

# Weekly Update

**Info as of 2/16**  
**CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN**



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| <b>PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026</b> | <b>\$278,918</b>        |
| <i>Amounts Received</i>      | <u><i>\$193,019</i></u> |
| <i>Remaining</i>             | <i>\$ 85,899</i>        |

*Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project.  
Pledge cards are still being accepted. Please send any pledge  
updates to [dumcfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:dumcfinancial@gmail.com)*

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|---|----------------|
| <b>Last Sunday's in person attendance</b> | <b>91</b>      |
| <b>4 Week average giving</b>              | <b>\$5120</b>  |
| <b>Weekly Need in 2024</b>                | <b>\$4,616</b> |

*Weekly giving is ahead by \$3,399. Thank you to  
everyone's generosity! Please prayerfully consider how  
you can help with giving throughout 2025.*

**WAYS TO GIVE: [www.downsumc.org](http://www.downsumc.org)**  
**--Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door**  
**or mail to: Downs UMC**  
**205 S Highway Ave**  
**Downs, IL 61736**

**Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation**

**You may not see everyone putting tithes and offerings in  
the offering plate due to several people giving on line.**



**DOWNS**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*February 23, 2025*



**Jesus on the Move Series**

**SUNDAY MORNING IN PERSON AT 9:30AM**  
**ONLINE SERVICE BY WEDNESDAY**

**309-378-2651**  
**[www.downsumc.org](http://www.downsumc.org)**

**Reverend Allen Miller**  
*[pastor@downsumc.org](mailto:pastor@downsumc.org)*

# Welcome

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*We are so glad*

*you are worshiping with us!*

*We would love to know who has joined us, so please sign in on the attendance pads that will be passed in each row.*

**Nursery:** is located to the right as you exit the sanctuary through the double doors. It is at the far end of the fellowship hall.

**Restrooms:** Can be reached by exiting the sanctuary through the back left door as you face the stage. They are right by the Nursery.



Busy Bags are available at the entrance to the Worship Center for the children to use during the worship service. There are stickers, crayons, lacing items, etc. Please return the bags to the tote by the Worship Center Entrance after the service.



Children's Church is designed for K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders. We will meet in Classroom #1 or the Youth Room. They will meet Kyle at the front of the Worship Center and head out after the Doxology (so they'll meet during the Scripture Reading, Sermon and Up Next). Children will return to the worship service for the closing song. Communion Sundays they will not meet.

## Today & This Week

|           |                            |   |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| Sun 2/23  | 8:30am                     | Adult Sunday School in YR                           |
|           | 9:30am                     | Worship Service/Youth Worship/<br>Children's Church |
|           | 10:45am                    | High School Next Gen                                |
|           | 10:45am                    | Fellowship  |
|           | 10:45am                    | Swap Room   |
|           | 3:00pm                     | Girl Scouts in Youth Room                           |
|           | 4:00pm                     | Bible Study in Chapel                               |
| 6:00pm    | Confirmation in Youth Room |   |
| Mon 2/24  | 6:00pm                     | Boy Scouts in Worship Center                        |
| Tues 2/25 | 10:00am                    | Bible Study in YR and Zoom                          |
|           | 6:00pm                     | Great Banquet in Fellowship Hall                    |
| Wed 2/26  | 4:00pm                     | Journey Group                                       |
|           | 5:30pm                     | Next Gen (Children and Jr Hi)                       |
|           | 6:00pm                     | Choir in Chapel                                     |
| Thur 2/27 | 7:00pm                     | Worship Team on Stage                               |
| Sun 3/2   | 8:30am                     | Adult Sunday School in YR                           |
|           | 9:30am                     | Worship Service                                     |
|           | 10:45am                    | High School Next Gen                                |
|           | 10:45am                    | Fellowship  |
|           | 10:45am                    | Swap Room   |
|           | 4:00pm                     | Bible Study in Chapel                               |
|           | 4:30pm                     | Chili Potato Soup Supper                            |
| 6:00pm    | Confirmation in Youth Room |   |



**ALL meetings and groups using the facility need to schedule through the office at [office@downsumc.org](mailto:office@downsumc.org) or 309-378-2651.**

**Please don't assume meeting space will be available, or that verbal okays from anyone else will guarantee your spot. Thank you in advance for your help with this.**



Tuesday morning Bible Study is in person in the Youth Room at 10am. If you want to be added to the Zoom invite, please let the office know.

