



SOURCE

Connect • Grow • Serve

Sugar River exists for families, friends, and neighbors to gather in faith, experience God, serve others, and become devoted followers of Christ.

This Week At the River

JANUARY 10TH -

Text: Job 16:1-5, 2:11-13

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Middle School Growth Group 9:40-10:10am; High School Youth Group take decorations to Henning's & sledding party 11:30am - ??; Membership Class 11:30am - 1:00pm;

Monday: Trustees Meeting 7:00-8:30pm

Tuesday: Women's Morning Growth Group 10:30am; Ladies Night Out 5:30pm; Men's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm;

Wednesday: PUSH 9:00am; Confirmation Class 6:00 - 8:00pm; High School Guys Growth Group 7:00pm

Thursday: Band rehearsal 6:00pm; Women's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm; Men's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm

Friday: Morning Women's Growth Group 9:00 - 10:30am; Leadership Retreat 5:00pm

The Source

For the Source . . .

Where: source@tds.net or 845-5855

When: Noon on Wednesday

For the Calendar . . .

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Sugar River UMC

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When Christians Get It Wrong:....

....When Bad Things Happen

Heartless to Compassionate

This week in worship we will ask some questions about our assumptions of God. So what can Christians get wrong about the issue of when bad things happen? How do we deal with the issue of God's sovereignty? What can we learn from the Bible about God's activity in the human experience? If we assume certain things about God, can we cause others unnecessary guilt, anger, or pain? How do people outside the church experience God through our witness? I pray we can all learn more about who God is and who God calls us to be as we gather at the River this week. Could we learn to be more compassionate?

Please note that the order of worship for this week is located on the last page of this Source.



³ Will your long-winded speeches never end?

What ails you that you keep on arguing?

⁴ I also could speak like you, if you were in my place; I could make fine speeches against you and shake my head at you.

⁵ But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.

Worship Preparation for JANUARY 17TH

Text: 1 Peter 3:8-15

When Christians Get It Wrong:....

....When Talking about Other Religions

Arrogant to Humble

Next week we will explore our assumptions and perceptions of how we deal with other faiths. How do we deal with the many people of different faiths? How wide is God's mercy? What kind of witness are we to our faith? How do we dialogue with others who are different? If you know some from a different faith, this may be an important service for you. In fact, maybe invite a friend to join you as we gather at the River next Sunday as we learn to be less Arrogant and more humble.

In Christ,
Pastor Gary

Growth Groups starting again this week!

The winter session of Growth Groups at Sugar River will start the week of January 10. We are offering couples groups, and men's and women's groups. Please check out the sign-up sheets in fellowship hall and prayerfully consider joining one of these groups. The groups only require a 10 week commitment, after which you can decide if you would like to join for another session.

Growth groups are a critical part of Sugar River because we are committed to being a church where "no one stands alone". We believe that a dynamic Christian community must be a community of small groups. Growth groups allow you to **CONNECT** with God and others, **GROW** in your faith, hope and love, and **SERVE** others in need. Small groups were critical to the establishment and growth of Christianity and were central to the development of the Methodist Church. Have questions? Please contact Jackie Roessler (845-8712; jroessler@gmail.com), Brian Earley (brian.earley@fammed.wisc.edu) or Pastor Gary.

CONNECT

Membership Classes

We have chosen to provide our Sugar River Membership Classes as a Growth Group and have aligned them with the beginning of the Winter Growth Group Session (January 10th), but lasting for only 3 three weeks. **We will meet January 10, 17 and 24 from 11:30-1:00 in Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available upon request each day.**

During our time together, we will look at how we **CONNECT, GROW and SERVE** in Our Relationship with God and Others. Our first class will focus on how we **Connect**. Our second meeting will focus on how we **Grow**. At our final meeting, we will look at Living the Christian Life and the ways we can **Serve**. If at the end of these three weeks you would like to continue as a small group through the rest of the Growth Group session, we will provide opportunities for you.

Please contact Betsy Forester at 845-5855 or betsy.srlife@tds.net if you would like to join us for membership class or if you have questions.

January Ladies Night Out

Hello ladies! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Our next night out will be on Tuesday January 12th at The Olive Garden (near West Towne Mall). We will gather between 5:30 and 6:00 as individual schedules allow. Please let me know if you can come, as I will call the restaurant in advance with our numbers. I can be reached at millmann4@tds.net or via phone at 273-2602. I hope to see you there! Pam

P.U.S.H.

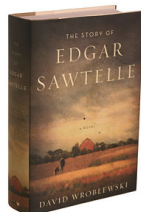


“Pray Until Something Happens!” This is a group which gathers together for coffee, fellowship and prayer. We meet weekly to pray simply, speaking frankly and plainly to God. Drop in and join us if you want to grow in your prayer life, or if you have need of prayer Wednesdays at 9am. Call Marian Maldonado-Pagán at 239-1157 for location or more information

“I have been benefited by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them I have gotten something for myself.” Samuel Rutherford

SR Women’s Book Club January Meeting

The January gathering of the Sugar River Women’s Book Club will be Sunday January 17th at 7:00pm. Please rsvp to Lisa Graham by email at darrylisa@yahoo.com. This month’s book is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel* by David Wroblewski.



Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar’s lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar’s paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles’ once peaceful home. When Edgar’s father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar’s mother’s affections.

Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father’s death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father’s murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

Church Calendar

Want to know what activities are coming up at “The River”? Are you a committee or activity leader that wants to let people know about your activity? Did you know that the church calendar is available on our web site as well as posted throughout the church itself. If you have an activity or meeting you’d like to get on the calendar, please e-mail the information to source@tds.net. Updates are made continuously. And, if you want to see what activities are coming up, check out the calendar at www.sugarriverumc.org and click on the “Life and Ministry Events Calendar” link

GROW

Sunday School News

Preschool and Elementary Sunday School children will be learning about Joseph during their January classes. They will learn that God worked through Joseph and he works through each of us too! The children will also learn the amazing love and ability to forgive one another that God has instilled in each of us!

