



The Sugar River

January 11th 2009

SOURCE

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Looking Ahead:

January

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Discover Life at the River-Informational session 9:30am; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm;

13: Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Men's Evening Small Group 7pm; Ladies Night Out 6pm

14: PUSH 8:30am; Confirmation 6-8pm

15: Men's Morning Small Group 6:30am; Sugar River Band Rehearsal 5:30pm; Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

18: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm;

23: Staff Retreat 5pm

25: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Discover Your Life at the River- Membership class 11:30am-1:30pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm;

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

Worship Preparation for JANUARY 11TH

Text: Matthew 16:18

Christianity's Family Tree...

Windows to the Christian Faith... - Orthodoxy

This Sunday we will have the blessing of hearing from Father Dave Timmerman from St. Andrew's Catholic Church via a videotaped interview. Half of the world's Christians are Roman Catholic and we will learn about the importance of reverence, ritual, and the Eucharist. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this study of the Christian family tree.

In Christ,
Pastor Gary



¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it

Matthew 16:18



Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why

The New Testament teaches that there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5, NRSV). Beginning January 11th, Sugar River UMC will engage in an eight-week study called "Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why."

This special church wide event will include worship, sermons, and small-group studies; and we are making a special effort to invite people from the community to join us. The study is being publicized through banners and newspaper articles. One or more new study groups will be formed to welcome our guests. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

"Christianity's Family Tree" is based on a video-based study of the same name created by the Reverend Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The study is designed for all who want to know more about other families within the Christian faith, including our differences and what we share in common. The study will focus on a different denomination or faith tradition each week, including:

Orthodoxy	Catholicism	Lutheranism	Presbyterianism
Anglicanism	Baptists	Pentecostalism	Methodism

In conjunction with this worship series, we are forming "Current" groups. "Current" groups will initially focus on the video based study. These groups allow for discussion and study in a small group environment and will hopefully encourage continued membership and Current Group activities

For more information on how you can participate, please visit the information center in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Jackie Roessler, jroessler@gmail.com, John Forester john.forester@charter.net, or Pastor Gary gholmes@chorus.net or 845-5855.

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CONNECT

January Ladies Night Out

The January Ladies' Night Out will be held on Tuesday January 13th at Flat Top Grill at Hilldale Mall. As per usual, we will plan to gather between 5:30 and 6:00 as personal schedules allow. Since I do call the restaurant in advance, please RSVP if you plan to join us for food, fellowship, and fun. I can be reached at millmann4@tds.net or 273-2602. Hope to see you there! Pam

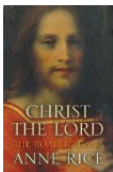
Men's Movie Night

All Sugar River Men are invited to join us for dinner and a movie. A Chili dinner will be served at 5:30, with the movie to follow. Based on the best-selling book "The Ultimate Gift" by Jim Stovall, the story sends trust fund baby Jason Stevens on an improbable journey of discovery, having to answer the ultimate question: "What is the relationship between wealth and happiness?"

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. For more information, contact Curt Johnson at 845-5814 or cjohnson@pharmacy.wisc.edu

January Women's Book Club Meeting

The next gathering of the Sugar River Women's Book Club will be Sunday January 18th at 7 pm at Arlys Nilles home, 437 Cross Country Road, Verona. The book for January is *Christ The Lord: The Road To Cana* by Anne Rice. For more information, contact Lisa Graham at 848-3173 or darrylisa@yahoo.com. All are welcome!



In the New Testament, the miracle at the wedding at Cana-where Jesus turned water into wine-marks the commencement of his tumultuous three-year ministry. In Rice's beautifully observed novel, a sequel to 2005's Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt, however, the wedding miracle is in fact the culmination of an intimate family saga of love, sorrow and misunderstanding. As the novel opens, Yeshua (Jesus) struggles with a sense of restlessness of purpose and a deep love for a comely kinswoman. Waves of isolation sweep over him as he comes to understand that serving the Lord's will takes precedence over the desires of his own heart.

