



# 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.**

## Looking Ahead:

### March

#### TODAY:

**Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am;** Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; High School Youth Fellowship 5:30-8:00pm

**31:** Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Women's Evening Small Group 7pm;

### April

**1:** PUSH 8:30am; Confirmation 6:00 - 8:00pm; Couples Group 6:30pm; High School Guys Small Group 8:00pm

**2:** Men's Morning Small Group 6:30am; Sugar River Band Rehearsal 5:30pm; High School Ladies Small Group 5:45pm; Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

**5: Palm Sunday Worship 8:30 and 10:15am;** Discover Life at The River 9:30am; Family Production Nite 4:00-5:30pm

**9: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7pm**

**10: Good Friday Prayer Service 7pm**

**12: EASTER!**

**13:** Ladies Night Out

**20:** Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

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Worship Preparation for APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> - PALM SUNDAY

Text: : John 13:31-38

## Questions Jesus is Asking: ...

### Will You Lay Down Your Life For Me?

Peter wanted to go wherever Jesus would go. However, Jesus knew that Peter still did not understand that Jesus' journey would take him to the cross. We want Jesus to know our allegiance to his purpose to heal a broken world, but are we willing to give our lives to that purpose. Sometimes we struggle living simpler so that others might simply live. Or, we have our lives so scheduled out that there is little time or energy to consider what God would like us to experience in our lives as a blessing. Lay down our lives...that seems a bit much to us, but Jesus tells us that in our giving our lives to the needs of others in Christ's name, we can find our lives...maybe the very life we long for most. Please come and gather at the River this Palm Sunday. Remember that the children will be the service with our traditional waving of the palms parade.

Please remember that Holy Week begins on this Palm Sunday, April 5. You will have opportunities to worship on Maundy Thursday at 7 PM (A deeply meaningful Tenebrae Service) and a Good Friday Service at 7 PM (a prayer service reflecting on the meaning of the Cross). And, oh yes, Jesus resurrection on Easter Sunday!!! It will be time to party...our Savior lives!

In Christ,

Pastor Gary

## Holy Week Services:

April 5 **Palm Sunday** - Will You Lay Down Your Life For Me? John 13:31-38

April 9 **Maundy Thursday** Tenebrae Service - 7pm - Am I Not To Drink This Cup? John 18:1-11

April 10 **Good Friday** Prayer Service at 7 pm, T.G.I.F

April 12 **Easter Sunday** - Why Are You Weeping? Whom Do You Seek? John 20:1-9

## Family Production Night - April 5<sup>th</sup>

Bring your family and friends to this wonderful family event! We will gather at 4:00 for our worship, music and family friendly activities. Then enjoy a meal together as one big Sugar River Family!



<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied,

"Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

<sup>37</sup>Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

John 13: 36-38



# CONNECT

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## The Season of Lent through Pentecost - From Ashes to Fire

The coming seasons of the church calendar consist of Lent and Pentecost. Lent is forty days, beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with Easter morning worship. The next 50 days prepare for Pentecost, the birth of the church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all followers of Christ.

Lent is a period of repentance and renewal. In the early church, baptism and penance were key Lenten themes. Historically during Lent, candidates prepared for Easter baptism and people did public penance for serious sins. Today the emphasis is upon fasting and prayer, meditation and reflection on the meaning of Easter. Fasting and Prayer have been important observances since biblical times. Lent is a time to simplify. Not so we can get rid of things we like, but to make room for the presence of God in our lives. These disciplines have often preceded great religious revelations or events. Here are some examples to read:

Exodus 34:27-28. Moses fasted and prayed for 40 days during the time that God gave him the code of the law as the Ten Commandments.

Kings 19:1-18. Elijah fled for his life through the wilderness, fasting 40 days and nights until he came to Mt. Horeb. There, God appeared and instructed him on how to overcome enemies.

Luke 4:1-13. After baptism, Jesus withdrew to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before beginning His public ministry.

