

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

November 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$389,581.50	
Received	\$330,236.29 *	\$330,236.29 *
Spent		(\$330,195.27)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$59,345.21)	\$41.02
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$206,330.98	

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

Preliminary December Update: Wonderful news! For the month of December \$63,893.96 was received for our Local Church Budget. This amount greatly exceeds our monthly needed amount of \$35,417, and it will go a long way in helping us make up our 2024 shortfalls. Praise God!

Our 2024 local church budget was \$425,000 and our 2025 budget is in the process of being finalized. Please keep Tithe & Local Church Budget in your stewardship planning.

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.

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.

LOAN BALANCE: Our HVAC project was fully completed this year, and we are making progress on paying off the loan from that and the mold removal project. Here is an update of our progress, and please remember that our original loan amount was as much as \$425,000:

December	\$299,727.00
March	\$245,297.00
June	\$231,587.00
September	\$227,269.00
November	\$206,330.98

Tithe: We are a blessed church. SNEC has reported that CC has 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. Pastor Einar

DATE	SPEAKER	ELDER	DEACON
Jan. 25	Roger Prather	Tom Nicholas	Jonathan Bissell
Feb. 1	Audrey Folkenberg	Josephine Robertson	Carlos Muchiutti
Feb. 8	Einar Rom	Mariyan Montaque	J.C. Rodrigue

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS are due Wednesdays by noon at 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 of this fine institution, providing financial & logistical support. Info: 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

✓ **Newsletter:** www.mysla.org/school-newsletter.

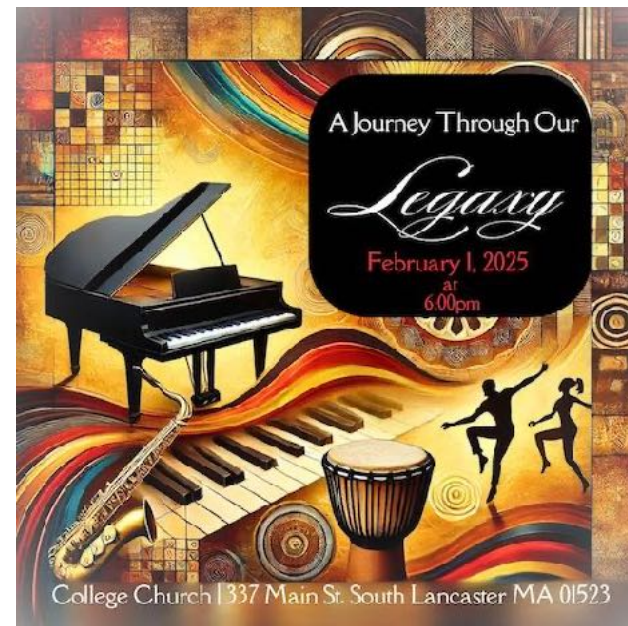
✓ **Our PO box has been closed.** Please send mail to 198 George Hill Road, Lancaster, MA 01523

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

✓ **SNEC Scholarship:** For full-time students at SDA colleges who have membership in a SNEC church. Info: www.sneconline.org/education. Application deadline: Feb. 7.

✓ **Deiningner Scholarship:** For nursing/allied health programs. Info: 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.



A Journey Through Our Legacy will celebrate the richness of Black history through music, art, poetry, and dance. We will be collecting toiletries, perishable food pantry items, and monetary donations for the YWCA. We would love for you to be a part of this inspiring event. Whether through donations or by simply attending and spreading the word, your support would mean the world to us.

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.

Haven't signed up? It's never too late. Go to 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. **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 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., Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30. It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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Caleb Bastien and Ron Gründer, Treasurers:

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Southern New England Conference

Stewardship Leadership Training.



