



SOURCE

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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

DECEMBER 13TH - 3rd Sunday in Advent

Text: Matthew 1:18-24

TODAY:

Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Middle School Growth Group 9:40-10:10am; High School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00pm

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

Wednesday: PUSH 9:00am; 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

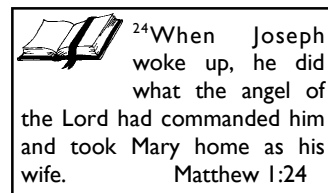
Friday: Women's Morning Growth Group 9:00-10:30am

Sunday 20: Women's Book Club 3:00pm

Monday 21: Longest Night Service 7:00pm

Joseph and a Dream: Silent Partner

This week we continue our series on Bethlehem's stars by reflecting upon the story of Joseph. What do we know about Joseph? Why is he so quickly out of the picture in Jesus life? Yet, what scripture does reflect is the silent partner who was faithful



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

Worship Preparation for DECEMBER 20TH 4th Sunday in Advent

Text: Luke 1:39-56

Elisabeth and Mary: News for Good

Next week is the final Sunday in Advent. We will reflect upon the story of Mary and Elizabeth. Both mothers expecting the birth of their child as God had foretold. This is great news! Life is changed forever by the events that about to take place. Do we understand this good news? Is there room in our Christmas for the reason for this season? Yes, and it can transform our lives! Join us for worship with your family, friends and neighbors.

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.

December 13	3rd 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	



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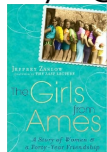
A Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness Monday, December 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.

For many of us, Christmas is a bittersweet time of year. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. This is the time of year with the longest nights, so for the first time, Sugar River will offer a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join us on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm, for a time of special music, scripture, stories, silent reflection, healing prayer and communion. Please come.

CONNECT

Women's Book Club Meeting

The December gathering of the Sugar River Women's Book Club will be Sunday December 20 at 3:00 pm (Note the time change!) at the home of Lisa Graham. The book for December is *The Girls From Ames* by Jeffrey Zaslow. Please RSVP to Lisa at darrylisa@yahoo.com or call 848-3173 or if you have any questions.



Meet the [Ames Girls](#): eleven childhood friends who formed a special bond growing up in Ames, Iowa. As young women, they moved to eight different states, yet managed to maintain an enduring friendship that would carry them through college and careers, marriage and motherhood, dating and divorce, a child's illness and the mysterious death of one member of their group. Capturing their remarkable story, *The Girls from Ames* is a testament to the deep bonds of women as they experience life's joys and challenges — and the power of friendship to triumph over heartbreak and unexpected tragedy.

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

GROW

Night In Bethlehem - A Great Success!

Thank you to the many hands that helped make our second Night in Bethlehem such a wonderful evening for the families of Sugar River and Verona! We smelled aromas from the Bakery and Herb shop, worked on a project in the carpentry store, pinched a piece of pottery, made jewelry and rain sticks, and painted a keepsake ornament. Most of all, we gathered in Christian fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Jesus this Advent season! Many thanks to everyone involved in this magical evening!



The Gingerbread Man

Wow, was that sweet! Over 15 families enjoyed an evening together as "The Gingerbread Man" guided us through making a special house to take home! Take a look at the pictures on our website: www.sugarriverumc.org

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!

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

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!

Please contact Lisa Graham at darrylisa@yahoo.com or call 848-3173 with any questions.

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.

SERVE

Advent Mission - The Heifer Project

This advent Sugar River will be working with Heifer International's mission to bring together communities to end world hunger. By raising money we can buy animals to donate to hungry families. "This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope."

"In 2009, Americans will spend over 450 Billion dollars on Christmas presents. People in Wisconsin will spend over 4 Billion dollars. People in Verona will spend over 7 million dollars. What would happen if we spent less? Gave more? You can change the life a family for the amount it costs to give someone a DVD. You can save lives by reduction of hunger, improve family relationships, promote gender equality, improve health and farming skills. You can change lives and give hope. How will you spend this Christmas?"

"Beth Heneghan will be taking donations for Marian M. Pagan's oil paintings this month. Paintings can be viewed in the Fellowship Hall between services. All proceeds will go to our advent mission.

