



SOURCE

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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 APRIL 19TH -

Looking Ahead:

April

TODAY:

Easter Sunday - Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am;

High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm

13: Ladies Night Out

14: Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am;

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

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

19: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Discover Your Life at the River Class 11:30am - 1:30 pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm

20: Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

26: Confirmation Sunday

...SURVIVORFAITH

Where Faith meets Life



In these uncertain times, it is vital that we experience a faith that more than helps us survive the challenges of life, we must thrive in whatever circumstances we confront. There is good news, there is hope. Join us for an exciting series (playing off the TV Show Survivorman) of Survivorfaith starting next Sunday, April 19. There will also be study groups (what we call Growth Groups) that will be meeting to discuss and go deeper into the topics. Here is a series designed to help us more fully experience

a faith that meets life.

April:

19: SURVIVORFAITH: Facing Uncertainty

26: SURVIVORFAITH: There is no Time!

May:

3 SURVIVORFAITH: From isolation to tribal life

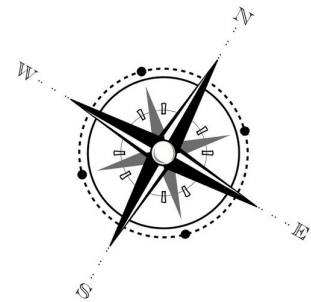
10 SURVIVORFAITH: Inspiration to Transformation

17 SURVIVORFAITH: Recipe for Spiritual Vitality

24 SURVIVORFAITH: From Survive to Thrive!

In Christ,

Pastor Gary



Helping Your Neighbors

Are you interested in helping out a neighbor in need? We are looking for members of Sugar River and other local churches, who are interested in receiving email updates about opportunities to help out families in our community, to join our email distribution list. In partnership with the Joining Forces for Families Community Social Worker, Bridget Rogers, we will circulate information about needs of families in our area. Many of us have gently used items that could be shared with others in need, and by joining our email distribution list we can help distribute those items. You have no obligation to make donations by providing your email address, it will simply provide you with information about the needs that exist for local families.

Examples might include: Clothing, primarily baby and kids clothes, Furniture, including mattresses, dressers etc., Kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, glasses, etc.) Bedding and towels, Rides to appointments, Other needs as they arise

To add you email address to the list, please contact Betsy Forester at betsy.srlife@tds.net

Thank you for helping us in our efforts!

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CONNECT

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 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).

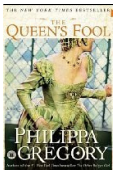
Ladies Night Out

Hi Ladies ~ The next ladies' night out will be held on Monday April 13th (the day after Easter). We will gather at the Melting Pot on Odana Rd. between 5:30 and 6:00 as individual schedules permit. It is imperative that you RSVP if you can join us, as the restaurant needs to put us at the smallest table we can fit at, to allow everyone to reach the centrally located fondue pots. If you can come, please let me know at Millmann4@tds.net or via phone at 273-2602.

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.

Women's Book Club



The April meeting of the Sugar River Women's book club will be Sunday April 19th at 7 pm at the home of Sharon Billmeyer, 536 Grace Court, Verona. This month we are reading *Queen's Fool* by Philippa Gregory.

A young woman caught in the rivalry between Queen Mary and her half sister, Elizabeth, must find her true destiny amid treason, poisonous rivalries, loss of faith, and unrequited love.

GROW

Children and Youth News

Preschool - 5th Grade!

"Signs of Faith"

"Signs of Faith" is an exciting and informative unit. There are so many symbols of our Christian faith that are there for a reason, there is a story behind each one of them! The children will learn the Bible story and the "why" behind each of the Christian symbols we continue to see around us today!

April 19th Signs of Faith Unit Introduction and games

April 26th Family Sunday

May 3rd, 10th, and 17th Signs of Faith

May 24th Angel Breakfast

Middle School

"Middle in the Middle"

Breakfast Anyone? Our next Sunday School meeting is on **April 19th** and I thought we would have a little fun and go **out for breakfast during our class!** Plan on meeting in the Middle School room at 10:00 and we will scoot over to Megan's for a little breakfast, fellowship and fun! Bring money to order off the menu! See you then!

Route 56

Route 56 is a program that the Sugar River 5th and 6th graders are invited to participate in. Beth Heneghan and Jacob Taddy are leading a fun, interactive, fellowship group for kids in these grades. They meet at Asbury every-other Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00. They play games, have snacks, and even have a little message thrown in when they aren't looking! Their goal is to let these kids make their faith their own by having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. By taking them from Sunday school to their elementary/middle schools, that they can make friends, know Jesus is with them and have lots of fun!!

Here is the schedule for the remainder of the year!

Friday, April 17th LOCK IN at Asbury 5:30-10:30 pm (more information coming soon!)

Sunday, April 26th

Sunday, May 3rd

Sunday, May 17th

Sunday, May 24th

Sunday, May 31st (final session of the school year)

No need for anyone to RSVP.. just showing up (with a friend!) is great!

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

Community Old Time Hymn Sing

Asbury United Methodist Church

Chapel (located in center of building)

6101 University Avenue, Madison, WI

Sunday April 19, 2009 – 3:00 PM

Everyone is welcome

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

Verona Food Pantry ..

NEEDS FOR APRIL

Canned beans
pancake mix
syrup
Jelly



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



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Find Out More

Pastor: Gary Holmes 608-845-5855 gholmes@chorus.net
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Worship Leaders:

April 19th

8:30

Greeters: Wolf Family

Ushers: Wolf Family

Liturgist: Tim Wolf

Children's Message: Pastor Gary

Fellowship hostess: Kathi Oestreicher

Teachers:

Preschool: Melissa Ryan

Elementary: Jackie Roessler

10:15

Greeters: Mike & Linda Cook

Ushers:

Liturgist: -

Children's Message: Pastor Gary

Teachers: !

Preschool:

Elementary: Aimee Wierzba

Middle School: 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 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 Jason Sloat
Discipleship	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
Facilities	Robert Pagan
Finance	Ben Miller
Membership	Betsy Forester
Operations	Dan Day
Outreach	Mike Polk
Welcoming (WAVE)	Pam Millmann

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)

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.

By the Numbers . . .

04/05/09 Attendance:	8:30 - 86
(Palm Sunday)	10:15 - 106
	Total - 192
Offering:	\$3,864
Offering - year to date:	\$51,336
Year to date GOAL:	\$66,042