Sunday night Bible Study is at 4pm in the Chapel.



Choir practices on Wednesdays in the Chapel.

All are welcomed to join in!

The Swap Room located in the building West of the church building is open on Sundays 10:45am until noon. Please come browse as the items will change each week. You can also drop items off at this time. Have questions, use the following email address: [swaproom@downsumc.org](mailto:swaproom@downsumc.org)



**The Good Sam Chili and Potato Soup Supper** is quickly approaching. It is Sunday, March 2nd 4:30-6:30pm.

Sign up forms are by the office window for items to provide and also times to work the supper.

This is the only fundraiser that Good Sam does throughout the year, and funds are used to help those in the Tri-Valley area with needs and also travelers that need gas money.



Our Nursery is NOT staffed on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays, so if you can commit to one Sunday each month, or every other month, please let the office know so a rotation can be put in place similar to what we have for the Fellowship. Thank you!

## February 23, 2025

**Worship Team Special: *Hallelujah Feeling***

**Welcome**

***I Will Follow  
Confidence***

**Mark 9:1-10**

***Whom Shall I Fear  
City On Our Knees***

**Prayer**

**Offertory: *Lord I Need You  
Doxology***

**Children's Church**

**Mark 9:11-13**

**Message by Rev Allen Miller  
*Jesus on the Move: Head for the Mountains***

**Up Next**

***Our God***

**Benediction**





We have an active prayer chain at Downs UMC and we believe in the power of prayer. If you would like your name added to the prayer list or the prayer chain please follow the instructions below. God hears us when we pray, and blesses us with His answers to prayer.

To be a member of the prayer chain and be notified of a prayer request, please let the office know that you would like to be included in that group email.

**To be added to the prayer list (for ongoing requests) please send information to [prayerrequest@downsumc.org](mailto:prayerrequest@downsumc.org) or call the office at 378-2651. Please be sure to mention if permission has been granted to publish each individual's name.**

**To be added to the prayer chain (for urgent or time-sensitive requests) please send an email to [office@downsumc.org](mailto:office@downsumc.org).**

#### **CURRENT REQUESTS**

**HEALTH & HEALING: Ron Terven; Axel Riordan; Ruth Christmas; Lori Roland; Cece Krone; Sandy Courson, Dawn Belmar, Ellen Bricker; Linda Murphy; Leigh Hayes; Jimmy Roach; Beverly Hamblin and Family; Cameron Jones; Ginger Campbell; Guy Campbell; Abby Miller**

**WISDOM: Colby & Lexi Riordan Family; Deb Bricker; Cameron Jones**

**LONG TERM CARE: Pastor Curt Rush**

**MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen**

**PEACE & COMFORT: Pam Rush**

**Adults are doing a study called  
"When You Pray".  
Taking a look at several prayers from the Bible  
and how to overcome struggles that keep you  
from talking to God.**



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**Leigh Hayes is asking for no visitors at this time, but Cards may be sent to: 116 N Pintail Lane, Downs, 61736**

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Wednesday Night Activities meet each week on Wednesday starting at 5:30-7pm until Spring Break.

We have a **HUGE** need for cooks on Wednesday nights. Please contact Jean Riordan 309-838-3493 to serve in this capacity.

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#### **NEXT GEN YOUTH WORSHIP**

**It is designed for 4th to 8th grade students.  
The service is tailored to engage our middle school audience  
and will meet in the Youth Room 9:30am to 10:30am.**

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**Service is March 5th at 7pm**

