



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;

Monday: Advent by Candlelight 6:30 - 8:00pm

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

Wednesday: PUSH 9:00am; Children & Youth Ministries Committee 6:30 - 8:00pm; Confirmation Class 6:00 - 8:00pm; 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 or 845-5855

When: Noon on Wednesday

For the Calendar . . .

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Sugar River UMC

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NOVEMBER 29TH - 1st Sunday in Advent

Text: Luke 1:8-14

Zechariah and Elizabeth: Waiting on God

This week we will learn about the challenges of waiting upon God. Advent is a season of waiting. We wait for the birth of Jesus, but it is also a season of waiting for the return of Christ. Zechariah and Elizabeth waited so long for God to provide them with a child, that they had essentially given up. Yet, God provides. What are you waiting on God for? Let's learn from these stars of Bethlehem about the faithfulness of God...even when we are forced to wait.



"Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,

Luke 1:8-14

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

Worship Preparation for DECEMBER 6TH 2nd Sunday in Advent

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Mary and Gabriel: Fear Not Again!

Next week we will learn of Mary's challenge to overcome the fear and confusion of hearing God's call upon her life. Do you ever get confused on God's call upon your life? Do you ever fear that God might be asking too much of you? Come gather at the River next week to learn how we might go from fear to faith.

In Christ,

Pastor Gary

Advent Series: The Stars of Bethlehem...

This Advent Series will explore the important characters of the birth story of Jesus. Each character (star of Bethlehem's story) reveals an important message of God's love and gift of life revealed in Jesus. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to gather at the River for this inspiring series.

November 29	1 st Sunday in Advent Zechariah and Elizabeth: Waiting on God	Luke 1:8-14
December 6	2 nd Sunday in Advent Mary and Gabriel: Fear Not Again!	Luke 1:26-38
December 13	3 rd Sunday in Advent Joseph and a Dream: Silent Partner	Matthew 1:18-24
December 20	4 th Sunday in Advent Elisabeth, John and Mary: News for Good	Luke 1:39-56
December 24	Christmas Eve Service Shepherds: (4:30 PM Family, 7 PM Candlelight)	Luke 2:1-20
December 27	Pickin' Praise Sunday Pastor Gary's Family (Brothers and Sister-in-law) will be leading the service with foot-taping and soul-raising Gospel Bluegrass Music	



CONNECT

Advent by Candlelight Monday November 30TH 6:30pm

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



Men's Football Get Together

Calling all Sugar River men! Let's get together on Monday, December 7th to watch the Packers play the Ravens on the big screen at Sugar River. The game starts at 7:30. We'll have some snacks and desserts to enjoy during the game. Hope to see you there! Contact Jef Knight at jknight1@gmail.com or (269) 823-8076 if you need more info.

P.U.S.H.



"Pray Until Something Happens!" This is a group which gathers together for coffee, fellowship and prayer. We meet weekly to pray simply, speaking frankly and plainly to God. Drop in and join us if you want to grow in your prayer life, or if you have need of prayer Wednesdays at 9am. Call Marian Maldonado-Pagán at 239-1157 for location or more information

"I have been benefited by praying for others; for by making an errand to God for them I have gotten something for myself." Samuel Rutherford

Year End Charge Conference

Sugar River will hold its first end of year Charge Conference on Tuesday, December 1st at 7 PM at the Dodgeville United Methodist Church (327 N. Iowa Street). Our church is now a member of the Circuit of Churches (#53) that include:

Belleville: Grace UMC

Black Earth: Midland UMC

Dodgeville UMC

Mineral Point (UM Parish of the Hills)

Mount Horeb UMC

Pastor Edwin Vargas

Pastor Dianne Vielhuber

Pastor Rom Pegram

Pastor Mary Anne Conklin

Pastor Jackie Sharer Robertson

We will begin with joint worship and Sugar River will share a bit of its story. Then we will break up at 7:30 into local churches for the business of the Charge Conference (budget approval and reports). All members are welcome to attend with voice. Voting is limited to the Sugar River Council on Ministry Team Members. Hope all Council Members are planning to attend. We can plan to car pool from Sugar River, meet at 6 PM.

GROW

Youth News!

