

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

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

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.

Jan-Feb Local Church Budget: \$70,833



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.



South Lancaster Academy

SUPPORT OUR ROBOTICS TEAM!

"Unlocking Future Innovators, One Circuit at a Time!"

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Date March 24

\$10 per ticket

\$5 Kids under 5

9:00am - 11:00am

College Church SDA

Serve. Love. Achieve






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](https://wearecc.net/messages) section of our website. Episodes 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. 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, Thur. as needed; 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.
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Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH
— of Seventh-day Adventists —



Image by Evelyn Cunningham.

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	Al-Anon (Chapel)
Fri.	7:00 PM	Agape Supper
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study
Sat.	9:30 AM	Easter Breakfast (no Sabbath School)
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	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
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 guest 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.
 ○ **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration closes this Wednesday, Mar. 27, at midnight.
✓ **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-and-white N to ask that their name read aloud.

Ways to Keep Our Kids Healthy

April 11, 2024
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



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Sign up with this QR code,
or go to [www.wearecc.net](#)
and click the blue N on the
lower right.



The College Church Presents



mindfit

A Mental Health Interactive Documentary Series

April 4, 5, 8, 9
7:00 PM- 8:00 PM
337 Main Street, South Lancaster MA
*There is no charge for attendance

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	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	

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.*”

SAVE THE DATE

AGAPE SUPPER & COMMUNION

Join us
March 29, at 7 pm
in the Fellowship hall.

Please Scan to Register

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.