

# Weekly Update

Info as of 4/19

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN



PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$276,332</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 2,586

*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)*

Once pledges have been met, amounts received above total pledges will be applied to the loan principal.

Last Sunday's in person attendance	102
4 Week average giving as of 4/19	\$6,173
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

*Year to date giving is ahead by \$4,689 as of 4/19.*

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

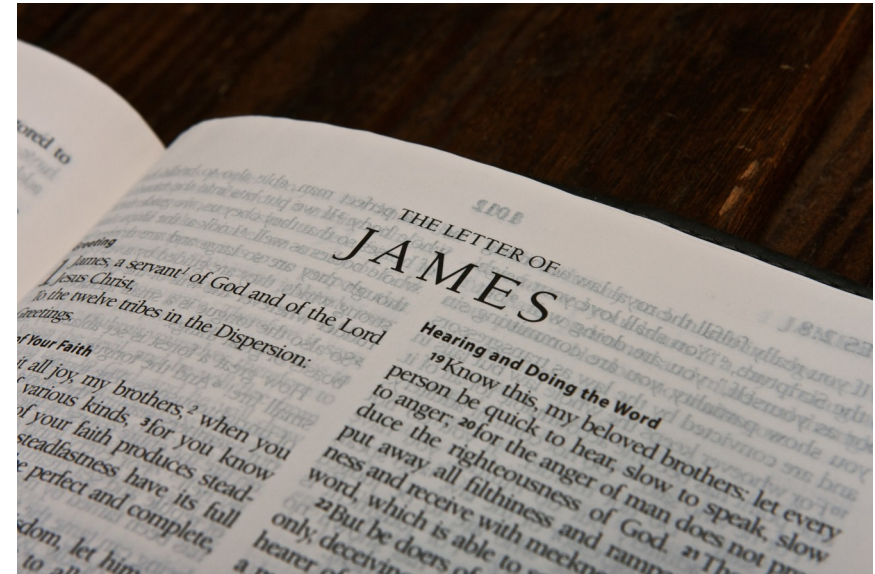
Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation

You may not see everyone putting tithes and offerings in the offering plate due to several people giving on line.



**DOWN'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April 26, 2026*



*Practical 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 4/26</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>6:00pm</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School in YR</b> <b>Worship/Youth Worship</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Swap Room</b> <b>Next Gen Sr High</b> <b>Confirmation Class in YR</b> <b>Bible Study in the Chapel</b> <b>Pickleball in WC</b>
<b>Mon 4/27</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Boy Scouts in WC</b>
<b>Tue 4/28</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Bible Study in YR</b> <b>HS Next Gen</b>
<b>Wed 4/29</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Journey Group</b> <b>Next Gen Ministries (Concludes for Summer)</b>
<b>Thur 4/30</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship Team on Stage</b>
<b>Fri 5/1</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>8th Grade Bible Study in FH</b>
<b>Sat 5/2</b>	<b>5-8pm</b>	<b>Great Banquet Gathering in WC</b>
<b>Sun 5/3</b>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>10:45am</b> <b>3:00pm</b> <b>4:00pm</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>???</b>	<b>Adult Sunday School in YR</b> <b>Worship/Youth Worship</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Swap Room</b> <b>Next Gen Sr High</b> <b>Girl Scouts in YR</b> <b>Baccalaureate at Tri-Valley</b> <b>Bible Study in the Chapel</b> <b>Landscape Meeting</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.**



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

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!



**Save the Date**

Sunday, May 31 at 6pm will be Evangelica, "Galvanizing the Gift". This is an important time for the Congregation to look at where we are and what we want to see next.  
**Watch for your invitation.  
 Reservations will be needed.**

**April 26, 2026**

**Welcome**

***\*I Lift My Eyes Up  
 \*Hold Us Together***

**Special: *If We Are the Body***

**James 2:1-13**

***Stand in Your Love***

**The Lord's Prayer & Pastoral Prayer  
 Offertory: *Truth Be Told*  
 \*Doxology**

**Children's Church**

**James 2:14-26**

**Message by Rev Allen Miller  
 Practical Series  
 Practical: *The Project***

**Up Next**

***\*Blessed Be Your Name***

**Benediction**

***\*Please stand if you are able.***



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; Pam Rush

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

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



At the April 19th Ad Board Meeting, the board approved the hiring of a Worship Director. A job description is available in the office.

If you know of anyone interested in this position, please have them contact the office.

## Financial Secretary

Colton Sylvester will be stepping down from this position at the end of 2026. Anyone interested, please contact the office so Colton can work with the new person on procedures.

*We are grateful and thankful for Colton's service in this position!!*



Next Gen is our student ministry. Wednesday evenings it is for Kindergarten through 8th Grade. **Wednesday programming will conclude for the summer on 4/29.** 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.