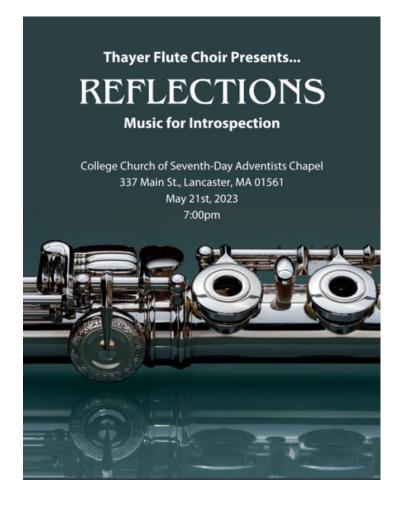
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MISSING SOMEONE TODAY?

Our Adventurers are at Spring Escape this weekend on the SNEC campgrounds. Good weather is forecasted for tomorrow.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"I have striven not to laugh at human actions, not to weep at them, not to hate them, but to understand them." - Baruch Spinoza



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PASTORAL WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Praeludium in C major (Dietrich Buxtehude)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Psalm 100 Paula Severin

HYMN OF PRAISE

29, Sing Praise to God (Mit Freuden Zart) Chris de Andrade, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Dawn Rom

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Josephine Robertson

Loose offerings go to local church budget; please put in the boxes by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: 482, Father, Lead Me Day by Day (sung twice)
Father, lead me day by day, ever in Thine own sweet way
Teach me to be pure and true; show me what I ought to do
Prayer: Josephine Robertson

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:41–45 Lucie Hynes

MUSICAL SELECTION

Notturno Op. 54, No. 4 (Edvard Grieg) Annette Siver, piano

HAVE YOU HAD A PLANKECTOMY YET?

Einar Rom
Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

588, Lord of All Nations (Melrose)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G minor (Dietrich Buxtehude)

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.