The Gingerbread Man

We are blessed to welcome Tim to our church on December 12 at 6:00pm. He is a chef at the University of Madison and has been making Gingerbread houses with church groups for many years. He will supply us with all of the things needed to create a beautiful house to take home. The cost will be \$15 for each house. Pre-registration and payment is due by December 6th to ensure adequate supplies are available. Please make checks out to Sugar River UMC and indicate Gingerbread Man in the memo. You can register on-line at www.sugarriverumc.org and click on the "Gingerbread Man" link.

Sunday school visits Four Winds Manor on December 20th at 11:15. Meet in the entryway if you are interested in joining us as we sing Christmas songs to the residents and deliver a special treat for each of them! We will be back to Sugar River by noon!

Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are available for everyone! Help yourself to a calendar – located in the rear of the sanctuary by the hall to children's ed. There are calendars for children, youth and adults! We pray you will have a blessed Advent season as you connect with God during this special time!

Night In Bethlehem - December 6th

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. Register in Fellowship Hall, or on-line at www.sugarriverumc.org and click on the link for Night in Bethlehem. Invite your friends and family to celebrate this Advent season with you!

Like to cook? -- Stew Needed

Many hands make light work! We would love your help in making a batch of stew for Night in Bethlehem! Contact Emily Royalty for the recipe! emroyalty@gmail.com

High School Youth Mission Trip

Mark your calendars for the summer mission trip!

June 20-27th the High School youth will be serving in South Dakota. Please continue to watch the Source and our web site for updates and meetings. If you have questions, please check with Barb Vander-Pas, Jackie Roessler or Jamie Day.

And be sure to check out the Next Step Ministries 2010 promotional video. You can find a link to it at our web site, www.sugarriverumc.org



SERVE

Cookies for the Men's Drop-In Shelter Meal

Sugar River and Asbury UMCs have the privilege of providing the evening meal for the Men's Drop-In Shelter located at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Madison the second Sunday of every other month. Our next opportunity to provide the meal will be Sunday, December 13th. Sugar River will be responsible for providing at least 24 dozen cookies or bars. The cookies can be brought to church on Sunday, December 13th, for delivery to the Men's Shelter. If you are able to provide cookies, please sign the list on the community services bulletin board in fellowship hall or contact Kristi Johnson at

845-5814 or KristiLRJohnson@gmail.com. Thank you for caring for your neighbors in need.

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

Night in Bethlehem Items Needed

- ◇ Tarps – canvas tarps labeled with your name
- ◇ 10x10 pop up tents

Christmas Greetings

Join other Sugar River families as we send our family Christmas card or picture to our church family! It is easy...just send one card to Sugar River and we will put them on display in fellowship hall. Make sure to check out the other cards when you are at church! Sugar River's address is 130 North Franklin Street, Verona, WI 53593

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.

Worship Leaders:

December 6th

8:30

Greeter/Usher: Roessler Family

Liturgist: Jack Roessler

Children's Message Puppets

Sunday School Teachers:

Family Sunday, No Sunday School

Fellowship Hostess: Tracey Shaughnessy

10:15

Greeter/Usher : Vander Pas Family

Liturgist: Marilen Mateo Butler

Children's Message: Puppets

Sunday School Teachers:

Family Sunday, No Sunday School

Verona Food Pantry . Needs For November

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





Find Out More

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Sugar River Leadership

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Brian Earley

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Visitor Services (WAVE) Pam Millmann

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Jason Sloat

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Jacob Taddy

In-Reach Lisa Graham

Children:

Children Jamie Day

Youth Ministry Joe & Jocelyn Przywara/ John & Kathi Oestreicher

Administration:

Administration: Dan Day

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Alan Bridges

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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 and web site to describe activities/ events in more detail

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By the Numbers . . .

11/22/09 Attendance:	8:30 -	86
	10:15 -	118
	Total -	204

Offering:	\$3,362
Offering - year to date:	\$198,308
Year to date goal	\$221,814

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 29TH

* INDICATES, PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Fellowship

* Song of Celebration: *That's Why We Praise Him*
(T. Walker)

* Call To Worship 8:30 - Eileen Henning
10:15 - Tim McRoberts

* Song of Praise: *Grace Like Rain*
(Agnew, Collins, Excell, Newton)

Children's Time Children Sing (Pastor Gary)

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* (B. McGee)

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The Word In Scripture *Luke 1:8-14*
(page 1587 in pew Bibles)

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Gary Holmes

Advent:

Zechariah, Gabriel, and Elizabeth

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
(Charles Wesley)

Community Life and Offering

* Benediction

* Sending Forth: *We Three Kingss* (J. Hopkins)