

Weekly Update

Info as of 12/28

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN



PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$256,279</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 22,639

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	63
4 Week average giving as of 12/28	\$4,759
Weekly Need in 2025	\$4,616

Year to date giving is ahead by \$2,542 as of 12/28. Thank you to everyone's generosity!

The 2026 weekly need is **\$4735**.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with giving throughout 2026.

WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

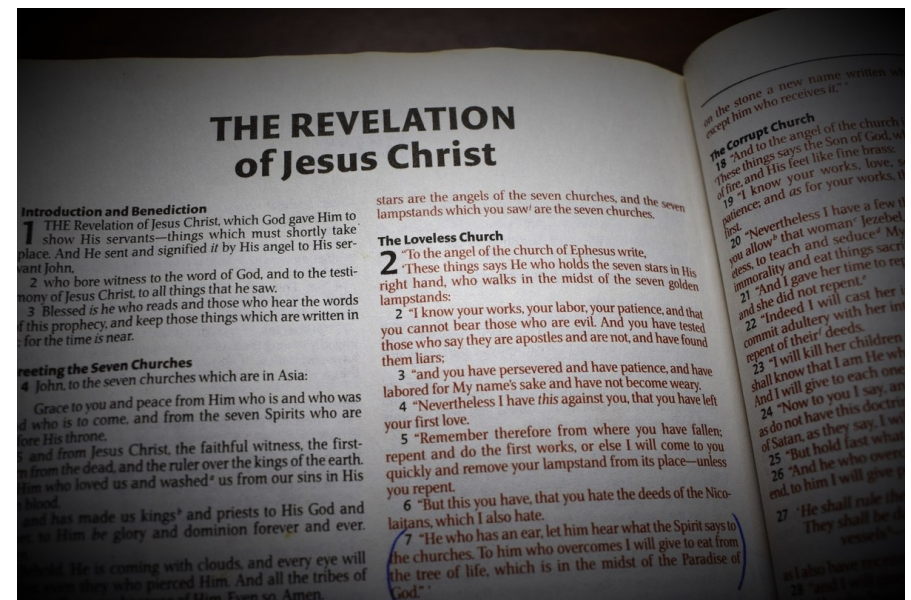
--Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door
or mail to: Downs UMC
205 S Highway Ave
Downs, IL 61736

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.



January 4, 2026



Letters from Jesus 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 1/4	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	10:45am	Fellowship
	4:00pm	Bible Study
Mon 1/5	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tue 1/6	10:00am	Bible Study
Wed 1/7	4:00pm	Journey Group
	5:30pm	Next Gen K-8th
	6:00pm	Choir
Thur 1/8	9:00am	Sewing Group
	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Fri 1/9	1:30pm	Set-up for Saturday
Sat 1/10	Church in use all day for Pastor Curt Rush Celebration of Life	
	10-12pm	Visitation
	12:30pm	Celebration of Life
Sun 1/11	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Children's Church
	10:45am	UWF in YR
	10:45am	Swap Room
	10:45am	Fellowship
	3:00pm	Girl Scouts in YR
	3:30pm	4-H in FH and CR1
	4:00pm	Bible Study

ALL meetings and groups using the facility need to schedule through the office at office@downsumc.org or 309-378-2651.



Tuesday morning Bible Study meets in the Youth Room and are on Zoom 10am. The class will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.

Sunday night Bible Study will meet at 4pm in the Chapel.

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:30am in the Youth Room each Sunday.

The class is using the videos “That the World May Know”. Filming is done in Israel and the study brings the Bible to life.



The Swap Room located in the building West of the church building is open on Sundays 10:45am until noon. Proceeds all go to the Downs UMC General Fund. Thank you to the organizers of this ministry along with the shoppers and those making donations.



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



NEW DATE AND TIME FOR SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will meet on Thursdays starting January 8th **from 9am-12noon**. No need to stay the whole time, just whatever fits your schedule. Sewing not required. We need people to cut, iron and do light hand-sewing like buttons as well as full sewing. We have machines for your use or bring your own. Come join us and help continue this worthwhile mission. Also invite your friends!

You can follow us on Facebook by requesting to join group ‘DUMC Sew Love’.

January 4, 2026

Welcome

***Let's Just Praise the Lord
Come Christians, Join to Sing
Jesus, Name Above All Names***

Revelation 1:1-20

“All Eyes”

He Lives #220

Revelation 2:1-7

**Message by Rev Allen Miller
Letters From Jesus Series
*“Dear...” (You’ve Got Mail! Soon)***

**The Lord’s Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Doxology**

**Communion Liturgy
Thanksgiving and Communion**

Up Next

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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; Sandy Courson, Dawn Belmar, Ellen Bricker; Jimmy Roach; Beverly Hamblin and Family; Cameron Jones; Guy Campbell; Abby Miller; Patrick Moran; Jonathan Thompson; Kathie Foster; Jim Jordine; Pat Sowerby; Mary Iliff Engelbrecht; Jim Finch; Sheila Young; Angel Fender

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

MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen

PEACE & COMFORT: Family of Pastor Curt Rush



Sign ups were sent out this week for various things, so please check your email and sign up so we can better plan for all activities.



Next Gen is our student ministry. Wednesday evenings it is for Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Sr High meets on Sundays after the worship service.

They return this Wednesday, January 7th.

NEXT GEN YOUTH WORSHIP

meets Sunday mornings in the Youth Room at 9:30am and is designed for 4th grade students and up. The service is tailored to engage our youth audience. Due to retreats they will not meet again until January 25th.

Choir practices on Wednesday nights at 6pm in the chapel. Make it a family night! Bring the children at 5:30 for a meal and while they attend Next Gen, come sing with the choir. No children? Come anyway for a meal and fellowship.

Next practice is January 7th. Try something new in 2026!



Just a reminder that not all of the lights in the building are automatic. Please turn lights off as you leave an area.

Thank you.