# **General Information**

## CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

Jan. 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$34,788.00	
Received	\$21,142.20*	\$21,142.20*
Spent		(\$21,113.58)
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\*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

HVAC project fundraising balance: \$147,528.21

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.

#### SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

Mar. 4	Einar Rom
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Tom Nicholas (Education Sabbath) Mar. 11

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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 in 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).

# **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.

- ✓ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Night: Mar. 14, 6:00–8:00 PM. All are invited. Learn all about the sciences that drive the modern world.
- ✓ Experience SLA & Visitation Day: March 29 & 30. For new students (and their parents) entering grades P-12.
- ✓ 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.

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.

Search for collegechurchofsda on [7] YouTube [7]





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 <a href="http://wearecc.net">http://wearecc.net</a>.

#### CHURCH OFFICE:

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

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

Phone: 978-368-2130

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

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





Image of our recent snowfall by one of our church members.

March 4, 2023

# The Church at Work

# PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Matt Bruso, Elnora King (who is back in Clinton), Lucy Santana and Roy McCoy (both at Fitchburg Health Care); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Beth Vecchione, 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, Keila Mejia, 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 5:41 PM, Friday 5:48 PM

Today After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner

1:30 PM Book Club

1:30 PM Adventurers

2:00 PM Pathfinders

2:00 PM Personal Ministries Committee

5:30 PM Jaime Jorge Concert

10:00 AM Personal Ministries Steering Committee 2:00 PM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)

7:30 PM Iron Sharpens Iron

9:00 PM Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting

Thur. 3:30 PM Kids' Prayer Meeting

6:00 PM King's Kids

7:30 PM Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)

3:30 PM Feed the Hungry

7:30 PM Friday Night Study

9:15 AM Refresh Praise & Worship

10:00 AM College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)

10:00 AM Sabbath School (Various Locations)

11:15 AM Worship Service: Einar Rom

After Church Haystack Fellowship Dinner

# **BOOK CLUB**

# TODAY, 1:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Info and login are at https://wearecc.net/book-club.

## PERSONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

# TODAY, 2:00 PM | ZOOM

See Mary's email to the committee members or <a href="https://wearecc.net/">https://wearecc.net/</a> personal-ministries for the login.

## BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION

# TOMORROW, 4:00 PM | ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DORCHESTER

The Bach Project at Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will offer a special performance of Bach's St. John Passion, for soloists, choir, and orchestra, directed by our organist, Andrew Sheranian. Mark your calendars and don't miss it! More info and tickets at www.ahchambermusic.org. 209 Ashmont Street, Dorchester.

✓ If anyone is interested in carpooling to it, please contact Ilana at ilanacady16@gmail.com.

# IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

### THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | IN PERSON & ONLINE

All men are welcome, regardless of membership. Info at https:// wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron.

#### 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.

## **REFRESH**

# NEXT SABBATH, 9:15 AM | CHAPEL

Join us for a brief praise and worship service next Sabbath before we gather for Sabbath School classes. All are welcome.

# EASTER PLAY: JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE

#### SABBATH, APR. 29 | DURING THE WORSHP SERVICE

We need help with actors and setting up. If you can help, please contact Megan Jones at gmt2025@gmail.com or Keila Mejia at keilamejia12@gmail.com.

#### PATHFINDER CLUB REGISTRATION

Please register your Pathfinder online at College Church Catamounts Pathfinder Club Registration. The first meeting of the year will be on March 4, 2:00–4:00 PM. Our club is geared for kids in grades 4–8. Those in grades 9–12 are also encouraged to register and be transitional staff. Jill Hodson, club director, jilldchodson@yahoo.com.

#### MISSION: IT'S POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER

SNEC is going to Jamaica Apr. 13-23 for multiple ministries—schools, VBS's, evangelistic series, and more. Support us by mailing a donation to SNEC Youth Ministries, 34 Sawyer Street, Lancaster, MA 01523. Please make checks payable to SNEC Youth Ministries, write MIP on the memo line, and to donate toward a specific person (CC youth going: Sarah Bravo, Anya Neidigh, Maya Williams), write their name on a sticky note & place it on the check. Keep us in your prayers.

# **COLLECTING CLOTHES FOR CLINTON**

We are collecting new boys and girls tee shirts, shorts and sweatpants in sizes 4-12 for the Clinton Elementary School students. Please put items in the bin outside the church office, or you can contribute funds (mark your tithe envelope for the Clinton School kids). Thank you!

#### PRAYERS FOR THAILAND

Andrew Pak is asking us to pray for the situation in Thailand. He would really appreciate it if we could support them during this time.

#### 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 each Sunday morning.

# CAMP WINNEKEAG LOOKING FOR NURSES

If you can cover any of these weeks, please contact the camp at 978-827-4455: June 25-July 2, July 2-9, July 9-16, July 16-23.

# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS NAMES

Are you graduating from high school this spring, or do you know someone who is? Please let us know with this form so that the CC prayer shawl team can make you one for graduation this year!

# 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 4-5 (Juniors) Age 3-Kindergarten Grades 6-8 (Early Teens) Grades 9-12 (Youth) Grades 1-3 (Primary) **CLASSES FOR ADULTS** Bible Journaling Fellowship Hall Multiple teachers The "Cheers" Class Fellowship Hall Ralph Gifford III Young Adult Room Multiple teachers Young Adults Blatt, Radford Training Chapel Spanish Sanctuary Multiple teachers Multiple teachers Sanctuary Livestream Conference Room Robertson

# MUSIC NOTES

This month marks the 150th year of the birth of Max Reger, who was a prolific composer of organ, piano, choral, and chamber music. He wrote over 200 works for both piano and organ. A festival celebrating his contribution to organ music will occur in Worcester on Nov. 3–5.

March marks Women's History Month, and especially this weekend works from women composers will be performed in churches across the U.S. I have chosen Brenda Portman, who is an outstanding organist and composer. She is organist for Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH where she provides music for worship, accompanies Wesley and Cathedral choirs, and is director of the organ concert series. The tune Lasst uns erfreuen is found three times in our hymnal (#2, #92, #228. Our hymn most commonly associated with this tune is #2, All Creatures of Our God and King. William Ness





# The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

# WELCOME, OFFERING, & ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:10 AM)

Einar Rom

Loose offerings go to local church budget.

#### **PRELUDE (11:15 AM)**

Benedictus, Op. 59, no.9 (Max Reger, 1873-1916)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION**

Ps. 42:1–5 David Mclean

# **PRAISE**

Keila Mejia & Praise Team, leaders

# LAMB'S OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S STORY

Emanuela Gibson

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Song: See column to the left; sung twice. Prayer: Mariyan Montague

# **MUSICAL SELECTION**

Canzonetta, Op. 47, no. 3 (Max Reger) Richard Clark, violin

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Job 1:1-7 Renese King

### WHEN LIFE FALLS APART

Einar Rom

# **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

214, We Have This Hope (General Conference)

## **BENEDICTION** Einar Rom

## **POSTLUDE**

Toccata-Improvisation Lasst uns erfreuen (Brenda Portman, b. 1980) Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

William Ness, organ

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