Discover Life at the River: On Sunday, January 11, 2009 we are offering an opportunity to **Discover Life at the River**. This is a chance to hear how Sugar River came to be, our mission and vision, as well as programming opportunities to meet the needs of you and your family. This class will allow you to gather information about Sugar River and determine if we are a fit for your church home. We will meet for approximately 45 minutes between the worship service

Discover Your Life at the River: On January 25, 2009 there will be an opportunity to **Discover Your Life at the River**. At this point discussion includes *Living the Christian Faith* and *The Meaning of Membership*. For those who choose to become members, there will be a reception of members in February. This class will meet from 11:30-1:30 with childcare provided available upon request and luncheon served. If you are unable to attend these classes, there will be additional opportunities every few months. To register or receive more information, please contact Betsy Forester at sugarriverumc@tds.net or 845-5855.

GROW

Children and Youth News

Preschool - 5th Grade!

"Digging Into the Bible!"

We will begin the new year by Digging Into the Bible! We will be exploring the different chapters, authors, and information this great book has to offer! Come experience hands on learning through archeological digs, creating illuminated manuscripts, and baking scripture cookies.

Middle School

"Middle in the Middle"

Middle School youth will continue to meet in the "MIDDLE" of each month. We feel the importance of our youth attending worship during Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month) and our Family Sunday (last Sunday of each month). Come check out our Good God Theatre!

Second Semester Teachers Needed

The first semester of Sunday school has come and gone so quickly. You have all made serving in Children's ministry very rewarding. So many of you were able to serve in this ministry with your children – thank you for your dedication! It is now time to check your calendar for the second semester. As a reminder, we are expecting that each family of an elementary or preschool child sign up as a servant teacher three times during each semester. The elementary rotation is set up that if you serve three Sunday's in a row – you are teaching the same material to different groups as they rotate each week! Middle school parents only need to serve once or twice during the semester due to our reduced class times. Thank you for checking your calendars and signing up!



Prayer Requests

If you have a concern or request that needs immediate prayer, send it to romali@sbcglobal.net and Marian Maldonado-Pagan will send it out to all the Links on the e-prayer chain. These prayer warriors have volunteered to keep all concerns confidential and promise to lift up all joy and

concerns in prayer. Sugar River's electronic ministry consists of a group of people who have agreed to spend time lifting up joys and concerns in prayer. There are few things more exciting than experiencing God through answered prayer! If you'd like to become a "Link" on our e-prayer chain, send your e-mail address to Marian Maldonado-Pagan at romali@sbcglobal.net.

Discipleship Resource

"You cannot get to where you want to be in your faith influence, relationships, or physical-emotional health if you are not moving forward." says Michael Slaughter, pastor of a very dynamic Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Ohio. In his book, entitled: *Momentum for Life: Biblical Practices for Sustaining Physical Health, Personal Integrity and Strategic Focus*, he outlines his five practices for balance and self leadership with D.R.I.V.E., an acronym for *Devotion to God, Readiness for lifelong learning, Investing in Key Relationships, Visioning for the future and Eating and exercise for life*. Slaughter challenges the reader to test this model for living, for creating momentum for life. He says "God wants to build lifelong momentum toward what we were created to become" and he believes that we should guard against the temptation to downsize God's dream. *Momentum for Life* is a very inspiring read and a great choice for the start of the new year.

SERVE

Message from Bishop Lee

"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself." (Matthew 6:34a)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your faithfulness to God and your generosity in giving to God and to God's Church in the Wisconsin Conference and beyond, during these challenging economic times.

I have heard of a number of concerns and fears about some of the things you and we are facing as individuals, congregations, families and as entire communities as a result of the current economic crisis.

I wish to offer you words of encouragement and to share with you that I am in ongoing conversation with our Conference Leadership to determine what is our 'Plan B' and 'Plan C,' if needed to ensure that we continue to support our congregations in mission and ministry in the short term and over the long term.

