General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET Feb. 29, 2024 Budget Actual \$70,833.00 Needed \$69.526.00* \$69,526.00 * Received (\$69,505.20) Spent Surplus (Deficit) \$20.80 (\$1,307.00)

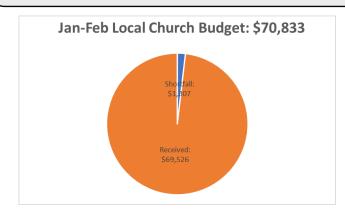
YTD Total HVAC Loans Balance \$253,513.47

*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: Our 2023 tithe was \$1,026,168. Tithe, although vital, goes to our local Conference and doesn't 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.



On Tuesday evening we had a well-attended Church Business Meeting, and we voted to approve our 2024 Local Church Budget of \$425,000. This represents a 1.8% increase from 2023. Let us keep our local church budget in our stewardship planning since it supports so many ministries and programs. Two projects that are not a part of the budget include an updated video projection system for our sanctuary and a new exterior sign on Main Street that would be perpendicular to the street so it would be more visible to passersby. To donate towards the video project online scroll down to Add Categories tab and choose Audio/Video Donation. To help with the exterior sign please connect with our pastor. Give at https://wearecc.net/give. Pastor Einar

SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Mar. 23	Einar Rom	Ralph Gifford III
Mar. 30	Einar Rom (Easter Sabbath)	Cécile Engeln
Apr. 6	Einar Rom	Daniel Thomas

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 on Sterling/Lancaster, Clinton, Leominster, Lunenburg, and West Boylston cable TV. See schedule at https:// wearecc.net/local-tv.

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.

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.

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 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: Connect with us at www.mysla.org/alumni.

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 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 wearecc.net. Be sure to choose the College Church or we won't get your donation. Questions? Please contact the church office.



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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 Mon.-Wed. 8:45 AM-12:30 PM, Thur. as needed;

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

It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.

Phone: 978-368-2130

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978-706-1930 home, 978-833-4308 mobile

Ed Collins, Office Administrator

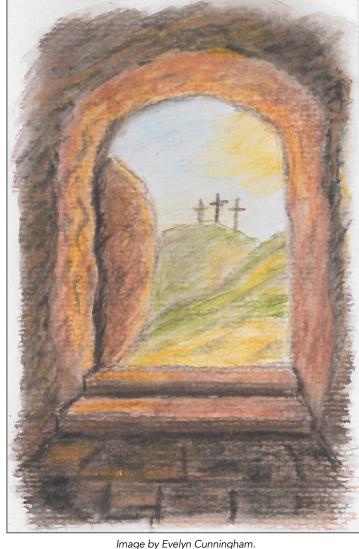
office@wearecc.net (general communication) bulletin@wearecc.net (bulletin submissions)

Michelle Lynn, Church Clerk (membership questions)

clerk@wearecc.net

Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers: treasurer@wearecc.net





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.

March 23, 2024

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Mary Monroe; Lorelie Linton (Dan's mom, Sterling Village); Dan Morris, Nicole Broushet; Margareta Sbacchi (recuperating in CA with family); Mary Lou Segar; Ray Dow; the Flannery family; Sae Louis; Lucy Santana (River Terrace); Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); John and Marella (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes' brother); Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver); Linda Oetman; Joe Drader (Odd Fellows Rehab, Worcester); 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 7:04 PM, Friday 7:11 PM			
Today	3:00 PM	Dean Davis Memorial Live Stream from GA	
Sun.	9:00 AM	SLA Robotics Fundraiser Breakfast	
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)	
	7:00 PM	Conversations in Bible Fundamentals (Zoom)	
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group	
Tue.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)	
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)	
	11:59 PM	Reg. for Agape Supper Closes	
Thur.	6:00 PM	King's Kids (Music Room)	
	7:00 PM	Camera Club	

7:30 PM Friday Night Study 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast (no Sabbath School) 10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)

7:30 PM Al-Anon (Chapel)

7:00 PM Agape Supper

11:10 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom 11:25 AM Kids' Worship (time approximate)

DEAN DAVIS MEMORIAL SERVICE LIVE STREAM

TODAY, 3:00 PM | MARIETTA, GA

Fri.

For your convenience, we have posted on our site the links to Dean's service. Just go to https://wearecc.net and click Live Stream.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

CONVERSATIONS IN BIBLE FUNDAMENTALS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

This week's conversation: "Did God create evil?" Our quest presenter is Pastor Kristy Hodson. Invite your friends and meet us on Zoom. Log in at wearecc.net/conversations-in-bible-fundamentals.

