



# The Sugar River

# SOURCE

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## Looking Ahead:

### November

#### TODAY:

**Worship 8:30 and 10:15am;** Adult Advent 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;

### December

**1:** Advent By Candlelight 6:30pm

**2:** Women's Morning Small Group 10:30am; Men's Evening Small Group 7pm;

**3:** PUSH 8:30am; Confirmation Class 6-8pm; Couples group 6:30pm

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

**7: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am;** Adult Advent Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Puppet Ministry rehearsal 9:30am; Children's Christmas program rehearsal 9:30am; Family Production Nite - A Night in Bethlehem 4-5:30pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm;

**12:** Family Craft Nite

**19:** Middle School free baby-sitting evening

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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 DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Text: Luke 2:8-14

## All Jesus Wants for Christmas is :

### PEACE

**W**hat does Jesus want for Christmas? According to the scriptures, Jesus has come to give us peace. This is a peace that the world cannot give. Do you have room in your life to share in the peace that Jesus longs to give? A peace for our souls, a peace we share with others, and a peace with God is what Jesus wants for Christmas.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gary



<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14

## Advent Season at Sugar River

Advent is traditionally the season of expectation and anticipation. The season of hope, peace, joy and love as revealed in the divine presence of Christ. It is an expectation that God will come. God will come to us and speak truth and grace to our lives. I am VERY excited about this season in the life of Sugar River. We will take an interesting look at this Christmas season by asking what Jesus would want for Christmas. Several leaders of the River (Jamie and Dan Day, Kristi and Curt Johnson, Betsy Forester, Marian Maldonado-Pagan, Darryl Graham, and Pastor Gary) went to a church conference at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Ohio a few weeks ago. During one of the sessions the lead pastor, Mike Slaughter, challenged us to consider a new approach to Christmas by saying, "You know, it is not your birthday." So we will be looking at the Christmas story, in its beauty, simplicity, and message in light of considering what Jesus would want for Christmas. One thing for sure, Jesus would want us to continue his work to "preach good news to the poor. ... proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed" (Luke 4:18, NIV). To help us focus on caring for others in need this season, we will be learning about a United Methodist Global Ministries Mission to provide working wells and hygiene/sanitation education to the people of Mozambique. The Mozambique initiative is in corporation with Life Water International and is called the Living Water Society. We can honor God and bless our brothers and sisters in need by providing clean water, hygiene, and sanitation. This Advent Season "living water" flows from the River.

## Advent Worship Series

- Nov. 30 - All Jesus Wants for Christmas is HOPE, Luke 1:30-32, 34-35, 38
- Dec. 7 All Jesus Wants for Christmas is PEACE, Luke 2:8-14
- Dec. 14 All Jesus Wants for Christmas is JOY, Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 21 All Jesus Wants for Christmas is LOVE, Luke 2:1-7
- Dec. 24 4:30 Family Christmas Eve Celebration with Candle Light  
7:00 Traditional Candle Light Service of Carols and Story  
Our Down to Earth God John 1:1-18



# 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 get them posted.

If you are interested in helping organize the event, please contact Carol Hagensick 833-3097 [cahagen@charter.net](mailto:cahagen@charter.net)

# GROW

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



Advent and Christmas are a time of wonder and beauty. Songs are 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

### Family Production Nite—Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

A Night In Bethlehem will be coming to Sugar River on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring many sights, sounds, and smells of the village during our Family Production Nite this month. You are strongly encouraged to bring friend and families that might like to explore this village with you. As we enter our Christmas season, reach out to others in our community and express God's love and your desire to have people join you in relationship with God. Together you will explore a living nativity, visit shops around the Marketplace, enjoy Christmas songs, watch a Christmas skit and enjoy a meal together! We will be asking for reservations to this exciting event, please RSVP to [sr.childrensministry@tds.net](mailto:sr.childrensministry@tds.net) or let Jamie Day know how many you are able to bring with you!

Children's Ministry is in need of E-Z up tents and canvas tarps for December 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jamie Day if you have one we can borrow!

### "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party is scheduled for December 21.

This is also a great time for children to invite friends. Please let Jamie Day know if you would like to have a leadership role in this event. Most of the outline is done – it just needs a loving servant to carry it through!

### 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.

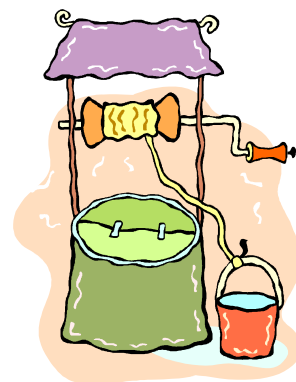
### Preschool - 5th Grade!

