

Weekly Update

Info as of 3/30
CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN



PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u><i>\$198,991</i></u>
<i>Remaining</i>	<i>\$ 79,927</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*

Last Sunday's in person attendance	89
4 Week average giving as of 3/30	\$4,982
Weekly Need in 2025	\$4,616

*Weekly giving is ahead by \$5,748 as of 3/30. Thank you
to everyone's generosity! Please prayerfully consider
how you can help with giving throughout 2025.*

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

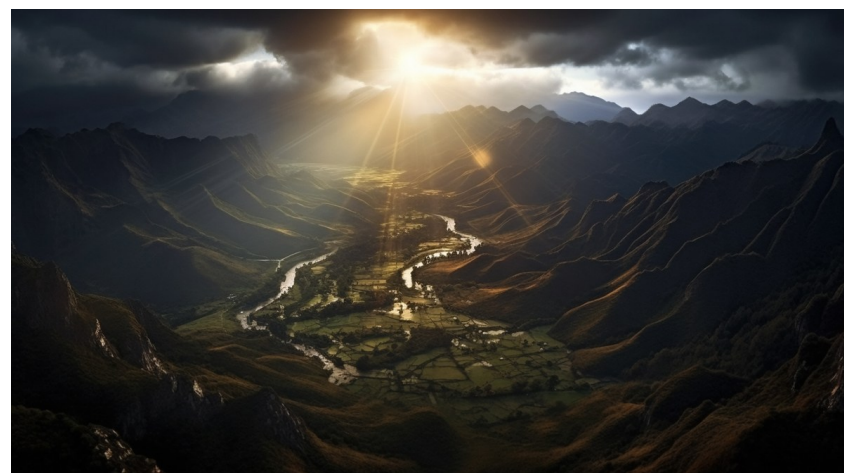
Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation

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



DOWNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 6, 2025



Kingdom to the Earth Series

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

309-378-2651
www.downsumc.org

Reverend Allen Miller
pastor@downsumc.org

Welcome

to



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-3rd Graders. We will meet in Classroom #1 or the Youth Room. They will meet a volunteer 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 4/6	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship Service
	10:45am	High School Next Gen in YR
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	3:00pm	Girl Scouts in YR
	6:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 4/7	6:00pm	Confirmation in YR
	6:00pm	Trustee Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in Worship Center
Tues 4/8	10:00am	Bible Study in YR and Zoom
Wed 4/9	4:00pm	Journey Group
	5:30pm	Next Gen K-8
	6:00pm	Choir in Chapel
	7:00pm	Youth Leadership Meeting in YR
Thur 4/10	7:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sat 4/12	10-11am	Easter Egg Hunt-Dooley Park
Sun 4/13	No Sunday School	
	9:30am	Worship Service/Youth Worship/ Children's Church
	10:45am	High School Next Gen
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	3:45pm	4-H in Fellowship Hall
	6:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
6:00pm	Confirmation in the YR	



ALL meetings and groups using the facility need to schedule through the office at 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 6pm in the Chapel.



Choir practices on Wednesdays in the Chapel at 6pm.

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**



Adults are doing a study called “He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart” by Max Lucado. The Study concluded today and they will not meet on 4/13 or 4/20.

Watch for details of their next study.



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



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

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



April 6, 2025

Welcome

“Our God is Worthy”

***Blessed Be the Name Who is Worthy
Thou Art Worthy
Great is Thy Faithfulness #43***

Mark 10:46-52

***I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord
Grace Greater than Our Sin #201***

**New Members: Cade & Johanna Hasselbring
John & Tessa McConkey**

Mark 4:21-25

**Message by Rev Allen Miller
*Kingdom to the Earth: When Love Finds Us***

**Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Doxology**

***Invitation to the Communion Table
Prayer of Confession and Pardon
Mystery of Faith
Thanksgiving and Communion***

Up Next

Wonderful Grace of Jesus #198

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 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.

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; Nancy Kiper; Guy Campbell; Abby Miller; Patrick Moran; Jonathan Thompson; Kathie Foster

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

The Village Easter Egg Hunt that the area churches sponsor and Downs UMC coordinates is Saturday, April 12th at 10am.



Donations of candy that will fit inside the plastic eggs are needed. Please put any donations in the work room.

People to help that day are needed as well. If you are able to serve in that capacity, please contact Kyle.

Midwest Food Bank in Normal needs volunteers! As food insecurity grows in our communities, Midwest Food Bank has increased their efforts to support the agencies who serve those in need. God has been so generous with his blessings of donations to the food bank, and with the increase in these blessings comes a need for an increase in our volunteer team. To learn more about volunteering at Midwest Food Bank in Normal, IL, please join us at our Volunteer Fair on April 22 from 10am-1pm.

Volunteers can also visit [Midwest Food Bank of Illinois-Bloomington-Normal - Midwest Food Bank](#) and look for Volunteer opportunities.

Midwest Food Bank looks forward to working with members of your church to share the love of Jesus Christ by alleviating hunger and malnutrition locally and throughout the world!

An informational flyer for their Volunteer Fair is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Camping Information

Is on the welcome desk.