AL-ANON 61ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS THURSDAY, 7:00 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL

Al-Anon is an organization for those who have a loved one grappling with addiction to alcohol. This is an open meeting and we have food and 3 speakers. One from Alcoholics Anonymous, one Alateen, and one from AlAnon. They tell they life stories. Anyone All are invited.

CRAFT SUPPLY EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, APR. 28, NOON-3:00 PM

Women's Ministries will be hosting a craft supply swap. For more info or to register, please contact Deb Loss at debrajloss@juno.com.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING

In: Doug & Berenice Cote from Sterling Out: Laura Mapes to Leominster Spanish

EASTER EVENTS

- ✓ Agape Supper: Friday, Mar. 29, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall: Join us once again for a beautiful, spiritual experience. Please register at www.wearecc.net. Click the blue-&-white N in the lower right hand corner of any page, then choose Agape Supper Signup.
- o PLEASE NOTE: Registration closes this Wednesday, Mar. 27, at
- ✓ Easter Breakfast: Sabbath, Mar. 30, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall: Followed by a special Easter service with lots of music. No Sabbath School that day.
- ✓ Remembrance Service: Sabbath, Mar. 30, 11:10 AM. Our Easter service will remember those we have lost recently as we look forward to the resurrection. If your loved one passed away since Apr. 1, 2023, go to https://wearecc.net and click the blue-andwhite N to ask that their name read aloud.

Ways to Keep Our Kids Healthy

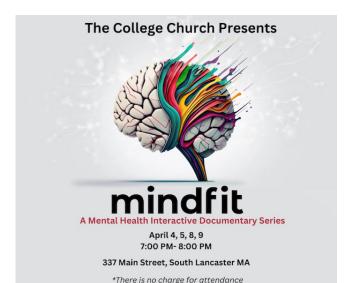
College Church Fellowship Hall Supper and Presentation 6–8 pm 337 Main Street, S. Lancaster, MA This event is free!

Important Points -

- Exercise / outdoor time
- Impact of pollutants
- Screen time
- Vaccinations pros/cons
- Energy drinks
- Healthy snacks/ diet



and click the blue N on the



Register for MindFit at https://www.mindfitevent.com. The map should show the College Church as the nearest location.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you or is someone you know graduating from academy/high school this spring? The College Church Prayer Shawl team can make them a Prayer Shawl for graduation! Scan the QR code to add info to the form.



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 Ralph Gifford III Fellowship Hall Young Adult Room Multiple teachers Young Adults Multiple teachers Blatt, Radford Training Chapel Multiple teachers Spanish Sanctuary Multiple teachers Livestream Sanctuary Robertson Conference Room

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10-13, 4:00-7:30 PM; JULY 14, 2:30-8:30 PM FOR PRE-TEENS Registration is LIVE for Vacation Bible School 2024! The main VBS is for ages birth–age 10, BUT: New this year is a one-day immersive VBS for pre-teens on Sunday, July 14. Please visit https://wearecc.net or see Nicole Broushet for more info for volunteers and attendees.

ELLEN G. WHITE, OUR HIGH CALLING, P. 46 (EMPHASIS ADDED) "Remove the cross from the Christian and it is like blotting out the sun which illumines the day, and dropping the moon and the stars out of the firmament of the heavens at night. The cross of Christ brings us nigh to God, reconciling man to God, and God to man ... The cross has been almost lost sight of, but without the cross there is no connection with the Father, no unity with the Lamb in the midst of the throne in heaven, no welcome reception of the wandering who would return to the forsaken path of righteousness and truth, no hope for the transgressor in the day of judgment ... Every hope of the race hangs upon the cross. When the sinner reaches the cross, and looks up to the One who died to save him, he may rejoice with fullness of joy; for his sins are pardoned. Kneeling at the cross, he has reached the highest place to which man can attain."



The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Einar Rom

PRELUDE

Valet will Ich dir geben (J.S. Bach)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 852 Ralph Gifford III

HYMN OF PRAISE

Wondrous Love (Wondrous Love) Kristie Stevenson, leader

LAMB'S OFFERING & CHILDREN'S STORY

Karl Hernandez

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Ralph Gifford III, Adelita Weaver Special Offering: SNEC Budget (mark your tithe envelope). Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: 478, Sweet Hour of Prayer (Sweet Hour) Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer! **Prayer:** Alfonso Vega

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:1-5 Doug Cote

MUSICAL SELECTION

Ten Thousand Angels (Ray Overholt) Ralph Dawkins

REJECTED SO WE WOULD NOT BE

Einar Rom Einar is our lead pastor.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Jesus Paid It All (Grape)

BENEDICTION

Einar Rom

POSTLUDE

Vexilla Regis (Everett Titcomb) Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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