Please visit www.sugarriverumc.org for more information on this mission project

Adopt A Family

In spite of the efforts of the VAHS toy collection, there are still families in the Verona Area School District who will not be able to provide gifts for their children this Christmas. Bridget Rogers, social worker with Joining Forces for Families in Verona, has had a number of families contact her for assistance with gifts for their families. She is reaching out to the community for families, groups, and churches to adopt a family for Christmas by providing gifts. She will provide ages/sizes/gift suggestions and will deliver the gifts. This may be an opportunity for small groups or for families to go together to provide for another family in need. Bridget can be reached at 848-2108 or rogers.bridget@co.dane.wi.us. Questions can be directed to Kristi Johnson at 845-5814 or kristiljohnson@gmail.com.

Community Service Opportunities

The community services team would like to create service interest groups where people with common service interests could partner together to create their own service opportunities. The following are some of the opportunities that the community services team has identified. If you are interested in any of these or have other ideas, please contact Jason Sloat:

Community Service Team Member	Shoveling snow !!!!!
Working with the Homeless	Working with Children
Construction	Community Clean up
Working with Seniors	Literacy
Food Pantry	Gardening
Working with animals	Working with health/medical services

Share The Memories

We all know how important pictures are in recording our history, and just as they are meaningful and important to you, so too are the pictures of church activities important to the history and life of Sugar River. Not only do they help preserve the record of our life, but we like to use them during worship in the form of slide shows and on web site.

We are in the process of building a church photo library. If you have pictures of any church activity that you would be willing to share, we'd love to have copies. If a few, you can e-mail them to source@tds.net. Or burn them to a cd or put them on a jump drive labeled with your name. and leave them in the "Source" mailbox at church, or give them to Mark Hagensick

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 VanderPas, 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

Worship Leaders:

December 20th

8:30

Greeter/Usher: Contrucci Family

Liturgist: Sally Fitzer

Children's Message Puppets

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Meister

K-5: Julie Ibinger, Brian Early, Traci & Rich Sawyer

Fellowship Hostess: Melissa Ryan

10:15

Greeter/Usher : Kristi & Curt Johnson

Liturgist: John Forester

Children's Message: Puppets

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Ray Rickert

Betsy Forester, Liz Contrucci, Beth Atwell

Verona Food Pantry .

Needs For December

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





Find Out More

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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: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Tuesday & Wednesday

Director of Music:
Pedro Oliveira Jr. 608-845-5855 poliveirajr2@gmail.com

Directors of Worship
Heather Royer & Erin Wilson 608-845-5855 srworship@tds.net

Sugar River Leadership

Church Council	Darryl Graham
Connect:	
Worship	Gary Holmes
Fellowship	Tracey Shaughnessy
Grow:	
Growth Groups	Jackie Roessler/ Brian Earley
Community Development/Membership	Betsy Forester
Visitor Services (WAVE)	Pam Millmann
Serve:	
Community Services	Kristi Johnson/ Jason Sloat
Missions	Beth Heneghan/ Jacob Taddy
In-Reach	Lisa Graham
Children:	
Children	Jamie Day
Youth Ministry	Joe & Jocelyn Przywara/ John & Kathi Oestreicher
Administration:	
Administration:	Dan Day
Finance	Ben Miller/ Alan Bridges
Trustees	John Forester
Staff Parish	Len Daniels
Communications	Mike Polk

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 . . .

12/6/09 Attendance:	8:30 - 90
	10:15 - 112
	Total - 202
Offering:	\$4,219
Offering - year to date:	\$211,570
Year to date goal	\$232,668

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 DECEMBER 13TH

* INDICATES, PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Fellowship

* Song of Celebration: *Away in a Manger*
(Public Domain)

* Call To Worship & Lighting 8:30 - Jackie Connell
of the Advent Candles 10:15 - Milton Geisler

* Song of Praise: *You Are My King*
(B. Foote)

Children's Time Kristi Johnson

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 *Matthew 1:18-24*
(page 1497 in pew Bibles)

The Word Proclaimed Pastor Gary Holmes

Advent:

Joseph and a Dream

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Response *Indescribable* (L. Story)

Community Life and Offering

* Benediction

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