

Weekly Update

Attendance on 10/11/2026

In person worship attendance	77
Youth Worship Attendance	<u>6</u>
Total Attendance	83

Finance Information as of 10/11/2026

Amounts Received	\$305,936
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	<u>\$278,918</u>
For Principal Reduction	\$ 27,018



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 \$4,621

Weekly Need in 2026 \$4,735

Year to date giving is ahead by \$13,376.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

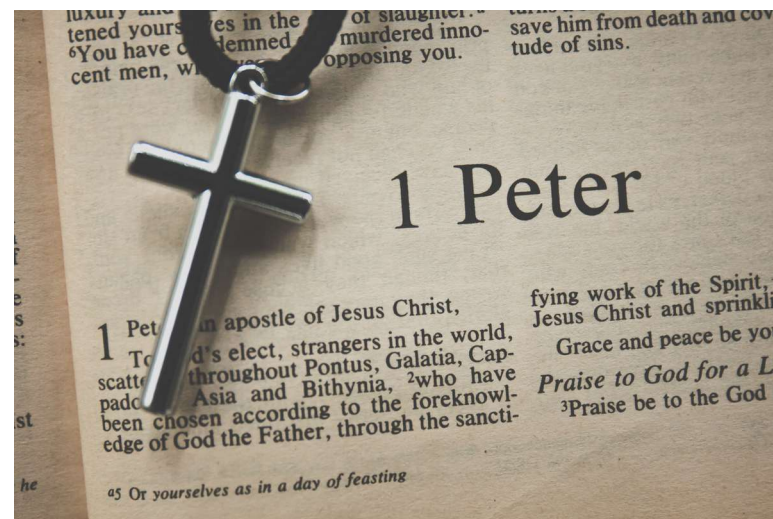
-Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door
or mail to: Downs UMC; 205 S Highway Ave;
Downs, IL 61736

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.



DOWNNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 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 10/18	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

Mon 10/19	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in YR
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Tues 10/20	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library

Wed 10/21	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries
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Thur 10/22	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
	6:00pm	Journey Group in CR

Sun 10/25	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
	1:30 pm	Charge Conference @ Morningstar
	4:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
	5:30pm	Finance Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Pickleball

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 addeed 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

October 18, 2026

Special: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Welcome

**** I Will Follow***

Call to Worship: "Which Way Are We Going?"

Lord I Need You

Prayer

**** Lord's Prayer***

Ministry Update

Children's Church

Message by Rev. Allen Miller

Good Journeys with Jesus (1 Peter 3:1-22)

"Come to Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Truth Be Told*

**** "Doxology"***

Up Next

**** Holy Is the Lord***

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.**

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.

Saturday, October 24th will be their Christmas Extravaganza where they will have Christmas items available for sale in the shed. Tell you friends and come shop 8-4 on October 24th.



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.

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.

Wives: 1 In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over 2 by observing your pure and reverent lives. 3 Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. 4 You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. 5 This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands. 6 For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

Husbands: 7 In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

All Christians: 8 Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters.[a] Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. 9 Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. 10 For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. 11 Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

12 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

Suffering for Doing Good: 13 Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way.[c] Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. 17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! 18 Christ suffered[d] for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. 19 So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—

20 those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. 21 And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from[g] a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 22 Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.