



The Sugar River

SOURCE

July 6, 2008

Succeeding in Life and Love :

The Cost of Freedom

Looking Ahead:

JUNE

29 Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Women's Book Club 7pm

JULY

1: Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

2: PUSH 8:30am; Women's Evening Small Group 7pm;

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

4: Happy Independence Day!!!!

6: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am;

8: Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

9: PUSH 8:30am;

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

13: Concert in the Park 6pm

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Worship Preparation for JULY 6TH

Text: *Philippians 2:12-18*

On this 4th of July weekend we will celebrate our blessings as a nation and as a community of faith.

This week we will also examine the costs of what it takes to be free. I know, what do I mean by saying that FREEdom costs something. Well we all know that our nation has paid in lives and other ways to allow our nation to remain free. However, our spiritual lives must also incorporate certain costs to experience freedom. Come gather at the River this weekend to help you experience a more profound freedom in your life! This is a freedom you can share with others!

In Christ,
Gary



"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. ."

Philippians 2:12-13

Evening In the Park Concert

Sunday, July 13, 6:00 pm

at Harriet Park in Verona

It's time again for a relaxing evening of fun fellowship and music at "An Evening in the Park Concert" Music will be provided by our very own Sugar River Praise Band. There will be inflatable kids games, free treats, and other surprises. So, bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park.

WISCONSIN FLOODS:

In the past weeks crippling storms have afflicted wide parts of the Midwest. In Wisconsin, recent storms have brought disastrous flooding to many communities, including communities devastated in last summer's floods. In the midst of these disastrous floods and storms that have struck our community, we lean on our faith for support. The Christian community always generously serves those in need in times of trouble and disaster. The Wisconsin Council of Churches is working closely with the Wisconsin VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) to coordinate the response of the faith community. Here's what you can do to help:

1) Prayers - Your prayers are especially needed at this time. Please pray for those affected by the floods. Please pray for the first responders still working to ensure that all are safe.

2) How to Volunteer - At this time, it remains hazardous and difficult to travel to many of the local communities affected by these floods. Therefore do not travel to these communities unless you verify that local communities have reached the stage to host volunteers to help. For information about local volunteering opportunities in Wisconsin, call "211." If you do find a local community ready to host volunteers, remember to come as part of an organized group.

3) Donations - Please do not send unsolicited gifts of food, clothing, or other materials. If local food pantries and other social service distributions centers need these donations at a later time, they will make those requests of the local community.

Please do consider giving to the long term recovery needs of those affected by flooding through your denominational disaster relief service or directly to the Wisconsin Council of Churches earmarked "Flood Relief." Checks can be sent to: Wisconsin Council of Churches, 750 Windsor St. #301, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

STUDY

Vacation Bible School



Get ready to Blast Off to Cosmic City this summer at Sugar River. Our Vacation Bible School will be starting our voyage on July 21-July 25 from 9-11:30. Earthlings ages 3 to 5th grades are encouraged to plan on this mission into space. Detailed flight information will follow!

Contact Jamie Day or e-mail sugarrivervbs2008@tds.net with any questions!

Registration forms available at the welcome center or at our web site:
<http://www.sugarriverumc.org/documents/VBSRegForm.pdf>

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: . . .

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL K-GR.5

During the summer months, children are invited to attend worship with their families. Special activity pages and children's bulletins will be provided so the kids can follow along and participate in the service. Sunday School classes will resume after Labor Day. Enjoy the summer!

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



This is an ongoing study that meets every Sunday in the Conference Room from 8:30-9:30am. We begin the study of Ephesians May 25. The letter of EPHESIANS summarizes many of the important teachings found in the letters of the apostle Paul such as the benefits and responsibilities of being "in Christ," integral instruction for marriage and family relationship, the articles of the armor of God to be used in spiritual warfare, and much more.

No registration is required just drop in and join the discussion and feel free to bring a friend with you!! Led by David Johnston. Call Marian Maldonado-Pagan at 278-1477 for more information.

Discipleship & Small Group Resources

Discipleship Journal is a bimonthly publication whose mission is to help believers develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and to provide practical help in understanding scriptures and applying them to daily life and ministry. It can be used as a resource for small groups. Check out the "Leaders Guide to Group Study" at the beginning of each issue. Journal issues are housed in the conference room and can be signed out.

CONNECT

Notice to all Sugar River Women

I am attempting to periodically update the distribution list for the Ladies' Night Out e-mails. If you are not currently receiving an e-mail reminder, and would like to be added to the list please contact me. Likewise, if you are getting reminders but would prefer not to anymore, please let me know. Thanks for the help keeping the list current!!

Please contact Pam Millmann Millmann4@tds.net

P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens)

P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens) is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings and uses the power of prayer and scripture to further their faith journey. For information on time and place, contact group leader Marian Maldonado-Pagan at 278-1477.



Sugar River's E-Prayer Ministry

Did you know that Sugar River has an electronic prayer ministry? The next time you have a special concern or request that needs immediate prayer, send it to amberw@wisconsinumc.org and she will send it out to all the "Links" on our e-prayer chain. These prayer warriors have volunteered to keep all concerns confidential and promise to lift all concerns up in pray. If you'd like to become a "Link" on the e-prayer chain, send your email address to Amber at the above address.