We Will Talk About:

- Am I a steward? A Christian steward?
- Why does the condition of my heart matter?
- Praise and testimony
- Money talk in His Word
- Thinking broadly about stewardship

- Who gives to what?
- Where does my tithing go?
- What happens to my offerings?
- How can I promote holistic stewardship in my life, home, church, etc.
- Financial tips

Cape Verdean

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Brockton Cape Verdean Church
Brockton, MA

English

Saturday, February 1, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.
(for Central MA Area churches)
College Church, South Lancaster, MA

Haitian

Saturday, March 1, 2:30-6:00 p.m.
Dedham Temple Church
Dedham, MA

Hispanic

Sunday, February 2, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Clinton Spanish Church
Clinton, MA



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Bulletin



Giving

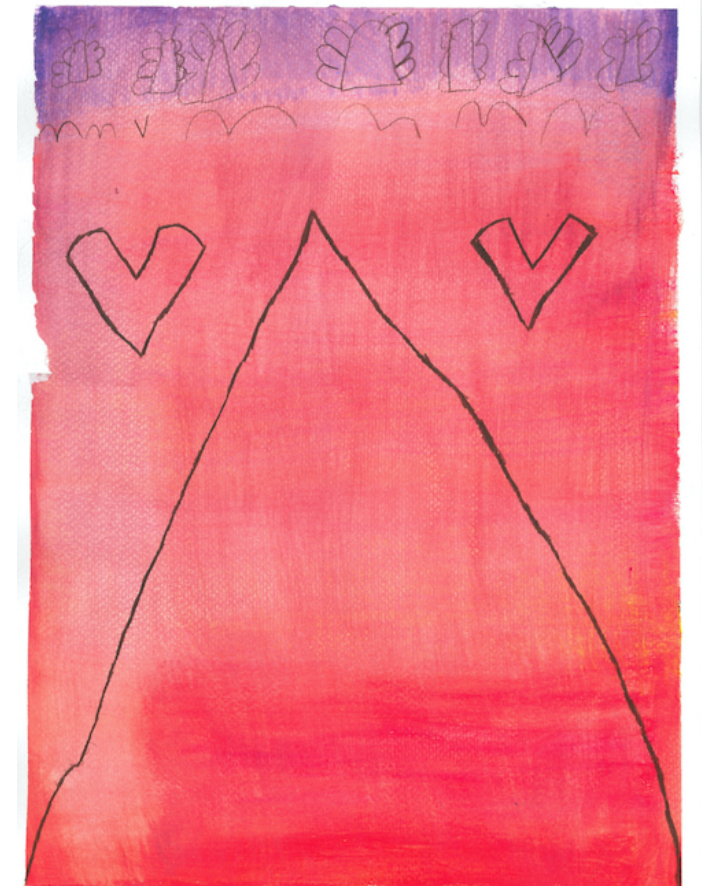


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Church Mission

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

January 25, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Lothar Suckert (rehab), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Alan Collins (Ed's brother), Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass, Lake Ave.), Anna Elizabeth (friend of Nancy Broderick), 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), Bob Rogers.

Home-bound: Jackie Nosek, Lucy Santana, Joe Drader.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: See announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 4:53 PM, Friday 5:01 PM

Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	5:00 PM	Volleyball & Board Games (@SLA)
Sun.	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	7:00 PM	Church Board
	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	In Search of Shiloh (Zoom)
Thur.	6:00 PM	Choose Wellness Supper:
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	6:30 PM	Youth Supper/Discussion (Pastor Tom's home)
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Audrey Folkenberg
	After Church	Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	1:30 PM	Stewardship Training
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	2:30 PM	Pathfinder Bible Experience
	6:00 PM	A Journey Through Our Legacy Concert

THE FLOWERS TODAY ...

are in memory of our granddaughter, Rachael Anne MacMillan, who would have been 18 years old on January 30. Looking forward to that day when we see her again. *Ray & Cheri Sauls*

SPECIAL PRAYER SESSION

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | JUNIOR ROOM

ADVENTURERS: ICE SKATING

TOMORROW, 3:00-4:00 PM | MONUMENT SQUARE, LEOMINSTER

Meet at the Flores home from 4:00-5:00 for hot chocolate & cookies! Contact Arielle for more info. Free; bring your own skates.

NEW PRAYER MEETING

TOMORROW, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

A new prayer group has sprung up from Ten Days of Prayer, and it will be meeting weekly on Sunday nights on Zoom. Just go to <https://wearecc.net> and look for the banner at the top of the page.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

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.



IN SEARCH OF SHILOH

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH FEB. 5, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

The name Shiloh, meaning "to whom it belongs," or the "rightful King," is found in Genesis 49: 10 The journey through the Scriptures linking God, the Father, and Jesus as this "rightful King," is important in understanding Jesus' purpose and mission.

