

Weekly Update

Attendance on 9/27/2026

In person worship attendance	66
Youth Worship Attendance	<u>5</u>
Total Attendance	71

Finance Information as of 9/27/2026

Amounts Received	\$303,272
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	<u>\$278,918</u>
For Principal Reduction	\$ 24,354



*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.

4 week average General Fund giving \$4,652

Weekly Need in 2026 \$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$10,848.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with giving throughout 2026.

WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

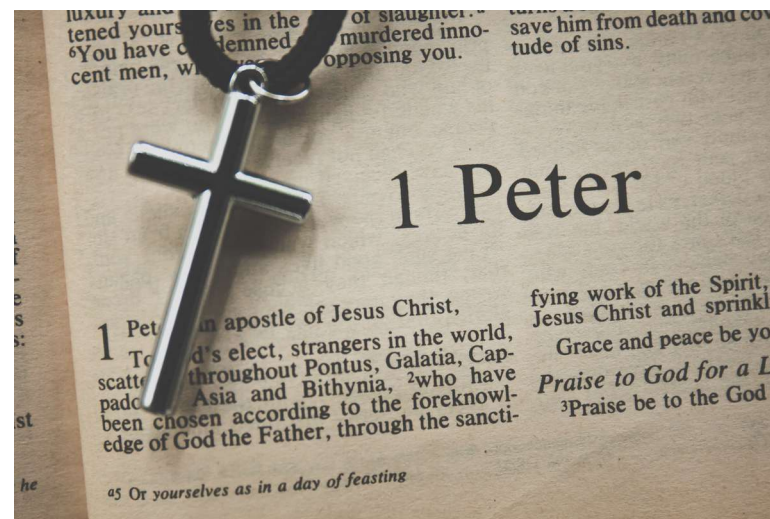
**-Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door
or mail to: Downs UMC; 205 S Highway Ave;
Downs, IL 61736**

**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.**



DOWNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026



How the Good Lord Works Series: Part 2

**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 10/4	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:30am	Next Gen Sr High
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	4:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 10/5	6:00pm	Trustees in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 10/6	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
Wed 10/7	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries
Thur 10/8	6:00pm	Journey Group in Library
	6:00pm	Great Banquet YR & Classrooms
	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Fri 10/9	9:00am	Sewing Group in FH
Sun 10/11	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:30am	Next Gen Sr High
	10:45am	Fellowship
	10:45am	Swap Room
	4:00pm	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. Once your meeting is scheduled, should plans change, please let the office know.



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 the group email.

To be added to the prayer list (for ongoing requests) please send information to prayerrequest@downsumc.org or call the office a 309-378-2651. 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 prayerrequest@downsumc.org.

CURRENT REQUESTS:

HEALTH & HEALING: Ron Terven; Ruth Christmas; Lori Roland; Dawn Belmar; Jimmy Roach; Beverly Hamblin & 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; Hazel Ellis; Kimberly Knapp; Betty Harvey; Dave Hoegger; Jim Walters

WISDOM: Cameron Jones

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

October 4, 2026

**Special: "Strong"
Welcome**

***"Praise You Anywhere"**

Call to Worship: "What Are You Standing On?"

**Prayer
*The Lord's Prayer**

Ministry Update

In Christ Alone

**Message by Rev. Allen Miller
How The Good Lord Works Series: Part 2
"Stronger" (1 Peter 1:1-25)**

The Church's One Foundation

**Pastoral Prayer
Offertory: *O Come to the Altar*
*Doxology**

***Communion Liturgy*
*Thanksgiving and Communion***

Up Next

***"Great Things"**

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.**

THANK YOU

UWF wants to thank everyone that helped with the Spaghetti Supper in any way. They cleared \$1560 before paying for the Spaghetti Supper banner that can be re-used each year.

UWF will be meeting on October 11th, and will discuss some items that have been presented for the UWF to purchase for the building.

UWF is open to all women of the church, and they meet in the Youth Room at 10:45 on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Plans for the Cookie Walk on December 12th will also be discussed.

GOOD SAM would also like to thank everyone that participated in the Kid 2 Kid coat project. With everyone's generosity all the coats, hats and gloves assigned to Downs UMC are being purchased!

Watch for information on the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets that will be coming soon. Both of these programs are a collaboration of the churches in the Tri-Valley Community.

SWAP ROOM continues to thank you for the support. They have many Fall items and there will be Thanksgiving and Christmas items coming soon.

They are open Sundays 10:45-noon or by appointment. Donations are also accepted at this time.



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.

Sr High meets Sundays at 10:30 am



Sunday night Bible Study meets at 4pm in the Chapel.

Tuesday Bible Study is at 10am in the Youth Room and on Zoom.

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.

SEWING GROUP will meet on FRIDAY, October 9th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

They make items for Midwest Mission as well as items to sell at the Cookie Walk in December.

Sewing talents are not needed, so come fellowship on October 9th.

1 This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.[a] 2 God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. The Hope of Eternal Life. 3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. 6 So be truly glad.[b] There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 8 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. 9 The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. 10 This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. 11 They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. 12 They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.

It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen. 13 So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. 14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." [c] 17 And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." 18 For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 20 God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake. 21 Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. 22 You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. [d] Love each other deeply with all your heart. [e] 23 For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. 24 As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. 25 But the word of the Lord remains forever." [f] and that word is the Good News that was preached to you.