



The Sugar River

November 15th 2009

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.

This Week At the River

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Middle School Growth Group 9:40-10:10am; Children's Christmas program practice 9:35 - 10:10am; Middle and High School Youth Service Project 11:30am - 3:00pm; Women's Book Club 7:00pm

Tuesday: Women's Morning Growth Group 10:30am; Men's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm;

Wednesday: PUSH 9:00am; Couples Group 6:30pm; Confirmation Class; High School Guys Growth Group 7:00pm

Thursday: Men's Morning Growth Group 6:30am; Sugar River Band Rehearsal 6:00pm; Men's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm; Women's Evening Growth Group 7:00pm

Friday: Women's Morning Growth Group 9:00-10:30am

The Source

For the Source . . .

Where: source@tds.net
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When: Noon on Wednesday

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NOVEMBER 15TH - TODAY'S LESSON

Text: 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Proverbs 11: 24-25, 22:9

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

"Defined by Generosity"

This week we will explore how we can be defined by our generosity. What defines your life? Is it wealth? Belongings? Faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "rainy day." Or we focus on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way. During next week's service, we will take action to change our lives by setting five specific personal goals to work toward over the next year. We invite you to complete a "Personal Goals and Commitment" card and place it in your Bible for your personal reference in the coming year. We will continue to discover joy through simplicity and generosity.



²⁴ One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

²⁵ A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24-25

Please note that the order of worship for this week is located on the last page of this Source.

Worship Preparation for NOVEMBER 22ND

"Personal Goals and Commitment"

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One of these five commitments is your estimate of giving for the coming year. This week, you will be receiving an estimate of giving commitment card in the mail. On a practical level, we ask our members to turn in estimate of giving cards each year so that our Finance Committee is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. This allows us to make the most of every dollar given to the church. On a personal level, the commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you would make to God through our church in the coming year. Please be watching for the mailing; then fill out the card and bring it with you to worship next Sunday.

In Christ,

Pastor Gary

Women's Book Club - Tonight

The next meeting of the Women's Book Club will be tonight, Sunday November 15th at 7 pm. This month's book is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Contact Lisa Graham at darrylisa@yahoo.com for more information and to RSVP.

CONNECT

Advent by Candlelight Monday November 30TH

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for the women of Sugar River to get together with family and friends and celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. There will be carols, readings, special music and of course fellowship. This year's theme is "Simple Gifts". We are asking that participants make a cash donation to the Verona School District Family Assistance Fund. We're looking for volunteers to sign up to serve as a hostess or co-hostess for one of the tables. You would be responsible for decorating the table and providing a dessert for those seated at your table. We'll provide the coffee and punch. You're free to decorate anyway you want, just as long as there are lit candles on the table. The hostesses can invite friends, family, co-workers, or anyone else to sit at your table, or simply make your table available for anyone to sign up for. If you can't be a hostess, find a table and sign up as a table guest. Sign up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall. Check our web site www.sugarriverumc.org for updates and to see pictures from past events. For more information, contact Carol Hagensick at 833-3097 or cahagen@charter.net

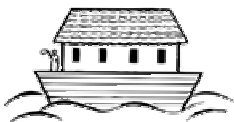


GROW

Youth News!

Preschool-5th Grade

During November the children will be studying Noah! They will explore the Ark, the rainbow promise, and the faithful servant, Noah! Each week we will be visited by Noah and he will tell his story of what God is calling him to do! Get your raincoats and boots out – it is going to get wet!!!!



My Giving Bank

Parents, we have thought about how the children at Sugar River can be aware of how to be good stewards of what God has given them. Pastor Gary previewed My Giving Banks with the children during the children's message last Sunday and we want to make the banks available to parents as they are interested in working with their children about this important concept. As Pastor Gary said, giving of your first fruits is a concept that many of us have heard before but are not sure how to implement. The Giving Bank approach is one that shows children how to prioritize what is important and what is not. The Bible tells us to give with a cheerful heart! That is what we want to teach our children! If you are interested in purchasing a bank for your child/children, please let me know. I will be placing the order soon and will be able to re-order as necessary. Sr.childrensministry@tds.net

Mark your calendars for Night In Bethlehem

December 6th will be our special evening of Night In Bethlehem. Take a walk down the streets of Bethlehem as you see, hear, and smell the village come alive. As we enter the Advent season it is important to keep Jesus at the center. We have found that the Night In Bethlehem was a way for children and families of ALL ages to enjoy this special evening. If you are interested in assisting with this evening, please see Jamie Day for more information. Registration will be available soon ~ you won't want to miss it! Invite your friends and family to celebrate this Advent season with you!

Middle & High School Youth Service Opportunity Sunday November 15

We have an opportunity to help some senior citizens with fall yard clean up. We'll leave from Sugar River at 11:30 and return by 2:00. We will take a quick lunch break. Bring a rake, some work gloves, and a friend! Please let us know if you can join us so we can plan for drivers and lunch.

Middle School Growth Group

Just a reminder to everyone that the Middle school youth will meet between services from 9:40-10:10. If you are in 6th-8th grade, come join this group of energetic youth who are on a journey of faith and discipleship! They are having a lot of fun along the way!

November Children's Service Opportunities

The children are learning about Noah and his Ark! They will learn that God loves and cares for all living things. They will also learn about the covenant that God made to Noah and how the rainbow is a sign of that covenant. As a way to rejoice in that covenant and the way Noah honored God by taking care of the creatures we want to show that we can take care of God's creatures too!

We are partnering with the Dane County Humane Society to collect donations that will benefit the society. They are in need of pet food, chew toys, and kitty litter. If you are interested in donating items, please put them in the blue bin in the front foyer!

