

General Information

CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: CHURCH BUDGET

December 2024	Budget	Actual
Needed	\$424,998.00	
Received	\$397,450.40 *	\$397,450.40 *
Spent		(\$397,245.15)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,547.60)	\$205.25
YTD Total HVAC Loan Balance	\$169,371.92	

*Includes restricted giving that offsets church budget expenses.

The books for 2024 are closed, and we have much to be thankful for. We received \$397,450 for local church budget (less than budgeted), but thankfully, expenses were also less than budgeted.

LOAN BALANCE: Our loan balance went from \$299,727 in December, 2023 to \$169,372 in December, 2024, so over \$130,000 was contributed to the loan. This saved us **thousands** in interest (our loan amount was a maximum of \$425,000). Praise God for this! We have a year ahead of us, so let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

December 2023	\$299,727.00
March 2024	\$245,297.00
June 2024	\$231,587.00
September 2024	\$227,269.00
December 2024	\$169,371.92

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. SNEC reported that CC 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
Feb. 1	Audrey Folkenberg	Josephine Robertson	Carlos Muchiutti
Feb. 8	Einar Rom	Mariyan Montaque	J.C. Rodrigue
Feb. 15	Edgardo Herrera	Naor Pinto	Fred Day

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

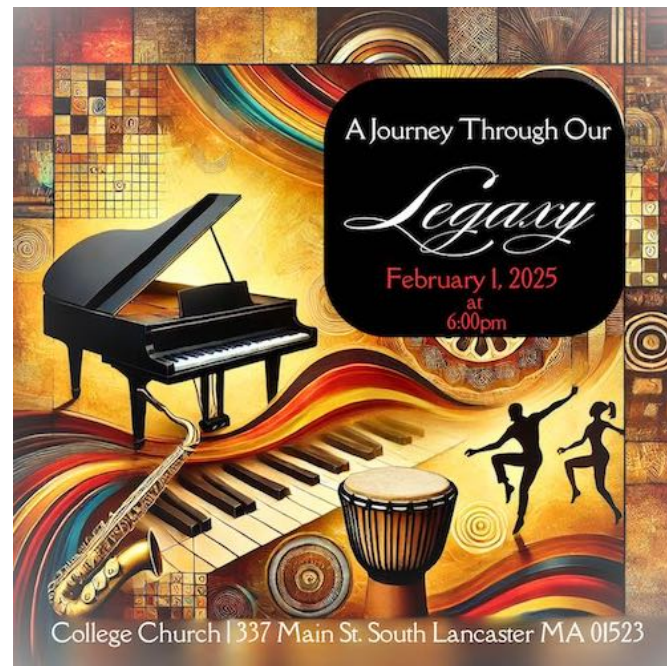
SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY provides Seventh-day Adventist Christian education from Pre-K to grade 12. We are a constituent church, providing financial & logistical support. 978-368-8544, www.mysla.org.

- ✓ 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](#) 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., & every other Fri. 8:00–12:30, 1:00–3:30; Tue. 10:45–12:00 It's best to confirm coverage before coming because the office administrator sometimes subs at SLA on short notice.
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2024-25 Church Goals

- ✓ **Goal 1:** Actively engage CC children, youth, young adults, and adults in a variety of opportunities to deepen their faith relationship and outreach to our community.
- ✓ **Goal 2:** Prioritize the education of CC children, youth, young adults to identify their abilities and to nurture their use of those abilities in providing love and service within and outside of the church.
- ✓ **Goal 3:** Proactively engage in meeting the needs of our community.

Bulletin



Giving



COLLEGE CHURCH

— of Seventh-day Adventists —



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.

February 1, 2025

The Church at Work

PRAYER FOCUS

Health Concerns: Gunter Suckert (The Gables), Lothar Suckert (hospital), Kathy Suckert, Brenda Castro, Faith Beall, Henry & Dottie Livergood, Mary Monroe (UMass, Lake Ave.), 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 5:02 PM, Friday 5:10 PM

Today	After Church	Prayer Session (Junior Room)
	After Church	Haystack Fellowship Dinner
	1:30 PM	Stewardship Training
	2:00 PM	Adventurers
	6:00 PM	A Journey Through Our Legacy Concert
Mon.	2:00 PM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	6:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 PM	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group
Tue.	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	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.	7:30 PM	Al-Anon (Earliten Room)
Fri.	9:30 AM	SLA Chapel: Southwestern Adv. U. Orchestra
	6:30 PM	Young Adult Supper/Discussion
	7:00 PM	Do It Together Sabbath School Conference
	7:30 PM	Friday Night Study (Zoom)
Sabb.	9:15 AM	Refresh
	10:00 AM	College Church TV Broadcast (more airings)
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School (various locations)
	11:15 AM	Worship Service: Einar Rom
	2:30 PM	Pathfinders
	4:00 PM	Do It Together Sabbath School Conference

PRAYER SESSION

TODAY, AFTER CHURCH | JUNIOR ROOM

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- ✓ Today: Haystacks provided, please bring desserts.
- ✓ February 15: Breakfast provided; potluck after church with a soup/salad/bread theme. The church will provide salad and bread. Members, please bring your favorite soup and dessert.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S GROUP

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

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

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.

