

# Weekly Update

**ALL INFORMATION AS OF 8/16**

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Amounts Received        | \$292,502        |
| PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026   | <u>\$278,918</u> |
| For Principal Reduction | \$ 13,584        |

Continue the  
**MIRACLE**

*Thank you everyone for your commitment to this project.  
Please send any pledge questions to [dumcfinancial@gmail.com](mailto:dumcfinancial@gmail.com)*

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

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| In person worship attendance | 83       |
| Youth Worship Attendance     | 9        |
| Nursery Attendance           | <u>3</u> |
| Total Attendance             | 95       |

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 4 Week average giving | \$4,601 |
| Weekly Need in 2026   | \$4,735 |

*Year to date giving is ahead by \$11,894.*

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



**DOWNS**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*August 23, 2026*



*Youth Takeover Sunday*

**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. No children's church today. Busy Bags are available.***

## Today & This Week



|            |         |                                         |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sun 8/23   | 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                   |
| Mon 8/24   | 6:00pm  | Boy Scouts in WC                        |
| Tues 8/25  | 10:00am | Bible Study in YR/Zoom                  |
|            | 11:00am | Journey Group in Library                |
| Thurs 8/27 | 6:00pm  | Worship Team on Stage                   |
|            | 6:00pm  | Journey Group in Classroom              |
| Sun 8/30   | 8:30am  | Adult Sunday School in YR               |
|            | 9:30am  | Worship/Youth Worship/Children's Church |
|            | 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](mailto: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.***

## **COMMITMENT TO GOD:**

***God does not ask about our ability or our inability,  
but about our availability.***



**Tuesday morning** Bible Study meets at 10am in the YR or on Zoom.

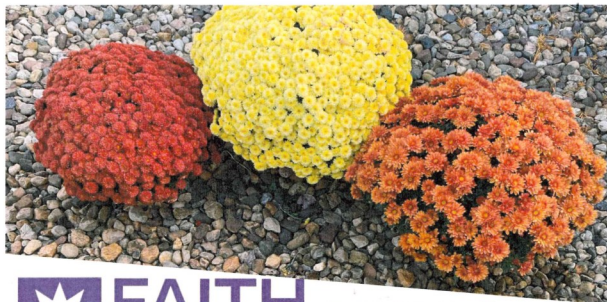
**Sunday night** Bible Study meets at 6pm in the Chapel.

**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.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
follows the worship service today.



**FAITH IN ACTION MUM SALE**



Pre-orders Only - Orders Due August 28th

Pickup at St. John's Lutheran Church  
1617 E Emerson St, Bloomington

September 10th, 9:30 AM -2:30 PM

Mums from Wendell Niepagen Greenhouses



**ORDER AT [BNFIA.ORG/MUMS](https://bnfia.org/mums)**  
**309-827-7780**

**August 23, 2026**

**Welcome**

**Special: *Last Page of the Bible***

***\*House of the Lord***

**Backpack Prayer**

***I Know A Name***

**Prayer for Teachers**

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

**Offertory: *I Can Only Imagine***

***\*Doxology***

**Exodus 32:1-8**

**Message by Ryan Garneau**  
**Tri-Valley Junior**  
***Idols***

**Up Next**

***\*I'll Fly Away***

**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](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; 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.



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. If you can get a team together, contact LeAnn Fujimoto at 309-663-5350 to schedule a date.

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