Consider how you might use this season to grow in your faith and draw closer to God. You can never know the full meaning of Easter without the 40 days of wilderness and the reflection upon what Christ has done for us through his life, death and resurrection. The empty grave (God's promise of victory over death) must be seen through the shadow of the cross (God's sacrificial gift). God's love for us led to humility and sacrifice. How might we return thanks during this season? Maybe journey through this season with others at Sugar River to deepen your understanding and experience of God's love in Christ Jesus. We will also look at the importance of forgiveness and take time to journal and pray. Each Wednesday night in Lent, the church will be available for times of guided prayer.

Following Lent, you may experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That takes us from the ashes of Lent (the sign of repentance) to the flame of Pentecost (the power of the Holy Spirit).

### **Discover Life at the River:**

On Sunday April 5th 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 worship services.

### **Discover Your Life at the River:**

On Sunday April 19th 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 on May 3rd at both services. This class will meet from 11:30-1:30 with a luncheon served and child-care available upon request.

# GROW

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## **Children and Youth News**

### **Preschool - 5th Grade!**

#### **“Easter: Go and Tell”**

We will begin our Easter: Go and Tell unit on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The students will learn that Jesus' has asked his followers to continue what he started. Each of us has unique abilities we can use to tell the good news of Jesus. The children will explore Easter traditions and Bible stories through art projects, cooking experiments, and science activities.

### **Middle School**

#### **“Middle in the Middle”**

**Stories on the Way to Jerusalem** will be our Lent focus. The students are encouraged to bring their little devotionals with them each week during Lent. The devotionals are available in the Children and Youth Ministry office. Let Jamie Day know if you need more information! !

### **Help Support High School Youth Mission Trip to Mississippi**

In June, youth and adults from Sugar River are going on a mission trip to Hancock County, Mississippi to help construct affordable housing for victims of hurricane Katrina.

We will help construct several solar-powered homes, along with a church and community center where families of Hancock County can start to rebuild their lives.

To help fund this project, our youth group is selling stock in our mission trip. Please consider supporting the student missionaries by buying one or more \$20.00 shares. We will send each shareholder a postcard during the trip to share in the experience. Shareholders are also invited to a Family Shareholder Dinner on Sunday, July 12 at 6:00 P.M. At the dinner, shareholders will find out more about the work we did in Hancock County and how the trip has affected us personally. We will be selling shares in the fellowship area after each service.

## Adult Bible Study—Sunday's 8:30—Gospel of John



Come to a discussion based class where people enjoy a sense of community as they wrestle with what God says to us through the Bible . On March 29 we are starting on the Gospel of John. No registration is required. Bring a friend! Led by David Johnston.

*"Bibles laid open, millions of surprises."*—George Herbert

## SERVE

### 2nd Annual Jodi Lou Lung Cancer Foundation (JLLCF) Bake/Plant/Craft Sale

Mark Your Calendars.....

**2nd Annual Jodi Lou Lung Cancer Foundation (JLLCF) Bake/Plant/Craft Sale** will be May 8 and 9 from 7am to 3pm.

Bake goods, plants, and craft item donations greatly appreciated. Please have bake goods packaged ready for sale and clearly labeled including if item contains peanuts/nuts. All items can be dropped off at SR on Thursday evening, May 7 before 8:30 pm. Any questions regarding plants, please call Melissa Ryan 843-1781. All other questions, please call Tracey Shaughnessy 845-5014. Last year was such a success that we ran out of items. Lets make this year even better!! Thank you for your support to help fight lung cancer!!

### Sugar River Spring Cleanup Saturday May 2nd

It was another tough winter and soon it will be time to spruce up the Church. On Saturday May 2nd from 9am to 3pm we plan to do some spring cleaning and basic yard work at the church. Some of our outdoor tasks will be to rake and weed the lawns, weed and plant new flowers in the gardens, trim the shrubs, paint the front façade, and power wash the patio. We also plan on giving the inside of the building a thorough cleaning, wiping down the chairs, vacuuming, cleaning the nursery toys and cleaning in the kitchen among other things. Even if you can't be there for the whole time, a hour or two of service will be greatly appreciated. For questions, contact Robert Pagan at 278-1477

### Men's Drop-In Shelter Meal

Sugar River and Asbury UMCs have the privilege of providing the evening meal for the Men's Drop-In Shelter located at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Madison the second Sunday of every other month. Our next opportunity to provide the meal will be Easter Sunday, April 12. Sugar River will be responsible for providing at least 24 dozen cookies or bars. The cookies can be brought to church on Sunday, April 12, for delivery to the Men's Shelter. If you are able to provide cookies, please sign the list on the community services bulletin board in fellowship hall or contact Kristi Johnson at 845-5814 or KristiLRJohnson@gmail.com. Thank you for caring for your neighbors in need.