YOUTH SUPPER/DISCUSSION

THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | PASTOR TOM'S HOME

Join us at 55 Sterling Rd., Lancaster.

3RD BLACK HISTORY MO. CELEBRATION: COURAGE TO DREAM

SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 5:30 PM | MECHANICS HALL, WORCESTER

Share the courageous faith stories of Black and Brown immigrants who journeyed to Worcester County in search of a better life. Through performances by local artists, actors, choirs, and culinary creatives, we will celebrate their resilience and contributions. Tickets: www.mechanicshall.org. Questions: info@kirosha.com.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 3:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Enjoy a delightful repertoire of flute choir music to brighten your Sunday afternoon. Don't worry—you'll have plenty of time to enjoy this inspiring performance and catch 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.

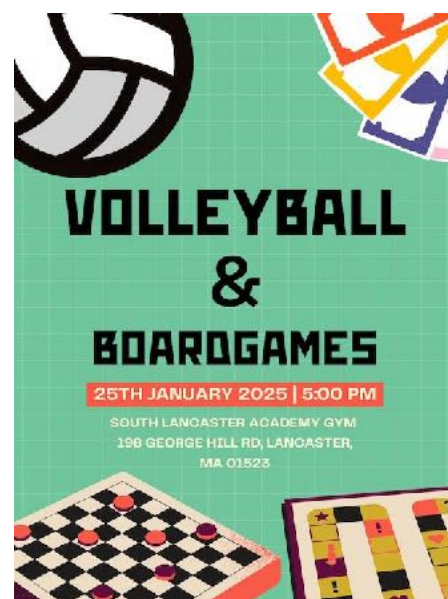
FESTIVAL OF THE LAITY

MARCH 28-30, HARTFORD, CT

This is a SNEC event to encourage and equip people to share their faith. Several registration levels are available. For just Sabbath, the cost is \$150/person. Many seminars will be available, and John Bradshaw is the keynote speaker. <https://tinyurl.com/festivalofthelaity>.

PASTOR EINAR AWAY

Pastor Einar is at the Athol church today.



All ages are invited to come tonight for volleyball, board games, and popcorn.

✓ Also: Valentines Day Celebration Feb. 15: All CC family are welcome. More info to come.

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)
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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. Free study guides at www.ssnet.org.



GOD PROMISED, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." Isaiah 44:3. Edification occurs when church members learn to be in loving relationships with one another. Our purpose in life is to come into relationship with God and one another. Small group members are

committed to growth in Christian intimacy and support. Next Small group training is Feb. 15, morning and afternoon. Don't miss it!

Choose Wellness Nutrition Series Part 1 Free Supper/Presentation

All are welcome - please
invite neighbors and friends!



Thursday, Jan. 30, 6:00-8:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, College Church
337 Main Street, So. Lancaster, MA

Register at <https://wearecc.net> (Next Steps button in lower right corner) or this QR code.



Choose Wellness is starting a nutrition series exploring new avenues, including the impact of food choices on cancer. Research shows more and more evidence that "we are what we eat." Food choices greatly impact our health, and the better educated we are, the better choices we can make. Join us for a free supper and presentation.

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Pastor Maria Valente

PRELUDE

Intermezzo (Sonata XX) (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Responsive Reading 787 in Hymnal

HYMN OF PRAISE

1, Praise to the Lord (Lobe Den Herren)
Kristie Stevenson, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES (CHILDREN'S STORY)

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Rose Dawkins

Special Offering: SNEC Budget

Loose offerings go to local church budget. Offering boxes are by the doors.

PRAYER IN SONG

The Summons verses 1,2,4,5 (see insert)
Holy, Holy (verses 1, 4; see insert) (Scott Wesley Brown)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rose Dawkins

MUSICAL OFFERING

You've Got to Try (LOUD CRY REVIVAL and The Sanders Family)
King's Kids, Kirosha Sidelca, director

SCRIPTURE

James 2:12-14

FOR THE LOVE OF LIBERTY AND THE LIBERTY OF LOVE

Roger Prather

Roger is one of our elders.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

575, Let Your Heart Be Broken (Bjorklund)

BENEDICTION

Roger Prather

POSTLUDE

Präludium (Sonata XX) (Josef Gabriel Rheinberger)

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.