



November 2024

News & Current Events

From the Desk of the Mayor

Water plant reconstruction is still running ahead of schedule, and we have all the key electrical components which are being installed. Right now, the plan for coming online is the beginning of Feb 2025! We look forward to having it operational as we continue operating the plant manually. We THANK our dedicated employees for the extra burden and work this causes them to do. Please thank them for the extra effort to keep the plant running and tower as full as possible.

ALL complaints, questions or comments should be directed to the Village Hall, Trustee department head or Mayor. Contact information is listed on the Village website. Please do not email or call our public works employees unless it is an emergency, and you can't get ahold of someone listed above. I have instructed all employees to ignore residents that do not follow this direction. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have approved the contract with MSA for design engineering on our streetscape project. We will be holding public hearings once design has been completed. We hope to have this project bid and contracts signed by late spring of 2025. We must coordinate with the school and county on road closures.

Water plant rehabilitation (To get the history on the water plant, please see the June 2023 flyer):

- 1) *New filter tanks, pipes, & plant interior painting is being completed*
- 2) *Electronic controls and power is being installed*
- 3) *New concrete drive, old well pad, and approaches are completed.*
- 4) *New lettering, rest of the roof, doors, and gutters will be installed soon.*
- 5) *Plant is on target for completion and online in February of 2025.*

UPDATED: We continue to work on the following major items. Dollar amounts provided are estimates. Actual numbers will not be known until bidding and final 1% sales tax revenue is received (updates are in italics):

- 1) Plans for water main extension to Downs Crossing via Rt 150, New tower, and looping dead ends – *Project has started. Boring all water main where possible.*



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- 2) Downtown Streetscape and Parking – *Design engineering started.*
- 3) S. Lincoln and Colleen Lane Water and Sewer Extensions – *Completed.*
- 4) Roanoke Concrete plant will be operational once power is connected. Roanoke to produce the concrete needed at the plant once operational. S. Lincoln and Colleen Ln Roads will be reconstructed with concrete soon.

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

In your service,

Mike James, Mayor

309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org

LED Sign Advertising

Contact the Village Hall to get Started

The Village Board approved the advertising plan and pricing. Rates were based on the cheapest billboard rates in Bloomington and then adjusted down from there. Rates are available for individual recognition, Downs/TV charitable organizations, other charitable organizations, for-profit business – Downs/TV and for-profit business – Others. Discounts will be available for volunteering in the village or in-kind donations. Ads can be images or video with a max run time of 20 seconds. Ad would run, at a minimum, every 5 mins during the hours of 5 am – 12 am for a total of 114 impressions per day. Recommend usage of Canva or like product to create your ad. Ad must be 240x480 pixels.

	Daily/Weekly Rate	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost
Discount (10 vol hrs/mth, 120hrs/yr – if available)		\$30	\$300
In-Kind Donation Discount		TBD	TBD
Individual Recognition	\$40	\$60	N/A
Downs and TV Charitable Organization	N/A	\$30	\$300
Other Charitable Organization	N/A	\$60	\$660
For-Profit Business - Downs	N/A	\$60	\$660
For-Profit Business - Others	N/A	\$120	\$1,380



Village of Downs Board of Trustees Meeting Overview November 14th, 2024, 7 pm @ Village Hall & via ZOOM

Executive order **2021-9** by the Governor of Illinois allowed this meeting to be held via Zoom, telephone and at the Village Hall.

1. Mayor Mike James called the November 14, 2024, meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Maureen Roach, Anna Milliken, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel and Toby Twyford. There was a quorum to do business. Also present was Clerk Julie James, Treasurer Julie Bakewell, Interim Treasurer Sam Smith, and Village Attorney Dawn Wall.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. A Motion to Approve Agenda and Order was made and approved.
 - There was a Scriveners error on Resolution 2024-R43 Authorizing and Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Between McLean County and the Village of Downs
5. Reports can be found in the flyer.
6. Discussion
 1. Other
 - Twyford reported that the Downs CIA had a record setting year during the haunted house.
7. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
8. A Motion to Approve Items Contained within the Consent Agenda was made and approved.
9. A Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was made and approved.
 1. Motions
 - a. Motion to Approve the October 10, 2024, Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve the October 10, 2024, Village Board of Trustees Executive Meeting Minutes
 - c. Motion to Renew Membership with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce
 - d. Motion to Approve Zoning Board Petition Fee of \$200 for all Petitions
 2. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution 2024-R37 Authorizing and Approving Professional Services Agreement Between MSA and Village of Downs for Streetscape Project Preliminary Design Engineering
 - b. Resolution 2024-R38 Authorizing and Approving Renewal of the Village of Downs Liability Insurance with ICRMT as of December 1, 2024
 - c. Resolution 2024-R39 Authorizing and Approving Purchase of John Deere 2038R Tractor Attachments
 - d. Resolution 2024-R40 Authorizing and Approving Renewal of the Body Camera Agreement Between Halo Technologies Europe Ltd and the Village of Downs
10. New Business



1. Motions

- a. A Motion to Approve Village of Downs Public Comment and Public Hearing Rule Changes was made and approved.
- b. Motion to Continue the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on _____, @ 7 pm at the Village Hall - No action taken.