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.



MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS: FIRST READING

Out: Samuel Leon to Houston United African Church, Houston, TX
Nora Renzi to Crosswalk New England, West Boylston, MA

IMMIGRATION ESSENTIALS: RIGHTS, RESOURCES, NEXT STEPS

THIS MONDAY, 7:00 PM | ZOOM

Navigating immigration laws can be complex. Join us for a virtual event designed to equip you with the latest information, guidance, and expert insights on immigration policies. Sessions IN English, Spanish, French and Portuguese!

✓ Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/fpctu79f>

✓ Meeting ID: 879 8020 5381

✓ Passcode: 114593

YOUNG ADULT SUPPER/DISCUSSION

THIS FRIDAY, 6:30 PM | SIF & RICARDO'S HOME

Join us at 201 Langen Rd., Lancaster. Food provided. For details, please check with one of our pastors or Mitchell Hall.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT FOR SLA CHAPEL SERVICE

THIS FRIDAY, 9:30 AM | SANCTUARY

The Southwestern Adventist University orchestra will have the chapel, and the wider community is invited.

DO IT TOGETHER SABBATH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

THIS FRIDAY, 7:00 PM, & SABBATH, 4:00 PM

Who should attend? All Sabbath School directors, superintendents, teachers, assistants, pastors, members and volunteers—everyone interested in the ministry of Sabbath School. **More info and free registration at tinyurl.com/2025-SBSconference.**

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. Performances by local artists, actors, choirs, and culinary creatives. Tickets: www.mechanicshall.org. Questions: info@kirosha.com.

- ✓ For those who can't afford to come, you can purchase tickets to donate at <https://tinyurl.com/courage-to-dream>. When prompted, use the email info@kirosha.com. Thank you for helping us make this event accessible to everyone!

REFRESH

SABBATH, FEB. 15, 9:15 AM | YOUTH CHAPEL

SMALL GROUP TRAINING

SABBATH, FEB. 15, 2:00 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



"Jesus used small groups to connect with his disciples, train them, and send them out to make more disciples. Small groups are a key part of Jesus' ministry and can be a place to build meaningful relationships and grow in faith."

SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, FEB. 15 | 6:30 PM

Pick a color to dress up as a friends, family or as a couple, and bring a food in the color you choose. Come and enjoy with us! Sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry.

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	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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S ORGAN MUSIC

Today's prelude and postlude are based on the Lutheran hymn "Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr' dahin" ("Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace").

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>.

DO YOU WANT TO START SOMETHING? :-)

Do you oversee a ministry and need space in our church, and/or have special events/programs planned in the coming year? If so, please tell Pastor Einar, Pastor Maria or one of our head elders so we can plan out our year. If you put your event/request on paper or in an e-mail or text that would be great. Also, they will be available after the worship service for this purpose as well.



Enjoy a delightful repertoire of flute choir music to brighten your Sunday afternoon before 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.

The Church in Praise, 11:15 AM

Please silence all devices.

WELCOME

Pastor Einar Rom

PRELUDE

In peace and joy I now depart (*Dietrich Buxtehude*)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Hymnal #806

Heath Townsend & Rachel Townsend

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal #251, He Lives (*Ackley*)

Alex Bezerra, leader

NURTURING YOUNG DISCIPLES (CHILDREN'S STORY)

Mandy Connor

MINISTRY MATTERS, OFFERING

Josephine Robertson

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

See insert.

Holy, Holy (*verses 1, 4; see insert*) (*Scott Wesley Brown*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Josephine Robertson

MUSICAL OFFERING

Siyahumba (*Traditional Zulu Spiritual*)

Kingdom Voices of Glory, Kirosha Sidelca, director

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:8

Evelyne Rodrigue

UNTHINKABLE

Audrey Folkenberg

Audrey is the Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving for the Southern New England Conference of SDA

HYMN OF DEDICATION

330, Take My Life and Let it Be (*Hendon*)

BENEDICTION

Audrey Folkenberg

POSTLUDE

In peace and joy I now depart (*J.S. Bach*)

Feel free to remain in the sanctuary for a time of reflection during the postlude.

Andrew Sheranian, organ, piano

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