Study for Exams at the River

Need a quiet place to study for exams? Need some help studying or finishing a project? Sugar River will be open for studying on Sunday January 17th and Monday January 18th from 4-8 pm. Dinner will be served at about 6 pm each evening and we’ll have a study break after dinner. Join us and invite your friends!

Adult Bible Study: Sundays @8:30am

Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians



Paul's troubles with the Corinthians continued. After the first letter, Paul's teaching, character and motives were brought under attack by some. Paul writes to vindicate his apostleship, thank his supporters and appeal to the rebellious minority. The letter is heavily autobiographical, offering glimpses into Paul's life found nowhere else in Scripture; his preconversion background, his visions from God, his thorn in the flesh, and his persecution for the cause of Christ.

David Johnston leads this discussion based class. Join us to study in community. Everyone is welcome! Registration is not required. Bring a friend.

SERVE

Help High School Youth Prepare for Exams

Sugar River is hosting study time for the high school youth on Sunday January 17th and Monday January 18th from 4-8 pm. Some students would like extra help with studying or finishing a project. We are looking for adults who are willing to attend part of the study time to help as needed. If you are available and willing to help with any subject (Math, Chemistry, English, Foreign Language, etc.), please contact Jocelyn at 848-1368.



Altar Flowers

Are you celebrating a cherished family event? Remembering a lost loved one? Or simply wish to honor God and share your blessings with your Sugar River Family. Flowers are welcome additions to the altar each Sunday. Sign up sheets are available in fellowship hall. Please consider bringing flowers to help decorate the altar.

Direct Withdraws Offering Cards

If you are one of the twenty-one families that give direct withdraws from your account to the church for your giving to Sugar River Church, you are invited to take an Offering Card located in the back of the sanctuary to represent your offering each Sunday. The intent is to allow you to be involved in giving your offering as an act of worship. If you would like to know more about the option of giving to the church through a direct withdraw, please contact Ben Miller.

Community Service Opportunities

The community services team would like to create service interest groups where people with common service interests could partner together to create their own service opportunities. The following are some of the opportunities that the community services team has identified. If you are interested in any of these or have other ideas, please contact Jason Sloat:

- Community Service Team Member
- Working with the Homeless
- Construction
- Working with Seniors
- Food Pantry
- Working with animals
- Working with health/medical services
- Shoveling snow !!!!!
- Working with Children
- Community Clean up
- Literacy
- Gardening

Verona Food Pantry .

Needs For January

- popcorn
- pinto & black beans
- tuna
- hot chocolate
- crackers
- new and gently used children's books



Worship Leaders:

January 17th

8:30

Greeter/Usher: Tom & Jean Phelps

Liturgist: Jean Phelps

Children's Message: Pastor Gary

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Sloat

K-5: Billmeyer, Watts, Redfern

Fellowship Hostess: Melissa Ryan

10:15

Greeter/Usher : Sally & Alan Paine

Liturgist: Jef Knight

Children's Message: Pastor Gary

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Zampardi

K-5: Day, Graham, Contrucci



Find Out More

Pastor: Gary Holmes 608-845-5855 gholmes@chorus.net
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Director of Community Life
Betsy Forester 608-845-5855 betsy.srlife@tds.net
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Director of Children and Youth Ministries:
Jamie Day 608-833-4945 sr.childrensministry@tds.net
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Director of Music:
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Sugar River Leadership

Church Council	Darryl Graham
Connect:	
Worship	Gary Holmes
Fellowship	Tracey Shaughnessy
Grow:	
Growth Groups	Jackie Roessler/ Brian Earley
Community Development/Membership	Betsy Forester
Visitor Services (WAVE)	Pam Millmann
Serve:	
Community Services	Jason Sloat
Missions	Beth Heneghan/ Jacob Taddy
In-Reach	Lisa Graham
Children:	
Children	Jamie Day
Youth Ministry	Joe & Jocelyn Przywara/ John & Kathi Oestreicher
Administration:	
Administration:	Dan Day
Finance	Ben Miller/ Alan Bridges
Trustees	John Forester
Staff Parish	Len Daniels
Communications	Mike Polk

Announcement Slides

Announcement requests should be sent to Lori at:

lori.zemlicka@gmail.com and must be received by **TUESDAY** of each week. The team would like requests to be submitted in bullet format with 3-4 lines of information (including a contact person). If there is a need to include additional information please use the *Source* and web site to describe activities/ events in more detail

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By the Numbers . . .

1/3/10 Attendance:	8:30 -	78
	10:15 -	81
	Total -	159

Offering:	\$4,887
Offering - year to date:	\$4,887
Year to date goal	\$4,800

Announcement Format Request

- Requests should be 3-4 bullets (i.e., short sentences) in length
- Please submit requests by Tuesday to lori.zemlicka@gmail.com
- Questions? Contact Lori Zemlicka

Worship SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH

* INDICATES, PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Fellowship

* Song of Celebration: *You are Holy*
(Imboden & Rhoton)

* Call To Worship 8:30 - Eileen Henning
10:15 - John Forester

* Song of Praise: *Lord Reign in Me* (Brown)
Children's Time Erin Billmeyer

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: *Change my Heart O God* (Espinosa)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Word In Scripture *Job 16:1-5*
(page 807 in pew Bibles)

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Gary Holmes

When We Act UnChristian - Heartless to Compassionate

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response *If We Are The Body* (Hall)

Community Life and Offering

* Benediction

* Sending Forth: *Psalm 19* (T. Butler)