Weekly Update

Attendance on 10/18/2026

In person worship attendance	**85**
Youth Worship Attendance	**9**
Total Attendance	**94**

Finance Information as of 10/18/2026

Amounts Received	*$309,294*
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	$278,918
For Principal Reduction	*$ 30,376*



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.

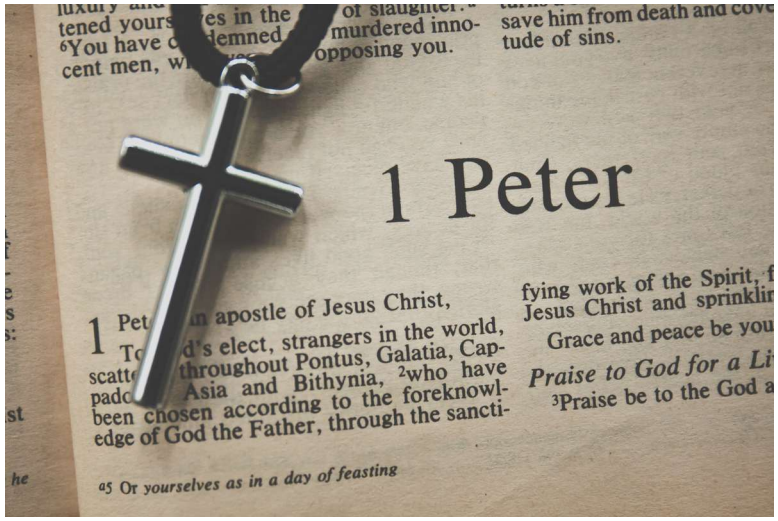
4 week average General Fund giving	**$5,375**
Weekly Need in 2026	**$4,735**

Year to date giving is ahead by $15,897.
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 25, 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

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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 10/25	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
Mon 10/26	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in YR
Tues 10/27	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
	6:30pm	Witness Meeting in Library
Wed 10/28	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries
Thur 10/29	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sat 10/31	5-7pm	Trunk or Treat
Sun 11/1	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
	10:45am	Campaign Q & A in Chapel
	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 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 25, 2026

Special: *The God Who Stays*
Welcome

**** Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)***

Call to Worship: "When Life Gets a Little Gritty"
Prayer
*** Lord's Prayer**

Ministry Update

I Love to Tell the Story

Children's Church

Message by Rev. Allen Miller
How the Good Lord Works Series: Part 2
The Gritty Stuff (1 Peter 4:1-19)

Unashamed

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory: *Make It Well*
****Doxology***

Up Next

**** Because He Lives (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.**







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

Downs United Methodist Church NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

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 audiance.

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.



Pick up your boxes today. Once they are gone, there are no more for 2026.

Adult Sunday School meets at 8:30am

in the Youth Room eac 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 Peter 4 NLT October 25, 2026

Living for God

1 So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you
must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had,
and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered
physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. 2 You
won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own
desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.
3 You have had enough in the past of the evil things
that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust,
their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and
their terrible worship of idols. 4 Of course, your
former friends are surprised when you no longer
plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things
they do. So they slander you.

5 But remember that they will have to face God, who
stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and
the dead. 6 That is why the Good News was preached
to those who are now dead—so although they were
destined to die like all people, they now live forever
with God in the Spirit. 7 The end of the world is
coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in
your prayers. 8 Most important of all, continue to
show deep love for each other, for love covers a
multitude of sins.

9 Cheerfully share your home with those who need a
meal or a place to stay. 10 God has given each of you
a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them
well to serve one another. 11 Do you have the gift of
speaking? Then speak as though God himself were
speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping
others? Do it with all the strength and energy that
God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory
to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to
him forever and ever! Amen.

Suffering for Being a Christian

12 Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery
trials you are going through, as if something
strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be
very glad—for these trials make you partners
with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have
the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is
revealed to all the world. 14 If you are insulted
because you bear the name of Christ, you will be
blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon
you. 15 If you suffer, however, it must not be for
murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into
other people's affairs. 16 But it is no shame to
suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the
privilege of being called by his name!

17 For the time has come for judgment, and it
must begin with God's household. And if
judgment begins with us, what terrible fate
awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good
News? 18 And also,

"If the righteous are barely saved,

what will happen to godless sinners?"

19 So if you are suffering in a manner that
pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and
trust your lives to the God who created you, for
he will never fail you.