

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

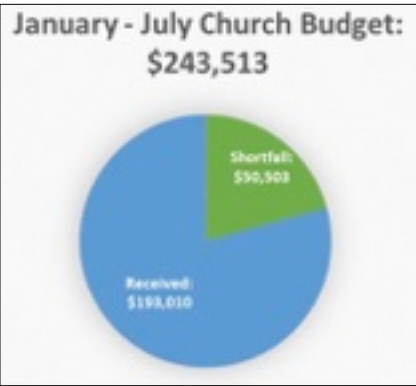
July 31, 2023	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$243,516.00	
Received	\$193,009.59*	\$193,009.59*
Spent		(\$192,982.16)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$50,506.41)	\$27.43
HVAC Project Monthly Income		\$10,471.38
HVAC Project Fundraising Target Balance		\$94,680.07

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

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.



On Tuesday evening we voted to authorize borrowing up to \$425,000 to cover the HVAC upgrades and mold removal process. That work is moving forward quickly, and details on how to pay that loan down will be forthcoming. Our July local church budget receipts were healthy, and the tithe receipts were slightly higher than last year. Please continue to remember your stewardship planning in your prayers as we move forward into the second half of 2023.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Aug. 26	Ofelia Maskewich, Sabbath School Graduation	Marta Medina
Sept. 2	Einar Rom	Cécile Engeln
Sept. 9	Worship at Winnekeag	Horacio Castro

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 restrooms 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>.

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.

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.

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.

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

EDUCATION GRANTS:

✓ The SNEC has scholarships for those pursuing a degree at SDA colleges in the North American Division. Apply at <https://tinyurl.com/etc4zyyu> by Aug. 31.

✓ Scholarships for those attending South Lancaster Academy (all levels) and home school. Info at <https://wearecc.net/three-way>.

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:* Do we have your contact info? Contact us at www.slaalumni.org. We also post on Facebook.

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](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.

SABBATH SCHOOL PODCAST: We have a weekly podcast on the Sabbath School lesson. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the [Messages](#) section of our website. Episodes 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 back of the pews. You can also request membership transfer with the card, or at <http://wearecc.net>.

CHURCH OFFICE:

Regular Hours:	Mon.–Wednesday 8:45 AM–12:30 PM, 1:30–3:00 PM Friday: 8:45 AM–12:30 PM <i>It's best to call or email to confirm coverage because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.</i>
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Bulletin



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —

Love. Grow. Serve.



August 26, 2023

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Dennis Williams, Victor Broushet, Nicole Broushet, Ray Dow, The Flannery family, Sae Louis, Elnora King (Broadview, Winchendon), Lucy Santana (at River Terrace), Roy McCoy (Fitchburg Healthcare); Bella, John, and Mark (friends of Cameron Loss); Julio Gonzalez (Laura Mapes’ brother), Lorelie Linton (Dan’s mom), Sean Nolan (friend of Adelita Weaver), Linda Oetman, 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.

In Bereavement: The family of Lois Poirier (Maureen Hodson’s mother), died peacefully Thursday evening after a short illness. She celebrated her 92nd birthday earlier this month and spent her last days thankful for all the friends and loved ones that have been a part of her life. Please keep Lois’ husband Leo and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Week at a Glance. See the announcements or wearecc.net for more.

South Lancaster Sunset: Today 7:33 PM, Friday 7:23 PM			
Today	After Church	Fellowship Picnic	
Sun.	1:00 PM	Pathfinders: Beach Day	
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)	
	2:30 PM	Sterling Village Ministry	
	7:30 PM	ISI Men’s Group	
Tues.	9:00 PM	Late Night Bible Study (Zoom link on website)	
Wed.	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline	
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting	
Thur.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Youth Chapel)	
Fri.	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study	
Sat.	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)	
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)	
	11:10 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom	

POTLUCK PICNIC
TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | TOM & BARB KING’S HOME
Visitors are welcome to join us at our picnics and don’t need to bring anything. Members, please bring food and chairs for you & visitors. This week is a rain or shine event—if there’s rain, the picnic will be in the garage (it won’t be the first time). There will be reserved parking for those with mobility issues. Join us at 6 Stonebridge Circle, Clinton, MA; 978-368-8419.

PATHFINDER BEACH DAY
TOMORROW, 1:00 PM | SALISBURY BEACH STATE RESERVATION
State Reservation Road, Salisbury, MA. Meet in lot 3—go to the right and park near the bathhouse. *Jill Hodson*

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S GROUP
THIS MONDAY, 7:30 PM | YOUTH CHAPEL & ONLINE
Login: <https://wearecc.net/iron-sharpens-iron>

SNEC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
The deadline to apply for this is approaching. See other side for details.

