



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:

Worship Preparation for MAY 10TH -

Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18

May

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; New Member Sunday; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Family Production Nite 4:00-5:30pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm

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

6: PUSH 8:30am; Couples Group 6:30pm; High School Guys Small Group 8:00pm

7: Men's Morning Small Group 6:30am; Sugar River Band Rehearsal 5:30pm; High School Ladies Small Group 5:45pm; Sugar River Band Rehearsal 6:00pm; Men's Evening Small Group 7:00pm

8: Family Craft Nite 6:00pm-10:00pm

8-9: Jodi Lou plant & bake sale 7:30am

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

11: Ladies Night Out

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SURVIVORFAITH

Living the Christian Faith – we are not alone!

.....Inspiration to Transformation

Have you ever come back from a wonderful conference and just felt pumped about what you learned and experienced? I do. The challenge is to move from being informed and inspired to the point of thinking and acting differently. This is hard stuff! We are so set on the things we are familiar with, change comes very hard. We even tend to cling to old habits that are addictive and detrimental to our relationship to God, others and ourselves. How about hearing an inspiring sermon (no wise crakes now) only to find ourselves unchanged, inspired maybe, but our actions in life show little adjusting. This Sunday we will look at the transition from inspiration to transformation and look to God for insight into living transformed lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Gary



²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

¹⁸And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Family Production Nite - Tonite!

Our last Family Production Nite for this school year is tonight! Come join us for a fabulous worship time as we learn more about the signs and symbols of faith! Bring your family and friends and enjoy the afternoon of songs, skits, fellowship and food!

We will be having a hot dog picnic! Sugar River will provide the hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass according to your last name. A-P bring a side dish and Q-Z bring a dessert

Children's Ministry Survey!

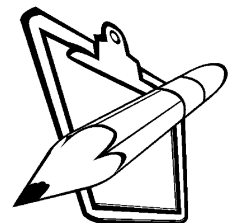
The children's Ministry team has put together a brief survey regarding Sunday school. The survey will be emailed this week. We would appreciate it if you would take a couple of moments to fill it out as soon as you can. Thanks for helping us make Sunday school a rewarding experience for everyone!

Get Ready for VBS!!!



Get ready for a rockin', stompin' bayou blast at Sugar River's VBS! Come on down to the dock on July 13-16 from 9:30-11:00. Details on

location of this awesome adventure are coming soon! Mark your calendars and get ready to rock the dock!



CONNECT

Ladies Spa Night at Sugar River



Hello women of SR! We have a special evening coming up quickly. On Wednesday May 6th you are invited to a “Spa Night” at Sugar River from 6:30- 8:30. Jeni Peterson will offer the option of a facial, a hand treatment or a foot treatment. You can decide what needs the most pampering that night! And Juli Loker will guide us in massage. There is no charge to attend, and treats will be provided. Please plan to bring a towel (bath/beach size), and wear comfortable clothing. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jeni at Peterson.jeni@gmail.com so she can get an approx number. It should be lots of fun, so hope you can join us! We're looking forward to it!

Ladies Night Out

Hello Ladies of SR ~ Our next ladies' night out will be Monday May 11th at the Hu Hot (610 Junction Rd.), which is an all-you can-eat Mongolian grill (similar to Flat Top Grill). We will gather between 5:30 and 6:00. If you will be able to join us, please RSVP to Pam at millmann4@tds.net or 273-2602. Hope to see you there!

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!

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

May 24th Angel Breakfast for children preschool-5th grade (will be served BETWEEN services 9:40-10:10)

Middle School

“Middle in the Middle”

This month the Middle School class will participate in activities and discussion relating to Pastor Gary's SurvivorFaith sermon series.

May 10~ Survivorfaith

May 17~ Survivorfaith

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, 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

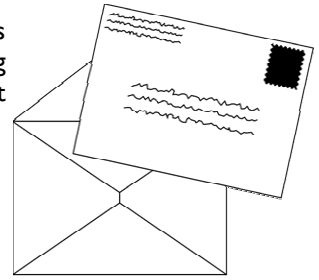
This is not an easy thing to do, but on Wednesday mornings at Circolo Café at 8:30am, a small group of people meet together to pray. Our prayers are not pushy, ostentatious or demanding. We simply think and talk to God. Prayer nourishes the life of God in us. Drop in and join us if you want to grow in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

SERVE

Cards of Encouragement Needed

We have a Sugar River family member who finds himself in a desperate life situation. Alan Andrews is **transferred to a facility in LaCrosse on Monday**. His family is asking for our support during this incredibly difficult time. If you would please send him a card of encouragement/support, it would be extremely meaningful to Alan. The address:

920 Bethann
Onalaska, WI 54650



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 betsy.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!!

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!

Verona Food Pantry .

NEEDS FOR MAY

Canned beans
pancake mix
syrup
Jelly





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:
May 10th
8:30

Greeter/Usher: Tom & Jean Phelps

Liturgist: Jean Phelps

Children's Message:

Fellowship hostess: Leslie Miller

Teachers:

Preschool:
Elementary: Sara Gross,
Konnie Dahmen, Melissa Ryan

10:15

Greeter/Usher:

Liturgist: Marian Maldonado Pagan

Children's Message:

Teachers:

Preschool: Pam Millman
Elementary: Kim Krigbaum,
Donna Doyle, Dan Millman

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 . . .

04/26/09 Attendance:	8:30 - 59
	10:15 - 178
	Total - 237
Offering:	\$2,723
Offering - year to date:	\$68,776
Year to date GOAL:	\$78,615