At the conference level, our budget has increased less over the last quadrennium than the average increase of our local congregations. Our Boards and Agencies have decreased their spending when asked and are now preparing at least two budget scenarios as we prepare our 2010 Budget.

We are looking at staffing configurations and programming and praying for God's guidance throughout it all.

Know that we are praying with you and for you as well.

We are in this together. But we are NOT alone. God is with us.

Because Jesus reminds us in the gospel of John, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

God continue to bless you.

In Christ's Spirit and Peace,

Bishop Linda Lee

2009 Pledge Update

We are off to a great start as 46 pledges have been submitted, about 71 percent of the pledges from the previous year. Our hope is to receive at least the same number of pledges as in 2008. If you have not done so already, would you please consider completing your pledge card soon. This would be greatly appreciated and help us to continue to plan for 2009.

Thank you and God Bless,

Direct Deposit of Offering or Capital Campaign Contributions

If you are interested in doing a direct deposit of your offering and/or capital campaign payments, there are forms available in the church office. If you want to do both by direct deposit, just indicate how much for each. Direct deposit allows us to budget our finances, saves writing a check, and it's confidential.

The Cookbooks Are Here!

The "*Sugar River Serves*" cookbooks have arrived! The cookbooks are \$10 each with all proceeds going to the Capital Campaign. Please see Melissa Ryan or Tracey Shaughnessy to purchase a copy.



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Find Out More

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Worship Leaders:

January 18th

8:30

Greeters:

Ushers:

Liturgist:

Children's Message:

Fellowship hostess:

Teachers:

10:15

Greeters:

Ushers:

Liturgist: -

Children's Message:

Teachers:



Our Story

Sugar River United Methodist Church is a new church start of Asbury United Methodist Church of Madison, Wisconsin. We have been holding worship services every Sunday morning since January 9th, 2005 in Verona.

We are not a perfect church. We don't have our own church building yet. We don't have all the "bells and whistles" that other more established churches may have. But, we are an inspired group of men, women and children who contribute our gifts and talents to serve God and serve others as best we can.

Announcement Slides

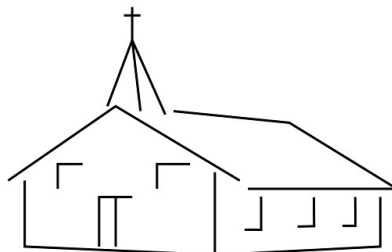
Announcement requests should be sent to Lori at: lori.zemlicka@gmail.com and must be received by Wednesday of each week. The team would like requests to be submitted in bullet format with 3-4 lines of information (including a contact person). If there is a need to include additional information please use the *Source* to describe activities/events in more detail. *Here's an example of the amount of information to be included in requests:*

Announcement Format Request

-Requests should be 3-4 bullets (i.e., short sentences) in length

-Please submit requests by Wednesdays to lori.zemlicka@gmail.com

-Questions? Contact Lori Zemlicka



Team Leaders

Children's Ministry	Jamie Day
Church Council	Darryl Graham
Community Services	Kristi Johnson
Discipleship	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
Facilities	Robert Pagan
Finance	Ben Miller
Membership	Betsy Forester
Operations	Dan Day
Outreach	Mike Polk
Welcoming (WAVE)	Pam Millmann
Youth Ministry	Joe & Jocelyn Przywara

The Source

For the Source . . .

Where: source@tds.net or 845-5855

When: Noon on Wednesday

For the Calendar . . .

Where: sugarriverumc@tds.net or 845-5855

When: Noon on Wednesday (prior to last Sunday of month for print)

By the Numbers . . .

01/04/09 Attendance: 8:30 - 59
10:15 - 65
Total - 124

Offering: \$3,824
Life Water \$50
Offering - year to date: \$3,824
Year to date GOAL: \$4,717