

## 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
<b>YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$169,371.92</b>	

\*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	<b>\$169,371.92</b>

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](http://wearecc.net/give). *Pastor Einar*

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Feb. 8	Einar Rom	Mariyan Montaque	J.C. Rodrigue
Feb. 15	Clifton Glasgow	Naor Pinto	Fred Day
Feb. 22	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas	Jonathan Bissell

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon at [bulletin@wearecc.net](mailto: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](http://www.mysla.org).

✓ Newsletter: [www.mysla.org/school-newsletter](http://www.mysla.org/school-newsletter).

✓ **Our PO box has been closed.** Please send mail to 198 George Hill Road, Lancaster, MA 01523

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

✓ *Deiningner Scholarship*: For nursing/allied health programs. Info: [www.sneconline.org/scholarship](http://www.sneconline.org/scholarship). Application deadline: Feb. 9.

THREE-WAY SCHOLARSHIP: You can now apply for spring Three-way and Home School scholarships at <https://wearecc.net>. Click Next Steps in the lower right corner to get started.

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](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com).

Haven't signed up? It's never too late. Go to [wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net) and 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](http://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 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 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



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# COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —

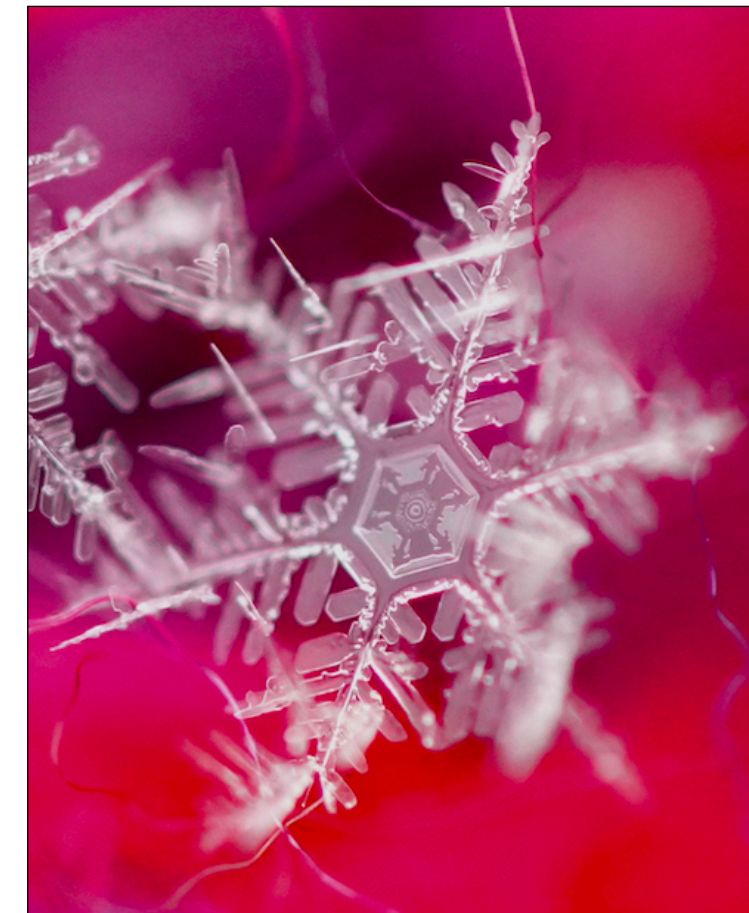


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### Church Mission

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.

## February 8, 2025

## The Church at Work

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Health Concerns:** Gunter Suckert (The Gables), Lothar Suckert (hospital), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass, Lake Ave.), 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 [wearecc.net](http://wearecc.net) for more.

