



The Sugar River

SOURCE

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Looking Ahead:

SEPTEMBER

28: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Preschool & 3rd Grade Bible presentations; Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am Tough Questions class 10:15am; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm

30: Men's Evening Small Group 7pm; Listening Prayer DVD class 7pm

OCTOBER

1: PUSH 8:30am; Women's Morning Small Group 10:30; Confirmation 6-8pm; Couples Small Group

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

5: Worship 8:30 and 10:15am; Sunday School 8:30 & 10:15am Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:30am; Tough Questions class 10:15am; Family Production Night 4-5:30pm; High School Youth Fellowship 6:30-8pm

10: Family Craft Night 6-10pm

11: Fall Clean-up Day 9am-noon

12: Crop Walk

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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 OCTOBER 5TH

Text: James 2

James: The Christian Life Manual:

How to Live with Faith and Works - James 2

This week we will explore the "how to" book of James on the topic of works and grace. What is the role of works for salvation? Are Paul (salvation through faith) and James (no faith without works) at odds? This will be an important Sunday to reflect upon the role of service and salvation. If you get a chance, read through the second chapter of James and remember to prayer for the worship service to honor God and be a blessing to the people. Come gather at the River this Sunday with your family, friends and neighbor in Christ,
Pastor Gary

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?

James 2:14



Starting September 28:

James: The Christian Life Manual

Sept 28: How to Live with Faith and Trials - James 1

Oct 5: How to Live with Faith and Works - James 2

Oct 12: How to Live with Faith and Wisdom - James 3

Oct 19: How to Live with Faith and Humility - James 4

Oct 26: How to Live with Faith and Reality - James 5



United Methodist Committee on Relief

Emergency Hurricane Response

Hurricanes and torrential storms have caused massive damage, destroying homes in the Caribbean and throughout the Gulf Coast.

Nearly one million people in Haiti alone were displaced by the series of storms. Hurricane Ike swept in on the heels of Hurricanes Fay, Gustav and Hanna with powerful winds and drenching rains. Even inland communities of the United States suffered great loss from widespread flooding.

"The impact of Ike and other hurricanes on life and property extends from Haiti to Houston," says Bishop Janice Huie of the Texas Annual Conference.

Today I ask for your compassionate response to help children and families in desperate need.

Please give as you are able. UMCOR has mobilized teams of first responders in Haiti, Florida, Louisiana and Texas. We are also working with local churches to assess long-term rebuilding needs. In addition to thousands of affected homes, many churches need major repairs or complete restoration.

Your gift will help provide emergency relief kits, flood buckets, fresh drinking water, building materials, as well as school kits for children.

Time is of the essence. **Please act now.** Bishop Huie joins me in extending our gratitude in advance for your extravagant generosity.

To help, visit <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/>

God bless you,
Sam W. Dixon
Deputy General Secretary,
United Methodist Committee on Relief

CONNECT

2nd Harvest Food Pantry Charity Concert



The Capitol Chordsmen Chorus of Madison will be doing a benefit concert on Nov. 1st at 4:00 P.M. at Asbury UMC. The concert will feature the CCC, the Yahara Women's Chorus and several quartets. Cash donations will be accepted for the 2nd Harvest Food Pantry at the door. Tickets are \$5.00 and sold at the door. Enjoy an evening of music while helping 2nd Harvest.

Small Group Information

Attention Small Group Leader and coordinators. Small groups are an extremely important part of the Sugar River community. I would like to feature our Small groups in the Source and on the church web site. To do that, I need your help. If you are a small group leader or coordinator, please send an e-mail to source@tds.net describing your small group. The name of your group. When and where you meet. Special theme or focus of the group. Who people should contact if they are interested in more information or in joining. And any other information you'd like to see regarding your group.

GROW

Listening Prayer DVD Class: BE STILL -- Starting Tuesday September 16

Don't just do something, stand there! One of the greatest challenges for us today is to stop, to be silent and learn to listen to the still, small voice of God through scripture. Join us Tuesday evenings at 7pm to learn to slow down and reconnect with God. Call Marian Maldonado-Pagan at 278-1477 for more information. This class runs Sept 16-Oct 7

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

You are invited to join us in studying the scriptures in friendly community. No registration required or prior. Just come when you can and bring a friend. We meet every Sunday at 8:30am in the conference room. Discussion led by David Johnston.

Tough Questions -- Sundays, 10:15

Do you ever feel like you just don't have the answers to some of the tough questions people ask about your Christian faith? Do you wish you could have some safe easy way to share what you know about Jesus Christ on a regular basis with those who are not following God? How would you like some of your own tough questions answered about God, the Bible and the Christian faith? The "Tough Questions" class will begin a discussion on the question "How Does Anyone Know God Exists?" Check us out on Sundays 10:15am in the conference room. Everyone is welcome.

Children and Youth News

Preschool - 5th Grade!



October 5th will be the final Sunday for hands on exploration of activities relating to the story of Abraham and Sarah. We will be doing a cooking station so please check the Sunday school bulletin board in the hallway to the Sunday school room for information on ingredients. Contact Jamie

Day if you have any questions!