Jodi Lou Run/Walk Update.....\$32,000 !!!

The 1st Annual Jodi Lou Lung Cancer Walk/Run was a HUGE success!!! Over \$32,000 was raised and thanks to the "Creating Hope" fund raising campaign thru the UW Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center these funds will be matched dollar for dollar by the state for a total of \$64,000!!! A sincere thank you to everyone for your hard work and generosity! Be sure to continue to check out www.jodilou.org for periodic updates regarding the Jodi Lou fund! THANK YOU!



Verona Food Pantry ..

NEEDS FOR JULY

Peanut butter
Jelly
Rice
Pancake syrup
Plastic Grocery bags
One-dish Meals



Meal Ministry

If you are able to provide a meal for someone in need or know someone who would benefit from meals please contact Kathi Oestreicher: kathio@chorus.net

Produce for the Pantry

Are you planting a vegetable garden this summer? If so, please consider planting an extra row or two to grow extra produce for the Verona Food Pantry. The families who use the pantry love receiving fresh produce and the pantry loves to be able to give it out. Produce can be brought to the pantry Mondays and Thursdays between 3:00 and 7:00 pm. Thank you for caring for your neighbors in need

Donation of the Month for Belize Missions

Hair Care Products (Combs, barrettes, etc)

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I needed clothes and you clothed me."

– Matthew 25:35-36

SERVE

Adopt a (Church) Garden -- Volunteers Needed

The church is looking for a few individuals/families to adopt a garden for the summer. As you know, it takes many volunteers to keep the church grounds looking beautiful. Unfortunately, we just don't have people to keep up with gardens and bushes, especially pulling the weeds regularly. Weeds can overtake the garden and take away from the beauty of the flowers. If we can get some folks to adopt a garden or a section of the bushes, and conduct regular maintenance, it will provide some much needed relief to the existing volunteers, and keep our church beautiful for HIM.

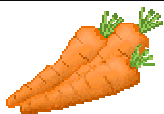


If you are interested in adopting a garden, please contact Janitor Bob (aka Robert Pagan) at 278-1477 or email him at romali@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Worship Assistants

Each Sunday it takes a team of people to make our worship services successful. Each Sunday we need Greeters, who provide that welcoming handshake and warm smile that greets us all. We need ushers, who hand out bulletins, help you find a seat and wait on us for our offerings. We need liturgists, someone who leads us in the responsive reading and scripture lesson. There are sign up sheets on the podium in Fellowship Hall. We are all Gods servants, so please consider serving.

Volunteers Needed for Food Pantry Garden Project



The Madison Area Food Pantry Garden Project is underway for 2008. The Sugar River community service team is recruiting volunteers who are willing to spend a couple of hours occasionally this summer working in the gardens. Specifically, we would like to help out at the Hershberger and Malmquist gardens on the fourth Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each month, respectively, starting in May. However, volunteers are always needed

and welcome any Tuesday or Thursday evening. We can use up to 6 people per night. The work will vary, depending on the time of the gardening season. In general, there will be planting, weeding and harvesting to do. This can be a family project!! The hours are approximately 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Additional information about this project and the locations of the gardens can be found at www.foodpantrygardens.org. Check out the web site for updated weather-related information and other announcements. If you have additional questions, please contact Kristi or Curt Johnson (845-5814; klrjohnson@charter.net; cajohnson@pharmacy.wisc.edu).



ODDS & ENDS

Our Mission

Sugar River exists for families, friends, and neighbors to gather in faith, experience God, serve others, and become devoted followers of Christ.

Find Out More

Gary's regular office hours are: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.
Amber's hours are: 9 AM-1 PM Tuesday, 1-5 PM on Thursday

Pastor: Gary Holmes	608-845-5855	gholmes@chorus.net
Minister of Worship & Music: Rev. Amber Wolover	608-423-3913	amberw@wisconsinumc.org
Director of Community Life: Betsy Forester	608-845-2577	betsy.forester@charter.net

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.

Announcements

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:*

Team Leaders

Children's Ministry	Jamie Day, Amber Wolover
Church Council	John Forester
Community Services	Kristi Johnson
Discipleship	Marian Maldonado-Pagan
Facilities	Robert Pagan
Finance	Ben Miller
Membership	
Ministry	
Operations	Dan Day
Outreach	Mike Polk
Welcoming (WAVE)	Pam Millmann

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

By the Numbers . . .

6/22/08 Attendance:	8:30 -
	10:15 -
	Total -
Offering:	\$
Offering - year to date:	\$
Year to date GOAL:	\$

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)

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Worship Leaders:
July 6th

8:30
Greeters: The Connells
Ushers: The Oestreichers
Liturgist: Mark Hagensick
Children's Message:
Fellowship hostess: Leslie Miller
Teachers: None - No Sunday School for the summer
Flowers on the Altar:
Pam & Craig Coshun's Anniversary

10:15
Greeters:
Ushers: The Pagans
Liturgist: -Marian Maldonado Pagan
Children's Message:
Teachers: None - No Sunday School for the summer