Worship at Winnekeag

Join us at 257 Ashby Rd, Ashburnham on Sabbath, Sept. 9, for outdoor worship at 10:00 AM, followed by dinner and a relaxing afternoon. We’ll be in the cafeteria if it rains.

- ✓ **Sabbath dinner is free, but you must register for it by Sunday, Sept. 3** at <https://wearecc.net> (click the blue-and-white N in the lower right corner of the page) or by contacting the church office.
- ✓ **Registration is super important** because we have to tell the camp how many meals to prepare. *If you don’t register, you may not get a meal!*
- ✓ **However, if you register but then can’t go, make sure to contact us so we don’t pay for a meal no one eats.** Last year we had to pay for about 50 registered people who didn’t go.

To help with costs, go to <https://wearecc.net/give> or use a tithe envelope (Social Programs).

INIGO VEGA CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2:00 PM | SANCTUARY
There will be a reception afterwards in the fellowship hall. This is a church-wide request for platters of finger food and help in the kitchen. Please [register here](#) to sign up for food to bring or to help with setup and/or clean up. Additional info:

- ✓ Setup will be Sept. 10, 1:00 PM.
- ✓ Cleanup/break down is Sept. 10, approx. 5:00 PM.
- ✓ If you can’t bring food or help, you could donate towards buying food. Write “Memorial/Repast Donation” on your tithe envelope or [donate online](#). Please let Deb Gifford know that you donated: grandmadgifford@comcast.net.

CHOOSE WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR
SUN., SEPT. 17, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM | CENTRAL PARK, CLINTON
We ask you to prayerfully consider helping this important community outreach with our needs. Thank you for your support.

- ✓ We’re asking for lightly used teddy bears (up to 18 inches). There will be a container in the foyer. Thanks for your support.
- ✓ Donate in a tithe envelope or by clicking “More Offering Categories” at the bottom of the Local Church section of Adventist Giving. Choose Wellness is an option near the bottom.

CLINTON SCHOOL DONATIONS
With Fall and the start of school approaching, it’s time to think of the Clinton Public School kids again. We are collecting new boys sweatpants and girls leggings, and boys and girls underwear sizes 6–16. There is a collection bin outside the church office, or you can donate money (“Clinton School”). We’ll be collecting clothes and cash through August.

- ✓ Dawn Rom and Cameron Loss have recorded a short video to explain the donation options: <https://youtu.be/4DL4dqVAM9Y>

“JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" EXPERIENCE
This Christmas walk-through experience will happen on the SNEC campmeeting campgrounds for three evenings in December. Builders and people who can sew are needed to begin building props and sewing costumes. Also, actors, some with speaking roles and some without, will be needed soon. This effort is thanks to the collaboration of all the local Lancaster and Clinton SDA churches. If you can help, please let our pastor know.

WHERE IS OUR PASTOR?
He and his wife are away celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary.

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 4-6 (Juniors)	
Age 3-Kindergarten	Grades 7–8 (Early Teens)	
Grades 1-3 (Primary)	Grades 9–12 (Youth)	
CLASSES FOR ADULTS		
Bible Journaling	Fellowship Hall	<i>Next meeting 9/16/23</i>
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	



Visit collegechurch.breezechms.com/form/jonah-watch-party to sign up for the watch party.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do,
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The Church in Praise, 11:10 AM

Please silence all devices.

PRELUDE
Improvisation on "Children of the Heavenly Father" (*Wesley Hall*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Ralph Gifford, Lead Elder
Special Offering: SNEC Budget (please designate because loose offerings go to local church budget). Offering boxes are by the doors.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION
Responsive Reading #826
Daniel Thomas, Adults, and Young Adults

HYMN OF PRAISE
101, Children of the Heavenly Father (*Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*)
Arensa Morisset, leader

CELEBRATION OF SABBATH SCHOOL
Kathy Suckert, Sabbath School Assistant Superintendant

LAMB’S OFFERING & CHILDREN’S STORY
Karl Hernandez, Kindergarten Teacher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayer Song: Breath on Me, Breath of God (see column to the left)
Prayer: Marta Medina, Adult Sabbath School

MUSICAL SELECTION
Gavotte (*J. Becker*)
Anya Neidigh, Youth Sabbath School, violin; Connie Drexler, piano

SCRIPTURE
Eph. 3:14–16
Sofia Maskewich, Juniors

FAMILY OF GOD
Adrian Davidson, Juniors

MUSICAL SELECTION
Mystery
Jennifer Norford, voice, Clinton Spanish Church

SCRIPTURE
Ps. 127:3–5
Margareta Sbacchi

A FAMILY DRIVEN BY GOD
Ofelia Maskewich, Sabbath School Superintendant

HYMN OF DEDICATION
655, Happy the Home (*St. Agnes*)

BENEDICTION
Alejandro Urbina

POSTLUDE
"Little" Fugue in G Minor BWV 578 (*J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*)
Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Wesley Hall, organ

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