

Weekly Update

Info as of 4/26

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN

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MIRACLE

PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
<i>Amounts Received</i>	<u>\$277,403</u>
<i>Remaining</i>	\$ 1,515

Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project. Pledge cards are still being accepted. Please send any pledge updates to 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	83
4 Week average giving as of 4/26	\$4,763
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$3,460 as of 4/26.

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

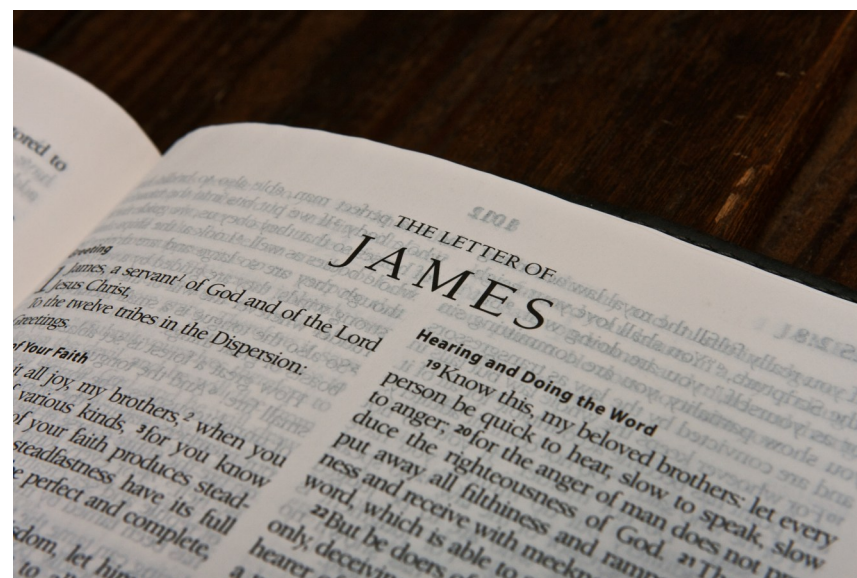
Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation

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



DOWN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026



Practical 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.

Today & This Week



Sun 5/3	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 3:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm ???	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Fellowship Swap Room Next Gen Sr High Girl Scouts in YR Baccalaureate at Tri-Valley Bible Study in the Chapel Landscape Meeting
Mon 5/4	5:30pm 6:00pm 6:00pm	Trustee Meeting in YR Boy Scouts in WC Nurture Meeting in Library
Tue 5/5	7:30-1pm 10:00am 7:00pm	TV Testing Bible Study in Library HS Next Gen
Wed 5/6	7:30-1pm 4:00pm	TV Testing Journey Group
Thur 5/7	9:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	Sewing Group in FH Journey Group in Library Worship Team on Stage
Fri 5/8	6:30am 7:30am	8th Grade Bible Study in FH AP Testing
Sat 5/9	9:00am	Great Banquet Gathering in YR
Sun 5/10	8:30am 9:30am 10:45am 10:45am 10:45am 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Fellowship Swap Room Next Gen Sr High Bible Study in the Chapel

May 3, 2026



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**

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

Evangelica 2026 will be held on
Sunday May 31 at 6:00 pm.

Evangelica is an all church event that both informs our church family and provides the opportunity to share feedback and guidance to church leadership.

Please be on the lookout for more details and plan to attend an informative and engaging evening with our church family.

Welcome

***Nobody Loves Me Like You
*Here I Am to Worship**

**Confirmation Ceremony
Church Membership Ceremony**

James 3:1-12

Whom Shall I Fear

James 3:13-18

**Message by Rev Allen Miller
Practical Series
Practical: Need Help**

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

“Supper time”

**Communion Liturgy
Thanksgiving & Communion**

Up Next

***This is Amazing Grace**

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 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

PEACE & COMFORT: Family & Friends of Karen Layten



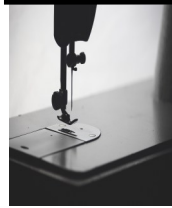
At the April 19th Ad Board Meeting, the board approved the hiring of a Worship Director. A job description is available in the office.

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!!



In May SEWING GROUP will meet on Thursday, May 7th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a change from the 2nd Thursday.

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.