

Weekly Update

Info as of 3/15

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN

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MIRACLE

PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$270,723</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 8,195

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	84
4 Week average giving as of 3/15	\$4,847
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is behind by \$1,768 as of 3/15.

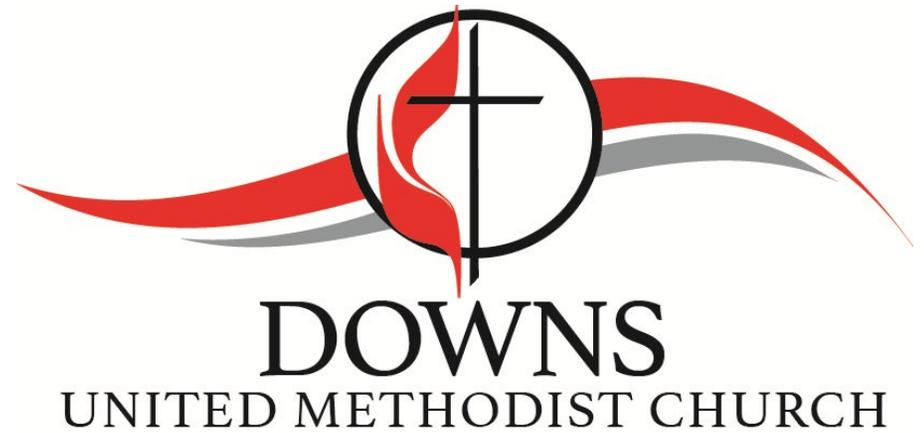
Please prayerfully consider how you can help with giving throughout 2026.

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.



March 22, 2026



Before Dawn 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. They will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Today & This Week



Sun 3/22	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Swap Room Fellowship Next Gen High School Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 3/23	6:00pm 6:00pm	Nurture Work Night in Library Boy Scouts in WC
Tue 3/24	10:00am	Bible Study in Library
Wed 3/25	4:00pm	Journey Group
Thur 3/26	3:00pm 6:00pm	Journey Group in Library Worship Team on Stage
Sat 3/28	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt in Dooley Park
Sun 3/29	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship Swap Room Fellowship Bible Study in Chapel

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.

Should plans change and your ministry doesn't meet please let the office know.



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.

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**



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 22, 2026

"This Is the Day"

Welcome

***Great and Mighty is the Lord Our God
Great and Mighty is He
Great is the Lord***

1 John 5:1-12

***"Jesus Loves Even Me
I Sing Praises to Your Name***

Baptism: Lucy Ann Fanelli

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

Children's Church

1 John 5:13-21

**Message by Pastor Allen Miller
*Before Dawn Series
Ashes of Eden***

Up Next

What A Friend We Have in 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; 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, there are 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	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 2nd	Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday Service 7pm
Sunday, April 5th	Sunrise Service 6:30am
	Easter Breakfast 7:30am
	Easter Service 9:30am
	No Fellowship

