

Weekly Update

Attendance on 10/4/2026

In person worship attendance **81**

Youth Worship Attendance 6

Total Attendance **87**

Finance Information as of 10/4/2026

Amounts Received **\$304,437**

PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026 \$278,918

For Principal Reduction \$ 25,519



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 \$4,412

Weekly Need in 2026 **\$4,735**

Year to date giving is ahead by \$11,527.

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.

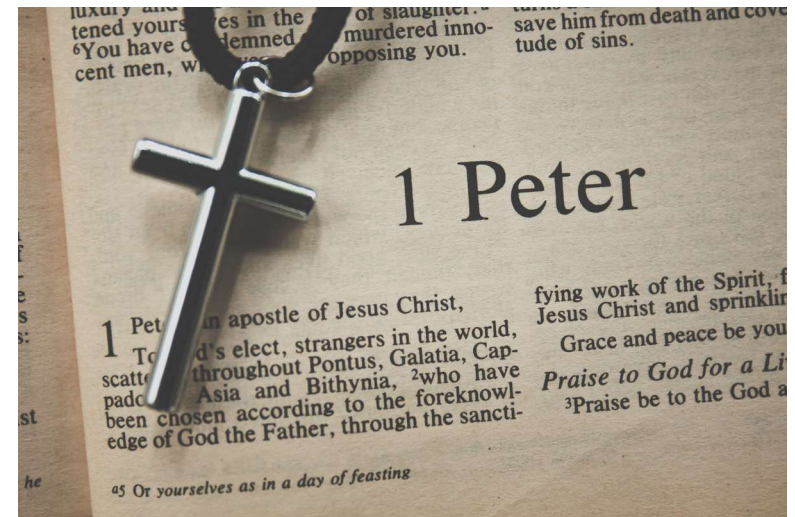
You may not see everyone putting tithes and offerings in the offering plate due to people giving on line.



DOWNS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 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 10/11	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

Mon 10/12	OFFICE CLOSED	
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC

Tues 10/13	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
	12:30pm	TV testing set up

Wed 10/14	7:30-12	TV Testing in WC & CRs
	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries

Thur 10/15	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
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Sat 10/17	9-3pm	Great Banquet in YR/C/FH/K
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Sun 10/18	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
	5:30pm	Finance Meeting in YR

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; Mary Hogg

WISDOM: Cameron Jones

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

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**Prelude
Welcome**

****How Majestic is Your Name Medley***

Call to Worship: "One Step At A Time"

**Prayer
*The Lord's Prayer**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

"Disciplined"

Children's Church

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

**Pastoral Prayer
Offertory: *I Sing Praises*
*"Doxology"**

Up Next

****Shine Jesus Shine***

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.**

UWF will be meeting on today, 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.

SWAP ROOM has 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will be meeting on Sunday, October 18th at 5:30 to go over the 3rd quarter reports. They will be meeting in the Youth Room.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will be Sunday, October 25th at 1:30pm at Morning Star UMC. This is open to everyone in the church.

OBEDIENCE

God blesses those who obey him;
happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord.

Proverbs 16:20



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.



1 So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. 2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. 5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests.[a] Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. 6 As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,[b] chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." [c] 7 Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. [d] But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." [e] 8 And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." [f] They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests,[g] a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. 10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." [h]

11 Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. 12 Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. [i]

13 For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, 14 or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

15 It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. 16 For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. 17 Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. [j] Fear God, and respect the king.

18 You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. [k] Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. 19 For God is pleased when, conscious of his will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. 20 Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

21 For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered [l] for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

22 He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. [m]

23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

25 Once you were like sheep who wandered away.

But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

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