Today, September 28th, is Family Sunday - No Sunday School - families worship together

Middle School



Middle in the middle! *Good God Theater, Act I, the Old Testament.*

We are in need of teachers in this area – please contact Jamie Day or sign up in the fellowship area.

Family Production Nite October 5th

Come enjoy an evening of worship and fellowship with your family. The worship is designed to touch little lives and build them up in God's love. Inviting other families is strongly encouraged. This is a great way to show others what Sugar River is like. After some prayer, music, skits, and the introduction to next month's theme we will enjoy a meal together. Last month was our largest FPN to date – lets reach out and see if we can top that this month!

Puppet Ministry

The puppets ministry team will meet in the youth room between services to prepare for upcoming presentations. Children and Youth in fourth grade and up are encouraged to join. Please contact Jim and Sharon Billmeyer if you have any questions.

Storage Space Needed

Do you have some extra storage space? Would you be willing to share it with the church. As we grow as a church, so too our collection of "stuff" grows, and we are running out of places to store all of the items needed and used during the year. We are looking for a place to store all of our Christmas items. If you have some extra space you would be willing to use to store any of these items please contact Robert Pagan at 278-1477 or romali@sbcglobal.net or Mark Hagensick at 833-3097 or mmhagen@yahoo.com.

Verona Food Pantry . .

NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

Fruit Juice
Soup
(except chicken noodle)
Pancake syrup

The CROP walk is coming!!

Join many Madison area residents for the **Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk event on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** The 1.5 or 3.5 mile WALK through Tenney, Burrows and Johnson Parks will begin and end at Christ Presbyterian Church at 944 East Gorham Street. Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. The Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk is one of 1,800 interfaith, community CROP events taking place around the country this year with the theme - We Walk Because They Walk. Wisconsin sponsors 70-75 CROP events each year, raising over \$650,000 to help fight hunger. Walkers and sponsors needed. If you can't volunteer to walk PLEASE consider sponsoring one of our youth. For more information, contact Tracey Shaughnessy at 845-5014.

Fall Cleanup Day

It's that time of year again. Football is being played, the evenings are getting cooler, there will soon be a nip in the air, and the Church grounds need to be tended to in preparation for winter. So join us on Saturday, October 11 from 9 am til noon as we rake leaves, clear out the gardens, trim the shrubs and generally prepare the grounds for winter. We'll also work inside getting at some of those "hard to reach" places. Bring gloves and whatever garden tools you may have and join us in service. For more information, contact Robert Pagan at 278-1477 or romali@sbcglobal.net.

Kickball4Kids Fundraiser

The Edgewood College Women's Soccer team (Tammi Hagensick) is hosting a Charity Coed Kickball tournament Sunday October 12 at the Goodman Diamonds. They are looking for teams from the community to play in the tournament. All proceeds go to providing an indoor soccer opportunity for low income youth through the Millennium soccer club. Registration is \$25 per person with minimum 10 players per coed team. In addition to players, donations will be happily accepted. There will also be a silent auction at the tournament. For information on Millennium soccer please see <http://www.millenniumsoccerclub.org>. To register a team, or for more information, contact kickball4kids@gmail.com. Who will organize a Sugar River Team?????????

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; cjohnson@pharmacy.wisc.edu).

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 even numbered months. Our next opportunity to provide the meal will be October 12. Sugar River will be responsible for providing as least 24 dozen cookies or bars. A sign up sheet will be on the board in fellowship hall on September 28 and October 5. The cookies and bars can be brought to church October 12 for delivery to the Men's Shelter. Thank you for providing a meal for those in need. Contact Kristi Johnson at 845-5814 or klrjohnson@charter.net for more information.



"Sugar River Serves"

Today is the last day to submit your favorite recipes for the first Sugar River Cookbook, "Sugar River Serves". All recipes must be original and MUST be submitted on the forms provided. Forms are available in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please do not write on the back of the form. Collection boxes are located in both the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We hope to have it available for Christmas. All proceeds from the cookbook will go to the Capital Campaign fund. Please see Melissa Ryan if you have any questions.

September Donation for Belize

Small toy Balls





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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
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Director of Children and Youth Ministries:
Jamie Day 608-833-4945 sr.childrensministry@tds.net
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Worship Leaders:
October 5th

8:30
Greeters: Sloat Family
Ushers:
Liturgist: Molly Lawry
Children's Message: Sunday
Schoo; Children
Fellowship hostess: Leslie
Miller
Teachers:
- Preschool: Katie Sloat
- Elementary: Tracey
Shaughnessy, Jackie
Roessler, Rebecca Polk
- Middle School: No Class -
Communion Sunday
- Setup: Patti Marsh
Flowers on the Altar:

10:15
Greeters: Linda Cook
Ushers: Sloat Family
Liturgist: -Jess Billmeyer
Children's Message: Sunday
School Children
Teachers:
- Preschool: Lisa Graham
- Elementary: Beth
Withee, Jen Mizelle, Julie
Redfern
- Middle School: No Class -
Communion Sunday

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

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

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:*

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 . . .

921/08 Attendance:	8:30 - 69
	10:15 - 88
	Total - 157
Offering:	\$3,589.65
Offering - year to date:	\$138,744
Year to date GOAL:	\$153,175