

Weekly Update

**Info as of 7/26 CONTINUE THE
MIRACLE CAMPAIGN**



<i>Amounts Received</i>	\$289,623
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	<u>\$278,918</u>
<i>For Principal Reduction</i>	<i>\$ 10,705</i>

*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.

In person worship attendance	72
Youth Worship attendance	<u>9</u>
Total Attendance 7/26/2026	81

4 Week average giving as of 7/26	\$5,823
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$12,450 as of 7/26.

**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.**



DOWNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2026



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 8/2	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:30-11:30	Youth Breakfast & Lesson
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	6:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 8/3	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 8/4	6:30pm	Witness Committee in Library
	6:30pm	Nominating Committee in YR
	6:30pm	Football Team in FH
Wed 8/5	4:00pm	Journey Group in Library
Thurs 8/6	9:00am	Sewing Group in FH
	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sun 8/9	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:30-11:30	Youth Breakfast & Lesson
	10:45am	UWF in Youth Room
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	6:00pm	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 is resuming on Tuesday at 10am in the YR or on Zoom.

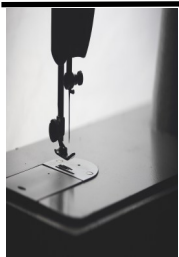
Sunday night Bible Study meets at 6pm in the Chapel.

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.



THANK YOU to everyone that helped, donated or prayed for our VBS this year.



SEWING GROUP

Their next meeting will be Thursday, August 6th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

August 2, 2026

Welcome

****I Sing the Mighty Power of God #59***
****All Creatures of Our God and King #64***

VBS Recap

VBS Songs

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

This Is My Father's World #58

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

Message by Rev Allen Miller
The Walk of Life Series
Heaven Only Knows

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

Communion Liturgy
Thanksgiving and Communion

Up Next

****Leaning On the Everlasting Arms #354***

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; 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; Joey; Betty Harvey; Cade Hasselbring

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

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

PEACE AND COMFORT: Axel Riordan Family



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.

EVANGELICA UPDATE: The Ad Board was presented with the information obtained from the questions asked at Evangelica and there will be a report to the congregation in August.



The Sign up for August will be sent out this coming week. 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 through August 9th**

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

KINDNESS:

**Your own soul is nourished when you are kind;
it is destroyed when you are cruel.**

Proverbs 11:17