

Weekly Update

Info as of 4/5

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN

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MIRACLE

PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$274,281</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 4,637

*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	181
4 Week average giving as of 4/5	\$6,312
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$4,111 as of 4/5.

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.



April 12, 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. They will not meet today.

Today & This Week



Sun 4/12	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 3:00pm 3:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship/ Children's Church Fellowship Swap Room UWF Meeting in YR Next Gen Sr High Girl Scouts in YR 4H in Fellowship Hall & Classroom Bible Study in the Chapel Confirmation Class in YR
Mon 4/13	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tue 4/14	10:00am 7:00pm	Bible Study in YR HS Next Gen
Wed 4/15	12:30pm 4:00pm 5:30pm	Set up for ACT testing on 4/16 Journey Group Next Gen Ministries
Thur 4/16	8:00am 6:00pm	ACT Testing in Worship Center Worship Team on Stage
Sun 4/19	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Fellowship Swap Room SPRC Meeting in YR Next Gen Sr High Finance Meeting in Fellowship Hall Bible Study in the Chapel Confirmation Class in YR Ad Board Meeting in Fellowship Hall

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.

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.



Thank you to those helping to clear out the old Swap Room on Washington St.

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

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Welcome

***Morning Has Broken
This Is My Father's World***

Special: *Here I Am Lord*

Genesis 1:1-13

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Bless His Holy Name***

**The Lord's Prayer & Pastoral Prayer
Offertory: *Shepherd Medley
Doxology***

Children's Church

Genesis 1:14-24

**Message by John Werner
*Creation Revealed
The White Continent and the Firmament***

Up Next

For the Beauty of the Earth

Benediction: *Farewell Anthem*

**SATURDAY
APRIL 24th
7am - 11am**





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; Pam Rush

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

MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen



The April Sign up was sent on Monday. If you didn't receive it, please let the office know.

The sign up is for the entire month of April, so please check out the opportunities available for service at

Downs UMC, and sign up, so the staff knows in advance that the areas are covered.

Thank you to everyone that has faithfully served.



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.

Midwest Food Bank in Normal needs volunteers! As food insecurity grows in our communities, Midwest Food Bank has increased its 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 May 12 from 10am-2pm.**

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