Night in Bethlehem Items Needed

- ◇ Chefs – to prepare a double batch of stew and bring in on December 6th (can be done now and frozen)
- ◇ Tarps – canvas tarps labeled with your name
- ◇ 10x10 pop up tents

Bulletin Board Servants

The Children's Ed team is looking for crafty creators who would be willing to design and put up a bulletin board. We know our congregation is full of people who are gifted with creativity! We would love to use that gift to design the children's bulletin board each month. Here is the list of themes that we have designated. Please let Jamie Day know which month you would be interested in creating. There are many supplies in the Sunday school store room!

November 29 Advent	March 14 Mary Magdalene
January 10 Joseph	April 11 Calling All Disciples
February 14 Peacemakers	May 9 Ten Commandments

Thank you for considering serving in this way!

SERVE

Advent Music Ensembles Forming NOW!

Three **Christmas Ensembles** are beginning practice soon. Are you interested in joining other Sugar River musicians in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are putting together:

- ◇ a **string ensemble** that will play at both services on December 6th with practices beginning Nov 19;
- ◇ a **flute ensemble** that will play at both services on December 13th with practices beginning around November 26;
- ◇ and a **brass ensemble** that will play at both services on December 20th with practices scheduled to begin the week of December 3.

We encourage anyone who is interested to join; all ages and skill levels are invited.

Also, we are looking for Christmas Carolers. We would like to get a group to sing outside on Christmas Eve prior to the 4:30 and 7:00 services

Music Director Pedro Oliveira Jr. is eager to hear from you for any of the opportunities listed above. His e-mail address is poliveirajr2@gmail.com and he's available before, between and after services.

Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, November 22, following second service

We will be having a "chili" lunch and then decorating Sugar River for the Christmas Season.

If you would be interested in bringing some chili, please email Betsy Forester, betsy.srlife@tds.net,

Otherwise, please bring something to go with our chili such as fruit, vegetables and dip, chips, cornbread, or of course, dessert!

Hope to see you at the Hanging of the Greens.

Christmas Giving Tree

Help make Christmas merrier for a child in need! There are many children in the Verona Area School District who will not have the gifts under their Christmas trees that many of our children have. You have the opportunity to provide a gift for one or more of these children. For the next two Sundays, please choose a mitten from the tree. Then have fun shopping! Purchase a \$25 gift suitable for the age and gender of the child. Please return unwrapped gifts with mittens attached to church on either Nov. 29th or Dec. 6th. This is a great project for families to do together! Information sheets and sign up are located by the tree. Questions? Contact Jackie Connell at 661-9494 or tjconnell@charter.net

"Sugar River Serves"

We've replenished our supply of our Sugar River Serves family cookbooks. Full of wonderful recipes provided by members of Sugar River, These cookbooks make great stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts for friends or family. Many of the treats that you've enjoyed at Sunday fellowship time can be found in the cookbook. Cookbooks can be purchased in fellowship hall, for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. All proceeds go to the Sugar River building fund.

Adult Bible Study: - Sundays @ 8: 30 am Paul's Letters to the Corinthians



Corinth was famous as the commercial hub of southern Greece. But it was also infamous as a center of immorality. In spite of that Paul established a church there. Though the church was in this city, the city was also in this church, infecting its fellowship & witness. Paul writes to deal with the problems that are afflicting it and delivers comments that are still potent and practical to the church today.

David Johnston leads this discussion based class. Join us to study God's word in community. Everyone is welcome! Registration is not required. Bring a friend.

Verona Food Pantry . Needs For November

baby food
cleaning supplies
baking items
(flour, sugar, etc)
toothbrushes



Worship Leaders: November 22nd

8:30

Greeter/Usher: Phelps Family
Liturgist: Mark Hagensick
Children's Message: Heather & Erin

Sunday School Teachers:

...Preschool: **Katie Sloat**
K - 5: Melissa Ryan, Sara Gross, Kim Krigbaum

Fellowship Hostess: Emily Zampardi

10:15

Greeter/Usher : The Pagans
Liturgist: Marian Maldonado
Pagan

Children's Message: Heather & Erin

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Tracey Sawyer
K - 5: Darci McRoberts, Roger Porter, Pam Millmann



Find Out More

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Jason Sloat

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Children Jamie Day

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Administration:

Administration: Dan Day

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Staff Parish Len Daniels

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Announcement Slides

Announcement requests should be sent to Lori at:

lori.zemlicka@gmail.com and must be received by **TUESDAY** 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

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By the Numbers . . .

11/8/09 Attendance:	8:30 -	101
	10:15 -	111
	Total -	212

Offering:	\$4,031
Offering - year to date:	\$184,684
Year to date goal	\$212,197

Announcement Format Request

-Requests should be 3-4 bullets (i.e., short sentences) in length

-Please submit requests by Tuesday to lori.zemlicka@gmail.com

-Questions? Contact Lori Zemlicka

Worship SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

* INDICATES, PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Fellowship

* Song of Celebration: *Cry of My Heart* (T. Butler)

* Call To Worship 8:30 - Lorrie Koppein
10:15 - Dan Strain

* Song of Praise: *Awesome God* (R. Mullins)

Children's Time Pastor Gary

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: *Holy, Holy, Holy* (R. Altizer)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Word In Scripture *Timothy 6:17-19, Proverbs 11: 24-25, 22:9*
(pages 1851, 1000, and 1017 in pew Bibles)

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Gary Holmes

Enough: "Defined by Generosity"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response *Ancient Words* (L. DeShazo)

Community Life and Offering

* Benediction

* Sending Forth: *Psalms 19* (T. Butler)