

# Weekly Update

**Info as of 3/8**

**CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN**

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<b>PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026</b>	<b>\$278,918</b>
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u><b>\$269,960</b></u>
<i>Remaining</i>	<b>\$ 8,958</b>

*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)*

<b>Last Sunday's in person attendance</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>4 Week average giving as of 3/8</b>	<b>\$4,621</b>
<b>Weekly Need in 2026</b>	<b>\$4,735</b>

*Year to date giving is behind by \$2,199 as of 3/8.*

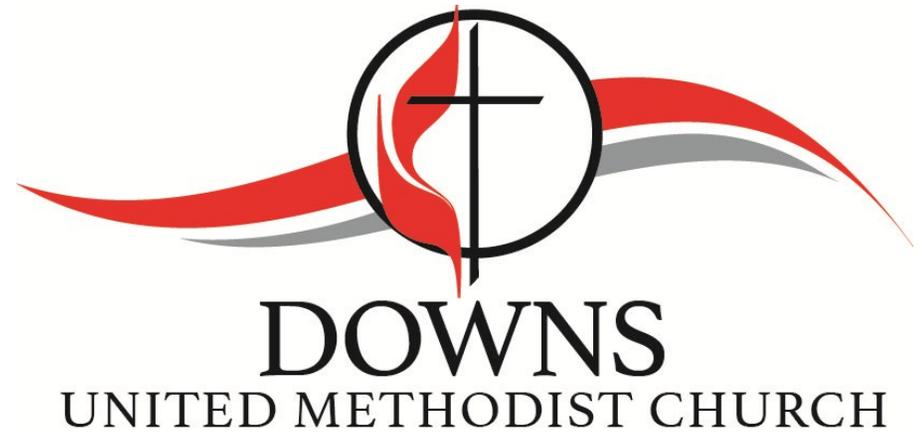
**Please prayerfully consider how you can help with  
giving throughout 2026.**

**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.**



***March 15, 2026***



***Before Dawn 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

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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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



<b>Sun 3/15</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School in YR</b> <b>Worship/Youth Worship</b> <b>Swap Room</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Next Gen High School</b> <b>Bible Study in Chapel</b> <b>Confirmation in YR</b>
<b>Mon 3/16</b>	<b>7:30-3pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>TV Screening</b> <b>Boy Scouts in WC</b>
<b>Tue 3/17</b>	<b>7:30-3pm</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>5-7pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>TV Screening</b> <b>Bible Study in Library</b> <b>4th-6th Nerf War</b> <b>High School Youth in YR</b>
<b>Wed 3/18</b>	<b>7:30-3pm</b> <b>4:00pm</b> <b>5:30pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>TV Screening</b> <b>Journey Group</b> <b>Next Gen K-8th</b> <b>Choir in the Chapel</b>
<b>Thur 3/19</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Team on Stage</b>
<b>Fri 3/20</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sewing Group</b>
<b>Sun 3/22</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School in YR</b> <b>Worship/Youth Worship</b> <b>Swap Room</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Next Gen High School</b> <b>Bible Study in Chapel</b>

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

**Sunday night** Bible Study will meet at 6pm in the Chapel.

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**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.



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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](mailto:swaproom@downsumc.org)**



The **Village Easter Egg Hunt** that Downs UMC helps coordinate is Saturday, March 28th. Candy donations would be appreciated by 3/22.

Also, people to help with this event are needed. Set up is at 9:30, registration at 10 and the hunt at 10:30. Please let Kyle know if you can serve in any capacity.

**March 15, 2026**

**Welcome**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Alleluia  
Love Divine***

**1 John 4:1-10**

***"A Prayer From Worship Songs"***

***Love Lifted Me  
Tell Me the Old, Old Story***

**The Lord's Prayer & Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory  
Doxology**

**Children's Church**

**1 John 4:11-21**

**Message by Pastor Allen Miller  
*Before Dawn Series  
Close to Heaven***

**Up Next**

***Pass It On #309***

**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; 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; Mary Iliff Engelbrecht; Jim Finch; Sheila Young; Angel Fender; Amber Maurer; Barb Gilhaus; Neal Roach**

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

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

**PEACE & COMFORT: Family of Pat Sowerby**



**Sign ups are sent out before the 1st Sunday of a month. Everyone's service is needed to allow for an easy flow on Sunday mornings.**

**Last minute changes may need to happen, but they shouldn't have to be the norm since the sign up is available to everyone in their emails. Please check the sign up each week to see if your gifts/talents can be used.**

**With Spring Break coming up, there will be many opportunities available for people to serve.**



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!



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.**

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Sunday, March 29th  
Thursday, April 2nd  
Friday, April 3rd  
Sunday, April 5th

Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday Service 7pm  
Good Friday Service 7pm  
Sunrise Service 6:30am  
Easter Breakfast 7:30am  
Easter Service 9:30am  
No Fellowship

