

Weekly Update

ALL INFORMATION AS OF 9/13

Amounts Received \$301,620
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026 \$278,918
For Principal Reduction \$ 22,702

**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	99
Nursery Attendance	5
Total Attendance	104

4 week average giving	\$5,219
Weekly Need in 2026	\$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$13,831.

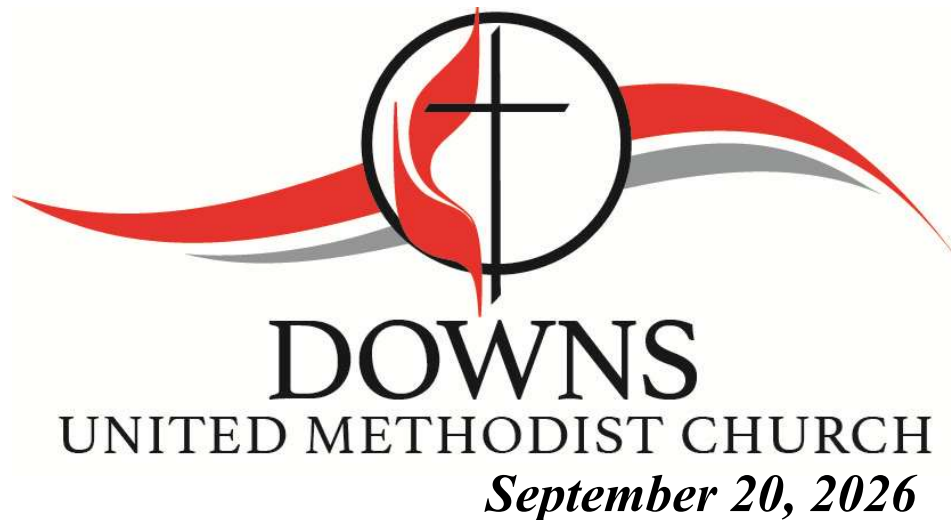
Thank you for your generosity!

**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 people giving on line.**



**SUNDAY MORNING IN PERSON AT 9:30AM
ONLINE SERVICE BY WEDNESDAY
WWW.DOWNSUMC.ORG**

**309-378-2651
www.downsumc.org**

**Reverend Allen Miller
pastor@downsumc.org**

Welcome



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 AND THIS WEEK

Sun 9/20	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
	6:00pm	Pickleball in WC



Mon 9/21 6:00pm Boy Scouts in YR

Tues 9/22 11:00am Journey Group in Library

Wed 9/23 5:30pm Next Gen Ministries
6:30pm Witness Meeting in Library

Thur 9/24 6:00pm Worship Team on Stage
6:00pm Journey Group in Classroom

Fri 9/25 7:00am High School Youth

Sun 9/27	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship/ Children's Church
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	4:30pm	Annual Spaghetti Supper

ALL meetings and groups using the facility need to schedule through the office at office@downsumc.org or 309-378-2651. Once your meeting is scheduled, should plans change, please let the office know.

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.



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; Deb & 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

September 20, 2026

Special: *Unashamed*

Welcome

****The Only Name (Yours Will Be)***

Call to Worship: "An Undivided Heart"

Prayer

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

****Stand in Your Love***

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Church

**Message by Sarah Baker,
Merge, ISU Campus Ministry
"Not Peace, but a Sword?" (Matthew 10:32-42)**

Just A Closer Walk

Prayer

Offertory: *Thy Will*

****Doxology***

Up Next

****This Is Amazing Grace***

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.**

Matthew 10:32-42 NLT

32 “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

34 “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

35 ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

36 Your enemies will be right in your own household!’[a]

37 “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. 38 If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. 39 If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.

40 “Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. 41 If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God,[b] you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. 42 And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

Matthew 10:32-42 NIV

32 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

34 “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

36 a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’[a]

37 “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

40 “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Next Gen Programming
has started for grades K - Jr High
5:30pm

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.

ON-CALL PASTOR

Pastor Carl Johnston is available now through October 1 for any pastoral emergencies--hospital visits, funerals, etc. while Pastor Allen is on vacaton in Greece.

Pastor Carl is the pastor at United Church of Heyworth and his phone number is 618-614-0658.



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

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:30am
in the Youth Room each Sunday.



Their current study is Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians, which is a study of Paul's patient effort to confront the church in Corinth with compliments and many concerns.

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.



This is next week!

Don't miss it!