



The Sugar River

November 9th, 2008

SOURCE

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Looking Ahead:

November

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Children's Christmas program rehearsal 9:30am; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm

11: Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Ladies Nite Out; Community Services Committee Meeting 7pm; Men's Evening Small Group 7pm;

12: PUSH 8:30am; Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Confirmation 6-8pm; Couples Group 6:30pm

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

15: Food Pantry Assistance 9-11am

16: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Children's Christmas program rehearsal 9:30am; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm; Women's Book Club 7pm

17: Church Council Meeting

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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 NOVEMBER 16TH

Text: Romans 6:1-2, 15, 22-23

Grace Anatomy:

Bargain Grace

It is often our natural tendency to look for a good buy (especially in this economy). We want to be good stewards with our resources. However, our tendency to look for a bargain and reduce our cost can slip into our faith. We might seek a faith that allows the grace of God to cover not only our sin, but our apathy and our disobedient heart. We look for a bargain faith that allows us to live as if we are lord of our own lives, and neglect the responsibilities of being a follower of Jesus Christ. We in effect cheapen God's grace. In doing so, we refuse the fullness that could be ours in Christ. Read Romans 6 as we prepare to meet on Sunday to understand the cost of a cheap grace, and learn the beauty and power of God's authentic grace.



²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23



In Christ,
Pastor Gary

Celebration Sunday ~ November 23rd, 2008

Starting this week, Sugar River will begin its fall stewardship campaign. It will be run much like last year, except far simpler. We will have people share information about the life and ministry of the church, so you are able to reflect upon the meaningful ministry at Sugar River over this last year, and get excited about the possibilities for ministry in 2009. In 2009 we will grow in our God given ability to bring Christ honoring change to the world. Your financial support to the Body of Christ at Sugar River is vital, but we will always encourage everyone to see stewardship as a personal and spiritual discipline as well. I pray with all the economic challenges, that we honor God with all that we have and make choices that become a blessing to the giver and touch others with the love of God. We can make a difference.

On Sunday, November 23rd, you and your family are invited to a Celebration Sunday worship service (8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.) and a Celebration Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. On this Sunday you will be invited to prayerfully reflect upon your giving for 2009, fill out an estimate of giving card (have conversations with your family on this soon), and enjoy a wonderful church family meal.

For the Celebration luncheon, we are asking families to bring a salad or dessert to pass. Please keep in mind that we do have refrigerator space, but it is limited. The main entrée will be provided as well as beverages.

Also, following the luncheon, we will have Hanging of the Greens. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate in decorating the church for the Christmas season. We hope that you will join us for a day filled with excitement.

Capital Campaign Update

Pledge Cards Received: 59

Total Pledged: \$211,900

Year One: \$97,365.00

Year Two: \$57,880.00

Year Three: \$56,655.00

Percent of goal: 70.6%

Campaign payments received through 9/30/08: \$42,829.00

BUILDING UPDATE

We have notified the City of Verona of our intention to purchase
City is studying its facility needs
City wants to extend the lease for one more year to April 30, 2009
City Council meeting on 11/10/2008 to approve lease extension
Our current strategy:
Continue with our plans to purchase this building
Create a "Plan B" committee to look at alternate facilities or land
Continue to accumulate funds to purchase a future facility
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SUGAR RIVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

"When should I begin making my first year pledge payments?"
We would like to begin now. If an opportunity becomes available, we want to be in a position to act.

"How do I make payments?"

By direct deposit

By check

Stock

Advantages of Direct Deposit:

Easy – no need to write a check

Confidential

Helps us to budget

For Direct Deposit authorization forms, see Ben Miller or ask at the Church Office.

CONNECT



Advent By Candlelight - Monday December 1

This year we're going to try a theme, "Starry Night". Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hall. We're looking for table hostesses as well as guests. The hostess will decorate your table and serve you a desert of her choice. We will furnish the coffee and punch. Last years event was amazing!

Join us in fellowship as we celebrate the true meaning of the season before the hectic schedule begins. Wouldn't it be amazing if we had to set up every table the church has!!

If you didn't join us last year, you won't want to miss it. Go to the Sugar River Web Site to see pictures from last years event. If you have photos you'd like to add to the web site please email them to Carol and we'll have Mark post them.

If you are interested in helping organize the event, please contact Carol Hagensick 833-3097 cahagen@charter.net

Ladies Night Out

The November Ladies' Night Out will be held Tuesday November 11th at Villa Dolce Café (Parmenter St in Middleton). They serve a variety of Italian cuisine. We will meet between 5:30 and 6:00. If you are able to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, please RSVP to Pam at millmann4@tds.net or 273-2602. Thank you!

Women's Book Club November Meeting

The next gathering of the Sugar River Women's Book Club will be Sunday November 16th, at 7pm at Julie Redfern's home, 462 Linden, , Verona. The book for November is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. For more information, contact Lisa Graham at 848-3173 or darrylisa@yahoo.com. All are welcome!



In 1903, Mamah Borthwick Cheney and her husband, Edwin, had commissioned the renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, to design a new home for them. During the construction of the house, a powerful attraction developed between Mamah and Frank, and in time the lovers, each married with children, embarked on a course that would shock Chicago society and forever change their lives.

GROW

Adult Bible Study -- Sundays, 8:30-9:30am

You are invited to join us in studying the scriptures in friendly community. No registration required or prior. Just come when you can and bring a friend. We meet every Sunday at 8:30am in the conference room. Discussion led by David Johnston.