#### "Journey to Bethlehem"

During Advent, we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of the promised Savior, Jesus. The coming of Jesus is the gift of Christmas, something we can remember and celebrate all year. The children will begin their preparation by preparing their hearts for Christ.

### Lifewater Wishing Well

Starting December 7<sup>th</sup> the children and youth will be encouraged to bring in coins to put in our wishing well. The money raised by the children will be donated to Lifewater as part of our church-wide service opportunity. We will be sharing with the children the importance of clean water and what that can do for a village that doesn't have that luxury.



## Free Babysitting - December 19th

December 19<sup>th</sup> the Middle School Youth will be offering free babysitting for the members of our congregation. Children ages birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome to attend. We will have activities and games for all ages. We hope parents will be able to use this time to reconnect and find some PEACE during this busy season. Please sign up for this event as our activities will be based on registrations received by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see sign up sheet for more details. The Youth will be going to Ultrazone following this service event!

# SERVE

## Ministry Technology Being Developed at Sugar River UMC!

Do you have a skill or even an interest in working with video production. Would you enjoy working with an HD Video Camcorder or edit with a Power Mac computer (or use your computer at home)? Would you like to create graphics for a sermon series, children's ministry project, or video project? I would like to invite you to support a very important ministry at Sugar River. This ministry can have a powerful impact upon the vision and ministry impact at Sugar River. Please contact me and let me know your interest and possible availability for a gathering of "geeks for God" on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 – 7:30 PM. YES, we invite the gifted ability of our techno-youth!



I look forward to hearing from you! Contact me at the office: 845-5855. ~Pastor Gary

## Verona Food Pantry

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Verona Food Pantry is 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](mailto: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](http://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 family tradition.

## The River is Looking for Musicians!

We are expanding our music ministry at Sugar River. We know that there are many other musicians that could honor God and bless the congregation through sharing their gifts. So, what about you? What instrument do you play (beginner, intermediate, or advanced)? We hope to put together ensembles of a variety of instruments (brass, woodwind, percussion, etc...) as well as having a future Sugar River Orchestra. Don't worry if it has been a few years since you have played, please notify the office (phone: 845-5855, email: [sugarriverumc@tds.net](mailto:sugarriverumc@tds.net), or tell Pastor Gary or Betsy on Sunday morning) so we can begin this exciting new music ministry.

Come on, join the fun, and get those chops back in shape!

### 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  
regular office hours: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Director of Children and Youth Ministries:**  
Jamie Day 608-833-4945 sr.childrensministry@tds.net  
regular office hours: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Wednesday

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**Worship Leaders:**  
December 7th

8:30

**Greeters:** Linda Cook  
**Ushers:** Phelps Family  
**Liturgist:** Rex Loker  
**Children's Message:**  
**Fellowship hostess:** Janelle Peterson  
**Teachers:**  
**Preschool:** -  
**Elementary:** - Konnie Dahman, Natalie Peck  
**Setup:** Grahams  
**Flowers for the altar:**

10:15

**Greeters:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Liturgist:** - Milton Geisler  
**Children's Message:**  
**Teachers:**  
**Preschool:** Lisa Graham  
**Elementary:** Roger Porter, Brian Early, Pam 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.

## Team Leaders

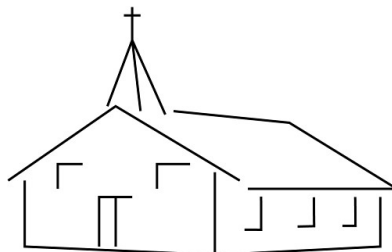
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Jamie Day
<b>Church Council</b>	Darryl Graham
<b>Community Services</b>	Kristi Johnson
<b>Discipleship</b>	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
<b>Facilities</b>	Robert Pagan
<b>Finance</b>	Ben Miller
<b>Membership</b>	Betsy Forester
<b>Operations</b>	Dan Day
<b>Outreach</b>	Mike Polk
<b>Welcoming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

## Announcement Slides

**Announcement requests should be sent to Lori at: [lori.zemlicka@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 . . .

<b>11/23/08 Attendance:</b>	<b>8:30 - 53</b>
	<b>10:15 - 116</b>
	<b>Total - 169</b>

<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$3,980</b>
<b>Offering - year to date:</b>	<b>\$179,336</b>
<b>Year to date GOAL:</b>	<b>\$189,453</b>