



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:

April

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Discover Your Life at The River 11:30am-1:30pm; Middle School Youth Bowling 6:00pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm

20: Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

21: Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Men's Evening Small Group 7:00pm

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

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

25: Youth Clean up at Porchlight House

26: **Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am;** Confirmation Sunday 10:15 Service; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm

Worship Preparation for APRIL 26TH -



SURVIVORFAITH

Living the Christian Faith – we are not alone!

.....There is no Time!

OK, I know the feeling. “Sure, I know there are steps I could take in my faith development, but right now I don’t have the time.” I play this same tape for myself more often than I would like to admit. However, time is vital to use effectively. We must live this life as if it is the only one we get. There’s a concept. How do we move to a thriving faith if we live our lives on survival mode....simply getting by and making it to the next life event leaves us with shallow relationships and neglected spirits. Please consider joining us at the River this Sunday to move into the moment we have, and thrive in a vital faith with Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Gary

April 26th is Confirmation Sunday – 10:15 Worship Service

A special Confirmation Service is planned for our wonderful 8th Grade Confirmation Class during the 10:15 service. The 8:30 service will remain “normal”...whatever that means. Please pray for the life and spiritual growth of the Class of 2009: Sam Bubenzer, Ciara Downs, Brady Kostecki, Hailey Polk, Nathan Roessler, Mackenzie Strutt.

The class will be having breakfast (served by the 7th grade class) at 9 AM in the church basement with their mentor and family. There will be class pictures at 9:45 for both the 7th and 8th grade classes. A special invitation goes out to last year’s confirmation class to sit together during the 10:15 service to support this year’s class.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia:

Practical and Spiritual Considerations for Caregivers

Co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, South Central Wisconsin and Memorial Baptist Church,

On Saturday May 2nd 2009, Memorial Baptist Church – Verona is offering a casual afternoon seminar designed to help anyone concerned about helping a loved one struggling with dementia in it’s many shapes and forms. There is no charge for this event which includes a noon lunch provided by the church followed by three educational workshops.

- **What if I think it’s Alzheimer’s - 1:00 p.m.**
- **How to help when someone has Alzheimer’s or dementia - 2:00 p.m.**
- **Can I find peace in the Alzheimer’s world? - 3:00 p.m.**

For detailed information go to:

http://www.memorialbaptist-verona.org/special_event.html

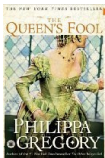
Saturday, May 2, 2009 - Memorial Baptist Church - 201 S. Main St., Verona
Free, but register by April 29 - 608.845.7125 - pastor@memorialbaptist-verona.org

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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.

It is winter, 1553. Pursued by the Inquisition, Hannah Green, a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, is forced to flee Spain with her father. But Hannah is no ordinary refugee. Her gift of "Sight," the ability to foresee the future, is priceless in the troubled times of the Tudor court. Hannah is adopted by the glamorous Robert Dudley, the charismatic son of King Edward's protector, who brings her to court as a "holy fool" for Queen Mary and, ultimately, Queen Elizabeth. Hired as a fool but working as a spy; promised in wedlock but in love with her master; endangered by the laws against heresy, treason, and witchcraft, Hannah must choose between the safe life of a commoner and the dangerous intrigues of the royal family that are inextricably bound up in her own yearnings and desires.

Middle School Youth Bowling

The Middle School Youth will go Bowling at Ten Pin Alley TONIGHT! We'll meet at Sugar River at 6:00pm and we will drive over to Ten Pin Alley for a couple of games of bowling, pizza and lots of fun! Bring friends! Let Jamie know if you are coming!



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

For information call 608-836-6532

Discover Your Life at the River:

TODAY, 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 childcare available upon request.

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 today, **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!

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. We are studying the Gospel of John. No registration is required. Bring a friend! Led by David Johnston.

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

Pray Until Something Happens



This is not an easy thing to do, but on Wednesday mornings at Circolo Café at 8:30am, a small group of people meet together to pray. Our prayers are not pushy, ostentatious or demanding. We simply think and talk to God. Prayer nourishes the life of God in us. Drop in and join us if you want to grow in your prayer life, or if you have need of prayer.

SERVE

Worship Assistant Update

Worship assistants are vital to the success of Sugar River worship services. These servants keep everything and everyone on track throughout the morning. These servants include greeters, ushers, liturgists, Sunday school teachers (preschool through middle school), fellowship, media, power point presentation and more. In an effort to help fill these roles more easily we are going to streamline the responsibilities of greeter and usher.

Beginning in May, we will combine the roles of usher and greeter. Couples or families would **greet** people as they enter and provide them with a bulletin. The couple or family would then take on the **usher** responsibilities which would include lighting and extinguishing the candles, counting attendees and assisting with the offering.

Another option would be to take on the liturgist role as well. Families are able to do this more easily than perhaps couples, but it is a possibility for others as well. We will keep liturgist separate at this point as some people really enjoy this servant role; however, if you are able to do all three, that is great too.

We have had families and couples try this process recently and it has been working well. As we look to summer when it is even more difficult to find servants, it is our hope that streamlining these responsibilities will make these spots easier to fill. Please give prayerful consideration to the worship assistant format and let me know your comments, concerns or questions at betsey.srlife@tds.net.

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, 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

Last Week for the Chick Fund Raiser



The Sunday school children have been collecting coins for Chicks! Each flock of chicks costs \$20. They are doing a great job with their coins they bring in, we will have the grand total for you next week! **How many flocks do you think we can purchase to help families in Tanzania?**



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

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Worship Leaders:

April 26th

8:30

Greeter/Usher: Dahmen

Family

Liturgist: Lorrie Koppein

Children's Message: Puppet

Ministry

Fellowship hostess: Carol

Hagensick

Teachers:

Family Sunday

10:15

Confirmation Sunday

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 -	136
(Easter Sunday)	10:15 -	147
	Total -	283

Offering:	\$6,928
Offering - year to date:	\$58,263
Year to date GOAL:	\$70,332