Advent Bible Study -- Sundays, November 23-December 21, 8:30 - 9:30am



Advent and Christmas are a time of wonder and beauty. Music is a very important part of our celebration of Advent and Christmas. This advent season, listen and reflect on the songs of praise in a short bible study which looks at Mary's Song (the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55), Concert in a field (the shepards and the angels, Luke 2:8-14), An Old man sings (Simeon with the infant Jesus in the Temple, Luke 2:25-35), and Song of Wondrous Mystery (In the beginning was the Word, John 1:1-5, 9-14) from J. Ellsworth Kalas' "Scripture Sing of Christmas: an Advent Study of Christmas. Study led by Sharon Billmeyer. Call Marian MaldonadoPagan at 278-1477 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

Children and Youth News

Preschool - 5th Grade!



“Occupations in Bible Times”.

The children continue to learn about life in Bible times and how they can better understand the biblical message that we all have different gifts that can be used to glorify God. We have some openings in the preschool area for servant teachers so please check out the sign-up sheet! This rotation will conclude on November 9th and the children will be singing in worship during both services that day! Come for both services if you are able!

Children’s Christmas Program

This year’s Children’s Christmas Program will be held on Saturday December 13, at 11:00 am with a “Christmas Cookie Reception” following the performance. If your children would like to participate in this year’s production, please sign up in fellowship hall on the Children and Youth Ministry bulletin board. Rehearsals will begin on November 2 between services in the lower level Sunday School area. We encourage children of all ages to join in the Christmas spirit.

SERVE

Verona Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities

The Verona Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to sort, box, and shelve donations from the VAHS food drive. This is an ideal opportunity for those who are able to volunteer on a one time basis. Children 10 and older are welcome to participate making this a wonderful family volunteer activity. Please join us at the Verona Food Pantry, 130 North Franklin Street, Verona, on Saturday, November 8, 15, or 22 from 9:00-11:00am to help your neighbors in need.

The Verona Food Pantry is also in need of volunteers high school age and older to work from 3:00-5:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm on Mondays or Thursdays one or two times per month. Following an orientation, volunteers assist clients in choosing items from the food pantry shelves. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve those in need in our community. Contact Kristi Johnson at 845-5814 or klrjohnson@charter.net with questions or Judy Dettwiler, food pantry volunteer coordinator, at 832-6361 to volunteer.

UMW Nuts For Sale

On Sunday Nov. 16th the Asbury United Methodist Women (UMW) will be starting their annual nut sale. Proceeds from the sale of these nuts support UMW women and children missions.

Here is what is available this year and the prices:

Pecan Half	\$8.00	Pecan Pieces	\$8.00
Walnuts	\$7.00	Cashews	\$7.50
Mixed Nuts	\$7.50	Choc. Raisins	\$5.00
Choc. Peanuts	\$5.00	Whole Almonds	\$7.00
Choc. Almonds	\$6.00	Praline Pecans	\$8.00

Shelley Whitmus will have order forms at Sugar River if anyone is interested in ordering. The orders will be filled and brought to church the following Sunday. Checks should be written to Asbury UMW or she can take cash. Payment will be due upon delivery. If you have any questions, please call Shelley Whitmus at 274-5308.

Best Gifts for Christmas

Are you tired of buying gifts for the person who has everything? Would you prefer to buy for those who have almost nothing? If so, consider buying a Best Gift to help those throughout the world that need it most. Best Gifts are available through Church World Service and can be viewed and purchased at www.cwsbestgifts.org. How about a pair of rabbits for \$10; 50 chicks for \$25; a beehive for \$22; or half share of a draft animal for \$100? There are many other choices. Start a new tradition in your family.

Middle School



Middle in the Middle will meet at 10:15 on November 9th to discuss some famous Biblical brothers! They will be talking about Jacob and Esau and Joseph. It should be a great discussion!

November 16th we will be talking about Manna and the Golden Calf from the book of Exodus. On November 23rd we will be looking into Leviticus and the rules to live by! We will also have a Thanksgiving celebration during our class time!

Puppet Ministry

The puppets ministry team will meet in the youth room between services to prepare for upcoming presentations. Children and Youth in fourth grade and up are encouraged to join. Please contact Jim and Sharon Billmeyer if you have any questions.

Verona Food Pantry ..

NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Items;

Canned Fruit
Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing Mix
Pumpkin Pie Mix





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
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Director of Children and Youth Ministries:
Jamie Day 608-833-4945 sr.childrensministry@tds.net
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Worship Leaders:
November 16th

8:30
Greeters: Phelps'
Ushers: Krupkes
Liturgist:
Children's Message: Pastor Gary
Fellowship hostess: Melissa Ryan
Teachers: Preschool: Katie Sloat
- Elementary: Betsy Forester, Tracey Shaughnessy
- Setup: Justin Zampardi

10:15
Greeters: Lyle & Lois Nestinger
Ushers: Paines
Liturgist: -Curt Johnson
Children's Message: Pastor Gary
Teachers: Preschool:
- Elementary: Beth Withee, Lisa Watts
- Middle School: Kim Krigbaum

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.

Team Leaders

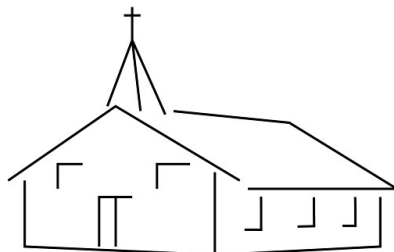
Children's Ministry	Jamie Day
Church Council	Darryl Graham
Community Services	Kristi Johnson
Discipleship	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
Facilities	Robert Pagan
Finance	Ben Miller
Membership	Betsy Forester
Operations	Dan Day
Outreach	Mike Polk
Welcoming (WAVE)	Pam Millmann
Youth Ministry	Joe & Jocelyn Przywara

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



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 . . .

10/26/08 Attendance:	8:30 - 90
	10:15 - 93
	Total - 183
Offering:	\$5,336
Offering - year to date:	\$156,031
Year to date GOAL:	\$173,330