#### Verona Food Pantry ..

NEEDS FOR MARCH

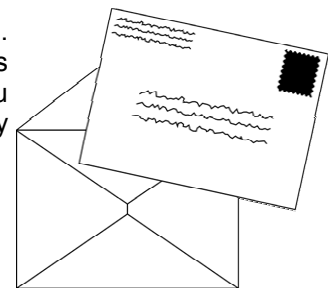
Canned beans  
pancake mix  
syrup  
Jelly



### Cards of Encouragement Needed

We have two Sugar River family friends who find themselves in desperate life situations. Both Alan Andrews and Alex Cook are being held at the Dane County Jail. Their families are asking for our support for their loved ones during this incredibly difficult time. If you would please send each of them a card of encouragement/support, it would be extremely meaningful to Alan and Alex.

The address: Dane County Jail  
115 W. Doty  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703



### Sunday School Chicken Fund Raiser

Did you know...a chick can start providing a family in need with eggs after just five months?



The Sunday school and Middle school children will be collecting coins to put towards the purchase of a flock of chicks. Each flock of chicks costs \$20. **How many flocks do you think we can purchase to help families in Tanzania?** Consider helping your children devise a way to earn extra coins around the house. Spring is a great time to share the many benefits of a little chick with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world! We will be collecting for this project through Easter Sunday. Look for the donation bin in both the Middle school classroom and Fellowship Area



# ODDS & ENDS

## Find Out More

**Pastor:** Gary Holmes 608-845-5855 gholmes@chorus.net  
regular office hours: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday

**Director of Community Life**  
Betsy Forester 608-845-5855 betsy.srlife@tds.net  
regular office hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday

**Director of Children and Youth Ministries:**  
Jamie Day 608-833-4945 sr.childrensministry@tds.net  
regular office hours: 12:00 - 2:00 PM Tuesday & 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Wednesday

**Director of Worship and Music:**  
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### Worship Leaders:

April 5<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday

8:30

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:**

**Liturgist:**

**Children's Message:**

**Fellowship hostess:** Jackie

Connell

**Teachers:**

Preschool: -

Elementary: Brian Early,  
Jamie Day, Hanna Day

10:15

**Greeters:**

**Ushers:**

**Liturgist:** -

**Children's Message:**

**Teachers:** Preschool: Leanne  
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Elementary: Aimee Wieraba,  
Donna Doyle, Jamie Day

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:lori.zemlicka@gmail.com)

-Questions? Contact Lori Zemlicka

## Team Leaders

<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Jamie Day
<b>Church Council</b>	Darryl Graham
<b>Community Services</b>	Kristi Johnson Jason Sloat
<b>Discipleship</b>	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
<b>Facilities</b>	Robert Pagan
<b>Finance</b>	Ben Miller
<b>Membership</b>	Betsy Forester
<b>Operations</b>	Dan Day
<b>Outreach</b>	Mike Polk
<b>Welcoming (WAVE)</b>	Pam Millmann

## The Source

**For the Source . . .**

**Where:** [source@tds.net](mailto:source@tds.net) or 845-5855

**When:** Noon on Wednesday

**For the Calendar . . .**

**Where:** [sugarriverumc@tds.net](mailto:sugarriverumc@tds.net) or 845-5855

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

## By the Numbers . . .

<b>03/22/09 Attendance:</b>	8:30 -	57
	10:15 -	111
	<b>Total -</b>	<b>168</b>

<b>Offering:</b>	\$1,739
<b>Offering - year to date:</b>	\$43,979
<b>Year to date GOAL:</b>	\$58,041

## 2009 Sugar River Directories are available.

Pick up a copy of the 2009 Directory. They will be available at the rear of the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall.

