Weekly Update

Attendance on 10/25/2026

In person worship attendance	**78**
Youth Worship Attendance	**9**
Total Attendance	**87**

Finance Information as of 10/25/2026

Amounts Received	*$309,933*
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	$278,918
For Principal Reduction	*$ 31,015*



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.

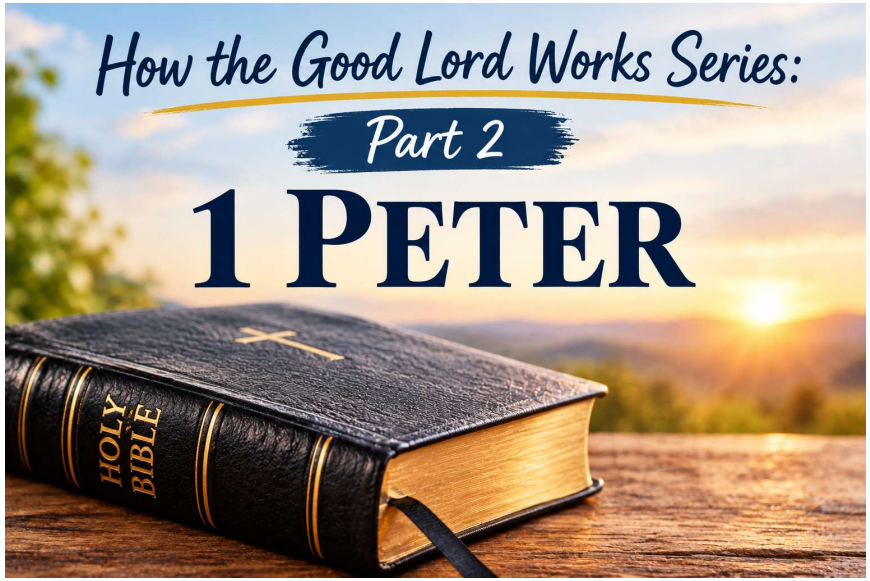
4 week average General Fund giving	**$5,983**
Weekly Need in 2026	**$4,735**

Year to date giving is ahead by $15,840.
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

November 1, 2026



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 to DOWNS UMC

We're glad you're here!

Here are a few helpful things to know about our building and worship service.

Attendance Pads

We love to know who has joined us!

Please sign in on the attendance pads as they are passed.

Nursery & Restrooms

The nursery is located at the far end of the Fellowship Hall. Restrooms are located by the nursery.

Children's Church

Children's Church is available for children in K-3rd grade.
Children will return during the last song.

Please note: Children's Church does not meet on Communion Sundays.

Busy Bags

Busy bags are available by the Worship Center entrance. Please return the bag to the tote at the end of the service.

We're so glad you joined us for worship!

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

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
Mon 11/2	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting in YR
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 11/3	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
	6:30pm	Witness Committee Meeting FH
Wed 11/4	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries
Thur 11/5	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
	6:00pm	Journey Group in CR 2
Sun 11/8	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	UWF Meeting in YR
	10:45am	Campaign Q & A in Chapel
	11:30-4:30	Bldg in Use FH & YR
	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; Betty Harvey; Dave Hoegger; Jim Walters; Mary Hogg

WISDOM: Cameron Jones

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

November 1, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

*** *Open the Eyes of My Heart***

Call to Worship: "Better Together"
Prayer
*** Lord's Prayer**

"*Together*"

Message by Rev. Allen Miller
How the Good Lord Works Series: Part 2
Stay Connected, Stay Together! (1 Peter 5:1-14)

"*How Great Thou Art*"

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Doxology

Commuion

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.**





OCC Boxes must be returned by

November 22nd.



Please bring your pledge cards for the mortgage campaign 2027-2029 to the service on November 15th. During the service there will be a special time to turn the pledges in. After the service join everyone for Brunch.

Downs United NEXT GEN MINISTRIES Methodist Church

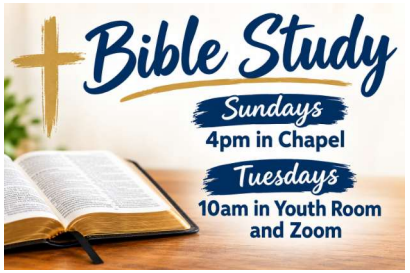
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Next Gen Programming
for grades K - Jr High
5:30pm

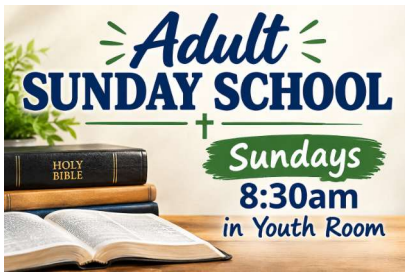
NEXT GEN YOUTH WORSHIP

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

Adult opportunities to share and learn more about God's word.





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.

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.

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES, GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER FOR IT.

You may say: "I'm always worried and frustrated".

God says: Cast all you cares on ME. (1 Peter 5:7)



1 Peter 5 NLT November 1, 2026

Advice for Elders and Young Men

1 And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: 2 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.

3 Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. 4 And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor. 5 In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for

"God opposes the proud

but gives grace to the humble."

6 So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

10 In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. 11 All power to him forever! Amen.

Peter's Final Greetings

12 I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

13 Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet each other with a kiss of love.

Peace be with all of you who are in Christ.