



The Sugar River

SOURCE

August 10, 2008

Friendship with God :

From Duty to Delight

Looking Ahead:

AUGUST

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

11: Ladies Night Out

12: Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

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

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

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

19: Men's Evening Small Group 7pm

20: PUSH 8:30am;

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

24: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; **Concert in the Park 6pm McKee farms Park**

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Worship Preparation for AUGUST 17RD

Text: John 14:15; Psalm 40:5

The summer is over half over. I know, why did I have to say it. Well, I didn't want us to let the summer slip by, like it often does, without taking an inventory of the blessing we have received. If you were to think of a high-light for this summer, what would it be? If you still have something you want to accomplish this summer, what would it be? Here is my hope for yet this summer: I would like to grow deeper in my understanding and experience of God's love. Sounds simple, yet too easily neglected. Our basic purpose in life is to love God and love people, right? How is your experience of God's love? I am hoping this series, *Friendship with God*, helps flame the passion of your love for God and others. The first Sunday in this series will look at the balance of duty and delight in our friendship with God. What are your plans for the rest of this summer? Maybe invite your family, friend, or neighbor to gather at the River this Sunday.

In Christ,
Gary

Thank You, Amber

As you know, Reverend Amber has accepted an appointment with Divine Savior UMC in Madison. Her last Sunday at Sugar River will be this Sunday, August 10th. She has graced Sugar River for more than three years with her incredible passion for ministry and her unique blend of gifts and talents. It is no coincidence that Sugar River "grew up" these past three years. During that time, Amber's fingerprints have been all over nearly every major ministry development at Sugar River. She spear-headed the transformation of our music ministry, the expansion of our children's ministry, the creation of Family Production Nite, and so much more. And, who could ever forget Polly Esther Jones and Amber's enormous contributions to Sugar River VBS?

We are so fortunate that Amber answered God's call to ministry at Sugar River. Although we are sad she is leaving, we understand the importance of turning the page and following God's next call to ministry. I hope the congregation at Divine Savior knows how fortunate they are.

Please join me in celebrating Amber's incredible ministry at Sugar River. Reverend Amber, on behalf of a very grateful congregation, thank you, best wishes, we'll miss you, God bless you, and we love you.

John Forester, Chair
Sugar River Council



"If you love me, you will obey what I command.

John 14:15

Many, O LORD my God,
are the wonders you have done.
The things you planned for us
no one can recount to you;
were I to speak and tell of them,
they would be too many to declare.

Psalm 40:5

Coming Attractions:

August:

- 24 - Friendship with God: Abound or Abide?
1 Corinthians 15:58, Matthew 11:28-30
- 31 - Friendship with God; God's Love, Theory and Practice
Ephesians 32:17-19

STUDY

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



Open to all. No registration is required. This is a great class led by David Johnston for anyone wanting to learn more about the Bible in a casual, not intimidating atmosphere. You don't even have to bring a Bible as we will provide you with one if needed. You can participate if you want, or you can sit back and look and listen. We meet from 8:30-9:30am on Sundays in the conference room. Check us out!

Tough Questions



Is anybody out there?

What is God really like?

Why do innocent people suffer?

How can rational people believe in miracles?

Where did evil come from?

Why doesn't God do something?

Tough questions? Reasonable questions? The kinds of challenging questions you, or someone you know, may be asking, that are worth taking time to explore.

Coming this fall: TOUGH QUESTIONS SERIES:

HOW DOES ANYONE KNOW GOD EXISTS? & HOW CAN GOD ALLOW SUFFERING & EVIL?

Join a spirited dialogue beginning Sunday, September 7 at 10:15am in the conference room. Facilitated by Jane Teasdale To register and/or for more information please call or e-mail Marian Maldonado-Pagan at 278-1477 or romali@sbcglobal.net.

CONNECT

August Ladies Night Out



The next Ladies' Night Out will be Monday August 11th. We will meet between 5:30 and 6:00 at JT Whitney's (on Whitney Way). All women are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Pam at Millmann4@tds.net or 273-2602. Thanks!

