

Weekly Update

Info as of 6/28

CONTINUE THE MIRACLE CAMPAIGN



Amounts Received	\$285,834
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	\$278,918
For Principal Reduction	\$ 6,916

Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project. Please send any pledge questions to dumcfinancial@gmail.com

Amounts received above total pledges will be applied to the loan principal.

Last Sunday's in person attendance	69
4 Week average giving as of 6/28	\$6,098
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$8,099 as of 6/28.

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.



DOWNS
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 July 5, 2026



Take Time to Be Holy (Ecclesiastes 5)

The Walk of Life 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 7/5	8:30am 9:30am 10:30-11:30 10:45am 10:45am 6:00pm	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Youth Breakfast & Lesson Fellowship Swap Room Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 7/6	6:00pm 6:00pm	Trustee Meeting in YR Boy Scouts in WC
Wed 7/8	4:00pm	Journey Group
Thurs 7/9	9:00am 6:00pm	Sewing Group in Fellowship Hall Worship Team on Stage
Sun 7/12	8:30am 9:30am 10:30-11:30 10:45am 10:45am	Adult Sunday School in YR Worship/Youth Worship Youth Breakfast & Lesson Fellowship Swap Room

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. They are taking a break for the month of July.
 Sunday night Bible Study meets 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.



VBS

July 26-30 6-8pm

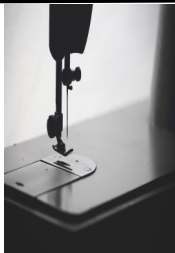
Volunteer Sign up board is on the Welcome Desk
 Register at www.downsumc.org

SEWING GROUP will meet on

Thursday, July 9th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

No sewing experience is needed.

They are asking that no more plastic shopping bags be donated at this time. Thank you for the donations, but they need time to catch up with what has been donated.



July 5, 2026

Welcome with True Freedom July 4th Countdown

****This Is Amazing Grace***

Special: *God Bless the USA*

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

America the Beautiful

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

Message by Rev Allen Miller

The Walk of Life Series

The Good Life

The Lord's Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Lord I Need You*

****Doxology***

Communion Liturgy

Thanksgiving & Communion

Holy Spirit

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 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; Hazel Ellis; Kimberly Knapp

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

MILITARY: Blaise McNeese, Matthew Kelly, Michael Allen, Cade Hasselbring



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. Please contact the office to get the duties involved, so Colton can work with the new person on procedures.

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



The Sign up for July is available. Please check it out and sign up as soon as possible so the staff can better plan.

All those serving on Sundays are appreciated!



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP FOR 7TH GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Currently to August 9th

**Sunday Schedule: 9:30-10:30 Worship (Join us!)
10:30-11:00 Breakfast
11:00-12:00 Youth Group**

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.