**South Lancaster Sunset: Today 5:11 PM, Friday 5:19 PM**

Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	4:00 PM	Do It Together Sabbath School Conf. continues
Sun.	3:00 PM	Free Concert Series
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)
Wed.	6:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Thur.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	3:30 PM	Feed the Hungry
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	9:15 AM	Refresh
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast ( <a href="#">more airings</a> )
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Clifton Glasgow
	After Church	Potluck Fellowship Dinner
	2:00 PM	Small Group Training (Fellowship Hall)
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	6:30 PM	Valentine's Day Celebration

### PRAYER SESSION

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | JUNIOR ROOM

### IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

### 3RD BLACK HISTORY MO. CELEBRATION: COURAGE TO DREAM TONIGHT, 6:00 PM | MECHANICS HALL, WORCESTER

Share the courageous faith stories of Black and Brown immigrants who journeyed to Worcester County. Performances by local artists, actors, choirs, and culinary creatives. Tickets: [www.mechanicshhall.org](http://www.mechanicshhall.org). Questions: [info@kiroscha.com](mailto:info@kiroscha.com). Note updated time above.

✓ To help those who can't afford to come, you can purchase tickets to donate at <https://tinyurl.com/courage-to-dream>. When prompted, use the email [info@kiroscha.com](mailto:info@kiroscha.com). Thank you for helping us make this event accessible to everyone!

### REFRESH

SABBATH, FEB. 15, 9:15 AM | YOUTH CHAPEL

### UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

February 15: Breakfast provided; potluck after church with a soup/salad/bread theme. The church will provide salad and bread. Members, please bring your favorite soup and dessert.

### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: SECOND READING

**Out:** Samuel Leon to Houston United African Church, Houston, TX  
Nora Renzi to Crosswalk New England, West Boylston, MA

### SMALL GROUP TRAINING

SABBATH, FEB. 15, 2:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



"Jesus used small groups to connect with his disciples, train them, and send them out to make more disciples. Small groups are a key part of Jesus' ministry and can be a place to build meaningful relationships and grow in faith." Speaker: Pastor Clifton Glasgow.

### SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, FEB. 15 | 6:30 PM

Pick a color to dress up as friends, family or as a couple, and bring a food in the color you choose. Come and enjoy with us! Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY SABBATH

MARCH 1

Theme: True Testimonies from Women of the Bible. Church service, afternoon session, free lunch. There will be music, presentations, and small group discussions/prayer. All are invited.

### 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.



### DO YOU WANT TO START SOMETHING? :-)

Do you oversee a ministry and need space in our church, and/or have special events/programs planned in the coming year? If so, please tell Pastor Einar, Pastor Maria or one of our head elders so we can plan out our year. If you put your event/request on paper or in an e-mail or text that would be great. Also, they will be available after the worship service for this purpose as well.



Enjoy a delightful repertoire of flute choir music to brighten your Sunday afternoon before the Super Bowl festivities later in the day! Admission is free, and all are welcome. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of beautiful music and community.

## The Church at Study, 10:00 AM

### CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

<b>Downstairs:</b>	<b>Upstairs:</b>
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](http://wearecc.net/sabbath-school-options). Free study guides at [www.ssnet.org](http://www.ssnet.org).

### NOTES ON TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was a pioneering Black British composer whose works blended African, Caribbean, and European traditions. He championed African heritage in classical music, inspiring future generations. His achievements broke racial barriers, promoting diversity and representation in the Western classical tradition.

### 2039

### 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

Pastor Einar Rom

### PRELUDE

Cameo (S. Coleridge-Taylor)

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #876  
Horacio Castro

### HYMN OF PRAISE

My Lord, What a Morning; see insert (Spiritual))  
Ralph Dawkins, leader

### NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES (CHILDREN'S STORY)

Karl Hernandez

### MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Horacio Castro

Special Offering: Adventist TV Ministries Evangelism (mark your tithe envelope).  
Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

### PRAYER IN SONG

Hymnal #475, Balm in Gilead (Spiritual)  
Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see left) (Scott Wesley Brown)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Horacio Castro

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Say a Prayer (Donald Lawrence)  
Margareth Morrisett

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 4:6-9  
Lucy Hynes

### THE QUESTION THAT WON'T GO AWAY: AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Einar Rom  
Einar is our lead pastor.

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? see insert (The Servant Song))

### BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

### POSTLUDE

Impromptu No. 1 (S. Coleridge-Taylor)  
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Kevin Lyczak, organ, piano

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