

Weekly Update

Info as of 1/18

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN

PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$259,804</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 19,114



*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	117
4 Week average giving as of 1/4	\$4,771
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is behind by \$984 as of 1/18.

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

WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

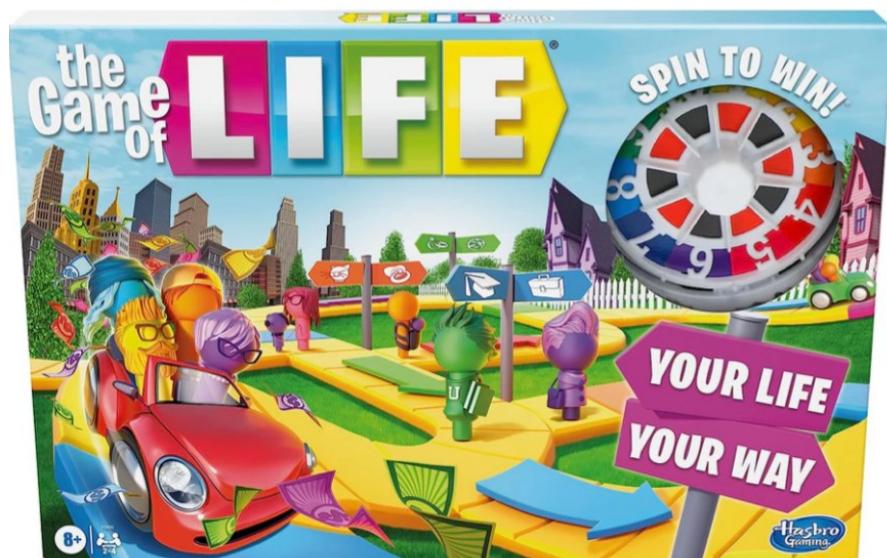
--Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door
or mail to: Downs UMC
205 S Highway Ave
Downs, IL 61736

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 25, 2026



**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.*

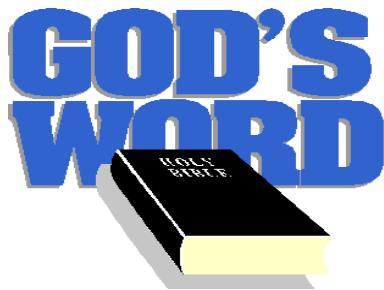
Today & This Week

Sun 1/25	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Children's Church/ Youth Worship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	10:45am	Fellowship
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Pickleball in Worship Center
Mon 1/26	12:00pm	Funeral Dinner in FH & Kitchen
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in YR
Tue 1/27	10:00am	Bible Study
Wed 1/28	4:00pm	Journey Group
	5:30pm	Next Gen K-8th
Thur 1/29	3:00pm	Journey Group in Library
	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Fri 1/30	Athens Christian Church overnight in WC	
Sun 2/1	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	10:45am	Fellowship
	3:00pm	Football Ministry
	3:00pm	Girl Scouts in YR
	4:00pm	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Confirmation Parent meeting in FH
	6:00pm	Awakening Service in WC

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 meets in the Youth Room and are on Zoom 10am.

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



**Tonight
6-7:30pm**



Parent Meeting for this year's Confirmation Class will be Sunday, February 1st at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

January 25, 2026

Welcome

***House of the Lord
Your Grace is Enough***

Special: *My Jesus*

Ecclesiastes 1:1-9

***The Old Rugged Cross
Lord I Need You***

**The Lord's Prayer
Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory: *Bring the Rain*
Doxology**



Children's Church

Ecclesiastes 12:1, 9-14

**Message by Lyn Edwards
Doom and Gloom
Or
*Dance***

Up Next

Grace Like Rain

Benediction



PRAYER REQUESTS

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; Amber Maurer; Barb Gilhaus

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

MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen

PEACE & COMFORT: Chuck Scherr Family

Hazel Brown Scholarship Program, is now in its sixth year. This year, multiple scholarships ranging from \$2500-\$5000 each will be awarded to individuals who meet the scholarship criteria and are selected by Home Sweet Home Ministries' selection committee. The selection committee will give priority consideration to individuals in the following categories: current or past service recipients of Home Sweet Home Ministries; current or formerly experienced homelessness; current employees of Home Sweet Home Ministries; and residents of McLean County, Illinois. Further information regarding scholarship eligibility and a link to the application can be found at <https://hshministries.org/about-us/our-services/brown-scholarship>.



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

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.

They will not meet on 1/28th. Join them on 2/4.



Nurture Committee is sponsoring a Family game night of Bingo for all ages on February 22 5-7pm.

Bring a finger food or snack for all to enjoy.