August Women's Book Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Sugar River Women's Book Club will be on Sunday August 17 at 7 pm at Janie Ritter's home. The book we are reading and discussing is *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by **Ann Packer**. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lisa Graham, darrylisa@yahoo.com or 848-3173. Hope to see you all there!!

A riveting novel about loyalty and self-knowledge, and the conflict between who we want to be to others and who we must be for ourselves.

The Dive from Clausen's Pier reminds us how precarious our lives are and how quickly they can be divided into before and after, whether by random accident or by the force of our own desires. It begins with a disaster that could happen, out of the blue, in anybody's life, and it forces us to ask how we would bear up in the face of tragedy and what we know, or think we know, about our deepest allegiances. Elegantly written and ferociously paced, emotionally nuanced and morally complex,

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 sugarriverumc@tds.net and it will be sent 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 Betsy at the above address.

Evening in the Park Concert
Sunday, August 24 at 6 p.m.
McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg

Please join us for **FREE Music and More!**
Contemporary Christian Music
(performed by The Praise Band from Sugar River UMC)
Inflatable Kids' Games
Free Treats
Good Family Fun

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, refresh your picnic evening.
For more information, visit www.sugarriverumc.org

Cell Phone Collection Drive



Donate your inactive cell phones. (no accessories, chargers, etc.) You'll be helping the Asbury Belize Mission Team. Fourteen (so far) will be traveling back to Orange Walk January 24-31, 2009. Bring your cell phone to the collection boxes at Sugar River or Asbury. If you are interested in joining the Belize Team there is still room. We will be purchasing airline tickets within the 2-4 weeks so hurry to reserve your spot.

We'd love to have you! Call Becky Olson, 238-9211 for details.

Verona Food Pantry ..

NEEDS FOR AUGUST

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



Donation of the Month for Belize

TEACHER SUPPLIES

Stickers
Pens/Sharpies
Markers
Post-it Notes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils
Erasers
Pencil sharpeners
School scissors
Rulers
Colored pencils
Crayons
Glue sticks



WISCONSIN FLOODS:

While the storms and flooding are receding from our memory just as the waters themselves are receding back to their pre-flood levels, it will take months if not years for people to fully recover. Here's what you can still 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) **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.

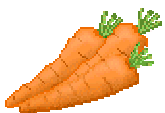
SERVE

Sugar River Fellowship Time

At Sugar River, fellowship time is a vital ministry to who we are. It creates an environment where people may informally gather, get to know each other and openly explore their faith. Sugar River wants to make everyone, including visitors, feel welcome and we hope this happens at fellowship time. Our fellowship time is between services from 9:30-10:15. There is a rotating fellowship team (6 members) that provides a fabulous array of food each Sunday. Each team member's passion for hosting/entertaining, baking, and providing a warm, friendly atmosphere is always evident. If you are passionate about these same things and would like the opportunity to "entertain at the River" and become part of this vital ministry, please contact Tracey Shaughnessy at 845-5014 or TAPShaughnessy@AOL.com



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

Pastor: Gary Holmes 608-845-5855 gholmes@chorus.net

Director of Community Life
Betsy Forester 608-845-2577 betsy.forester@charter.net

Gary's regular office hours are: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

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Worship Leaders:
August 17th

8:30
Greeters: Coshun Family
Ushers: Lawry's
Liturgist: Jane Teasdale
Children's Message:
Fellowship hostess: Leslie Miller
Teachers: None - No Sunday School for the summer
Flowers on the Altar: Ryan's Anniversary

10:15
Greeters: Cecil & Shirley Barlow
Ushers:
Liturgist: -Lisandra Pagan
Children's Message:
Teachers: None - No Sunday School for the summer



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

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 . . .

7/27/08 Attendance:	8:30 - 65
	10:15 - 54
	Total - 119
Offering:	\$2,345
Offering - year to date:	\$109,589
Year to date GOAL:	\$120,928