Weekly Update

Attendance on 11/08/2026

In person worship attendance	**87**
Youth Worship Attendance	**5**
Nursery Attendance	**0**
Total Attendance	**92**

Finance Information as of 11/8/2026

Amounts Received	*$311,819*
PLEDGES FOR 2024-2026	**$278,918**
For Principal Reduction	*$ 32,901*



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	**$6,153**
Weekly Need in 2026	**$4,735**

Year to date giving is ahead by $18,873.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

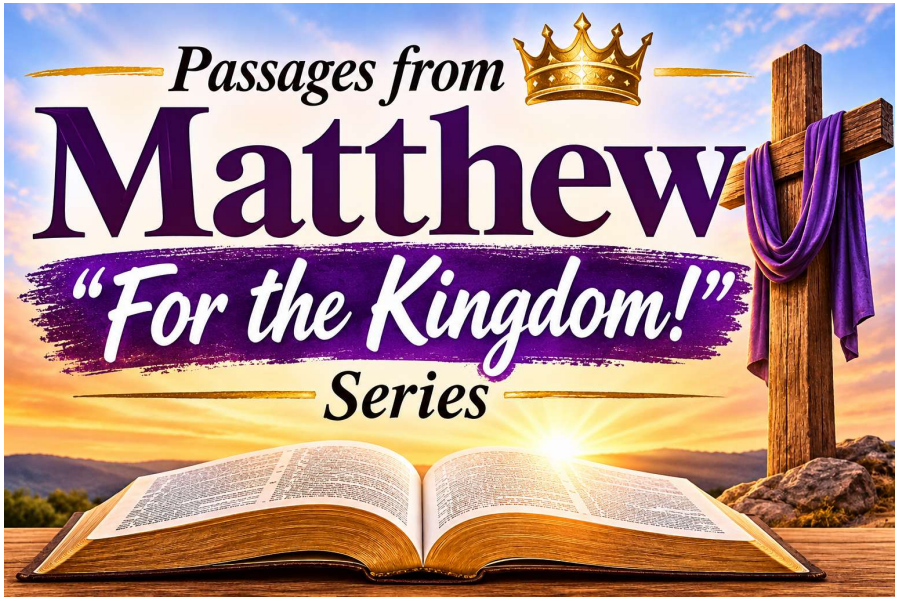
WAYS TO GIVE: www.downsumc.org

-Our drop box on Pillar outside the front door

or mail to: Downs UMC; 205 S Highway Ave; Downs, IL 61736

DOWNS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 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 11/15	8:30am	Adult Sunday School in YR
	9:30am	Worship/Youth Worship
	10:30am	Next Gen Sr High
	10:45am	Committment Sunday Brunch
	10:45am	Swap Room
	4:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
Mon 11/16	6:00pm	Boy Scouts in WC
Tues 11/17	10:00am	Bible Study in YR & Zoom
	11:00am	Journey Group in Library
Wed 11/18	5:30pm	Next Gen Ministries
Thur 11/19	6:00pm	Journey Group in CR 2
	6:00pm	Worship Team on Stage
Sun 11/22	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
	12:30pm	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in Use
	4:00pm	Bible Study in Chapel
	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.

Please don't assume meeting space will be avaiable, or that verbal okays from anyone else will guarantee your spot. Thank you in advance for your help with this.



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; Betty Harvey; Dave Hoegger; Jim Walters; Mary Hogg; Ray Boyd; Marc Rush

WISDOM: Cameron Jones

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

November 15, 2026

Prelude: *How Good God Is*
Welcome

**** House of the Lord***

Call to Worship: "A Little Faith Goes a Long Way"
Prayer & * Lord's Prayer

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

"*Operation Christmas Child: God's Love Blooms*"
Children's Church

Message by Rev. Allen Miller
For the Kingdom! Series
The Kingdom Setting (Matthew 13:24-46)

"*The Seed*"

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory: *How He Loves Us*
****Doxology***

Pledge Ceremony
Thank you for your generous support of Downs UMC!

Up Next

**** Blessed Be Your Name***
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.**



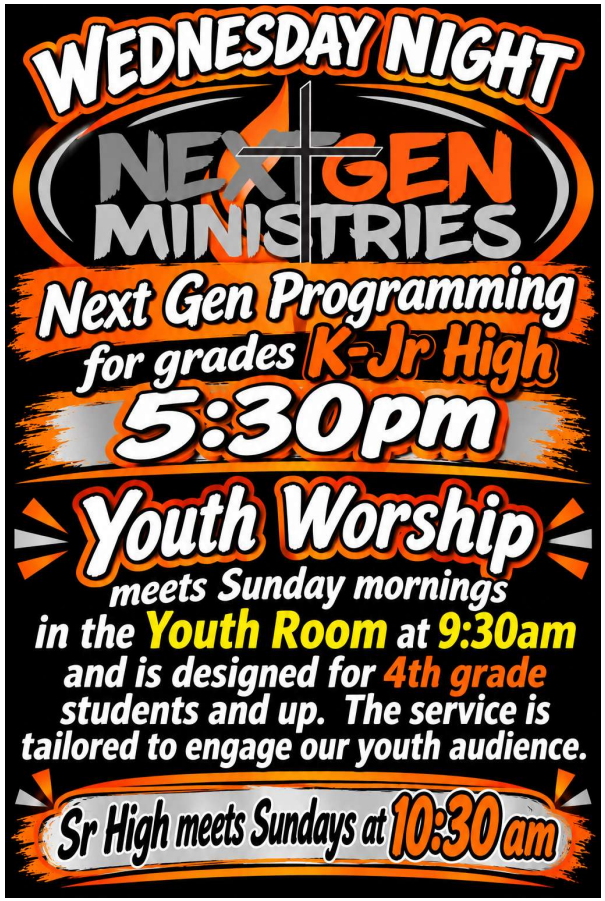
OCC Boxes must be returned by

November 22nd.





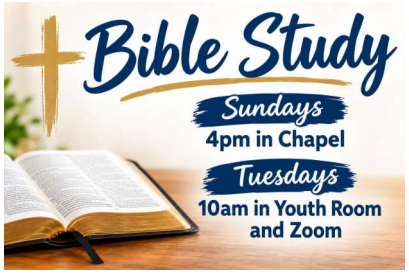
After the service please join everyone for Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

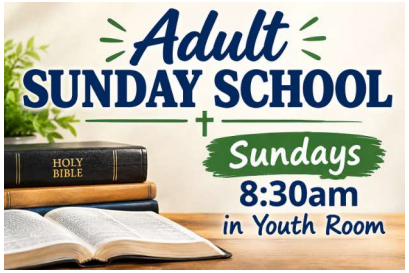






Adult opportunities to share and learn more about God's word.





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.

Matthew 13:24-46 NLT November 15, 2026

Parable of the Wheat and Weeds

24 Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. 25 But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. 26 When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

27 “The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’ 28 “‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed. “‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked. 29 “‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

Parable of the Mustard Seed

31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Parable of the Yeast

33 Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.” 34 Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. 35 This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: “I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world.”

Parable of the Wheat and Weeds Explained

36 Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.” 37 Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one.

39 The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels. 40 “Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

44 “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

45 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. 46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!