

Weekly Update

ALL INFORMATION AS OF 9/6

Amounts Received	\$300,421
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	<u>\$278,918</u>
For Principal Reduction	\$ 21,503

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	59
Youth Worship Attendance	<u>4</u>
Total Attendance	63

4 Week average giving	\$4,907
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$12,818.

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

September 13, 2026



How The Good Lord Works 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 9/13	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	10:45am	UWF Meeting in YR
	5:00pm	Finance Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
	6:45pm	Ad Board Meeting in YR
Mon 9/14	5:30pm	Trustees in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 9/15	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
	7:00pm	Campaign Committee in YR
Wed 9/16	5:30pm	Next Gen
Thurs 9/17	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sun 9/20	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	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.



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

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:30am in the Youth Room each Sunday.
Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians



They will begin a study of Paul's patient effort to confront the church in Corinth with compliments and many concerns on September 20th. The Church had amazing potential but was straying from the message of the Gospel. Join the class on this journey to review how we can use Paul's letters to Corinth as a spiritual guide in our daily walk.

What's Happening in September?

Sunday, 9/13 10:45am UWF meeting in YR

Sunday, 9/13 5:00pm Finance meeting followed by Ad Board Meeting to approve items for Charge Conference.

Wednesday, 9/23 See You At the Pole at all school buildings.

Sunday, 9/27 4:30-6:30pm UWF Spaghetti Supper

KID2KID program is asking for help getting coats for students in the Tri-Valley District. Downs UMC has been asked to get coats in the following sizes:

Men's 3X; Boys size 12/14;

Girls 5T/6T; Girls 10/12; Girls 14/16.

They also want a hat and pair of gloves to go with each coat. A sign up genius will be sent out for everyone to consider.

All items are due Oct 4.

September 13, 2026

Special: *People Get Ready*

Welcome

****Your Grace Is Enough***

Call to Worship: Whatever Lies Before Us

Prayer

10,000 Reasons

***The Lord's Prayer**

Children's Church

Message by Rev. Allen Miller

How The Good Lord Works Series: Part 1
The Unseen Day (2 Peter 3:1-18)

Walk By Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Blessed Assurance*

****Doxology***

Up Next

****All the People Said Amen***

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; Dave Hoegger; Janet Ward

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

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



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

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

ON-CALL PASTOR

Pastor Carl Johnston is available September 14 - October 1 for any pastoral emergencies – hospital visits, funerals, etc. – while Pastor Allen is on Vacation in Greece.

Pastor Carl's phone number is 618-614-0658.

Pastor Carl is the pastor at United Church of Heyworth.

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.

**Finance Budget Meeting is
Sunday, September 13th at 5:00pm
Followed by Ad Board Meeting at 6:45pm**



SPAGHETTI SUPPER
September 27, 2026
4:30-6:30pm

Sign up sheets for items and workers are by the office.