

Weekly Update

ALL INFORMATION AS OF 8/9

Amounts Received	\$291,126
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	<u>\$278,918</u>
For Principal Reduction	\$ 12,208

Continue the
MIRACLE

*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>6</u>
Total Attendance	78

4 Week average giving	\$5,497
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$12,128.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

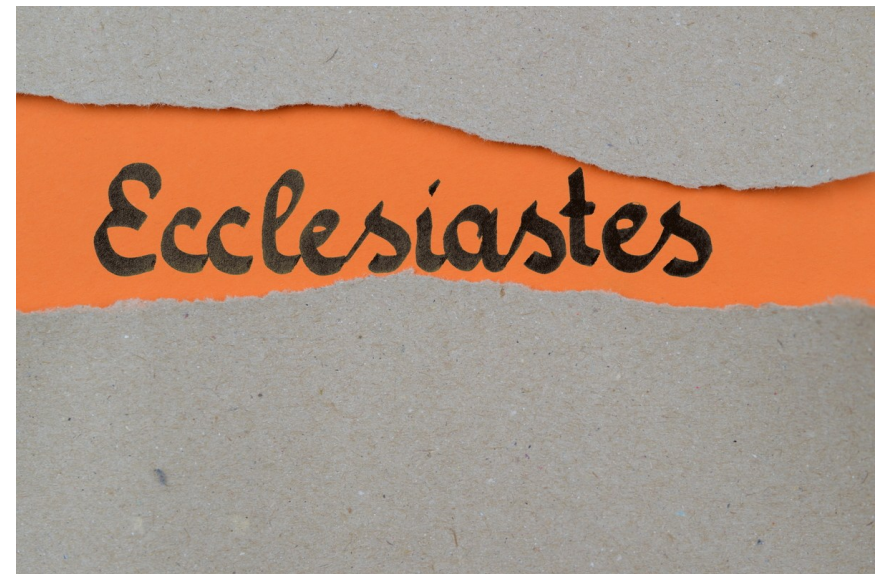
Reminder: Giving on line doesn't go on vacation

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 16, 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 8/16	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	12-4pm	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen in Use
	6:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 8/17	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 8/18	10:00am	Bible Study in YR/Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
	6:30pm	Nominating Committee in YR
Thurs 8/20	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sun 8/21	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Fellowship—Ice Cream Social
	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.

KINDNESS:

***Never tire of loyalty and kindness.
Hold these virtues tightly.
Write them deep within you heart.
Proverbs 3:3***



Tuesday morning Bible Study meets 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.



For August 23rd's Youth Takeover Sunday, we want to invite students of all ages to bring their school backpack into church.

We will have you place it on the steps of the altar and during the service we will have a group of students pray over backpacks as part of the service!

Since the Youth will be leading the service, there will be no separate Youth Worship, or Children's Church on 8/23.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL to follow the worship service on 8/23.

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Welcome

Special: *Home*

****Here I Am to Worship***

****Hold Us Together***

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

Every Hour

The Lord's Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *First Things First*

****Doxology***

Children's Church

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

Message by Rev Allen Miller

The Walk of Life Series

The Last Word (From the Mind of Solomon)

Up Next

****How Great Thou Art***

Benediction

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

*****Children's Busy Bags are available during the service and are located just inside the Worship Center doors.***



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; Neal Roach; Pam Rush; Hazel Ellis; Kimberly Knapp; Joey; Betty Harvey; Cade Hasselbring; Dave Hoegger

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.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
NEXT GEN PROGRAMMING**
Begins September 9th at 5:30pm
For grades K-Jr High

Volunteers to support the programming are needed. Contact Kyle for more info.

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.



Is looking for groups of 4-5 people that would volunteer to prepare, serve and clean up one or more lunches for the distribution volunteers in 2027.

Their teams usually feed 80-120 people. The team sends the coordinator a wish list of needed food products and as many items as possible are pulled for use. The team needs to pay for any items that are not donated to Midwest. There were 9 dates in 2027 open to be filled before September a week ago, so if you can get a team together, contact LeAnn Fujimoto at 309-663-5350 to schedule a date.