2. Ordinances

- a. A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-15 Approving and Adopting Amendments to the Village of Downs Policy Handbook for the Employees of the Village of Downs was made and approved.
- b. Ordinance 2024-__ Amending the Municipal Code of The Village of Downs – No action taken.
- c. A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-16 Authorizing and Approving a User Rate Increase and Dedication of Sales Tax Revenue or Other Sources of Revenue to Ensure Combined Revenues to be Collected Beginning with the enactment of this ordinance to Cover the Cost of the Operation of the Water System, Repairs and Maintenance of the Water System and Payment of the Debt Service was made and approved.
- d. A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17 Approving the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the Village of Downs, McLean County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year of May 1, 2025, Through April 30, 2026, was made and approved.

11. Old Business

1. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Audit – No action taken.
2. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Annual Treasurer's Report - No action taken.
3. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Annual TIF Reports - No action taken.
4. Ordinance 2024-__ Amending the Municipal Code of The Village of Downs by the Addition of Article[Chapter] _____ Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Rights-of-Way – No action taken.
5. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-R41 Authorizing and Approving Proposal from Rod's Tree Service for \$2,100 was made and approved.

12. A motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.

13. A motion to Enter Executive Session for Intergovernmental, Lease, Development and Annexation Agreements was made and approved.

14. Mayor Mike James called the November 14, 2024, meeting back to order at 10:17pm.

15. Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Maureen Roach, Anna Milliken, Stephanie Adkisson, Sarah Gassaway, Brian Warfel and Toby Twyford. There was a quorum to do business. Also present was Clerk Julie James, Treasurer Julie Bakewell, Interim Treasurer Sam Smith, and Village Attorney Dawn Wall

16. Action on Executive Session Items



1. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-R42 Authorizing and Approving Lease Agreement Between Corn Belt Energy Corporation and the Village of Downs was made and approved.
 2. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-R43 Authorizing and Approving Intergovernmental Agreement Between McLean County and the Village of Downs was made and approved.
17. Other Business - There was no other business.
18. A motion to adjourn at 10:18pm was made and approved.
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Board of Trustees

Election Information

Positions open on the Village of Downs Board of Trustees

The below important dates are for the 2025 Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025. These candidate circulation and filing dates apply to those offices that do not require a primary.

- August 20, 2024: First day to circulate petitions for consolidated election
- November 12, 2024: First day to file nomination papers for consolidated election
- November 18, 2024: Last day to file nomination papers for consolidated election
- November 25, 2024: Last day to file objections to nomination papers for consolidated election
- January 13, 2025: Last day for governing boards to adopt a resolution to allow a binding or advisory question on the ballot at consolidated election
- January 23, 2025: Ballot certification deadline for consolidated election
- April 1, 2025: Consolidated Election

Billing

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING BILLING ISSUES INCLUDING PAYMENT ARRANGMENTS NEED TO BE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE HALL AT 309-378-3221 DURING OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 a.m.—12.:30 p.m.

REMINDER: *The billing due date is the **15th of the month**. Payments received after the 15th are subject to the late fees. If not paid by the 25th of the month, and the office has to call you regarding payment, there will be an additional fee of \$20. If not paid on the 26th, shut off of water can occur. To reconnect, there is a additional fee of \$30.*

The Village is using an **ACH** (automatic withdrawal) program. This program has NO FEE to you! If you sign up for this program, you will continue to receive your monthly bill. On the 15th of the month, the Village will withdraw the entire amount due from the checking or savings account you provided on the authorization form. Authorization forms are on the website and will need to be submitted to the Billing Office by the 1st of the month you wish your first payment withdrawal to be made.

Reminder: if an ACH comes back as NSF it is treated like a check and cash or money order is needed to cover the NSF ACH. A 2nd NSF will result in no longer being eligible for ACH and all payments will need to be in cash or a money order. Please put your service number on your payment.

Debt Service increase

January 2024

Bills received in January will show a debt service increase of \$18.10. This is an IEPA mandated rate increase for the new water plant.

All Building Permits

All Building and Demolition Permit Applications must be processed, approved, and issued a permit number BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN. This includes small projects, renovations, and new builds which could take up to 2 weeks to process. Please leave enough time before working on your project.

Our permits are revised and posted on the website throughout the year. Make sure to print out the latest forms. Permit Forms can be found on our [Forms and Applications page](#) on the Village Website listed under Quick Links.

Water Sewer report for October 2024.

The average iron concentration for the finished water was **.91** ppm. Monthly bacteriological testing on the raw, finished and distribution samples were all satisfactory, fluoride concentration was **.5**. The volume of water pumped for the month was **3.249** million gallons averaging **104,835** gallons per day. The sewer lift station pumped ~~2.097~~ million gallons for the month averaging ~~67,645~~ million gallons per day. (The lift station's reader went down when it was surged by a nearby lightning strike 8/1/24. Part is on order)

- 0 Water shut offs
- 12 outdated water meters/transmitters replaced with updated units
- 1 Water leaks repaired
- 28 JULIE tickets within Village
 - 4 Streets/Water Department
 - 24 outside companies (0 was an extended ticket, no need to remark)
- 27 JULIE tickets outside Village (5 were extended tickets, no need to remark)

The water department will be replacing the older Meters and Transmitters with new and updated ones. We have a list of the residents with the older versions and will be reaching out in the future to schedule a time when our team can replace the old with updated versions. This will be at no cost to the homeowner as it is Village Property.

PSA: When driving, please continue to be cautious of our Village workers who are out and about. We want to make sure the Village is safe for the residents and ourselves.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out if you have any comments/suggestions.

Jill Kasprzak
Supervisor of Public Works & Maintenance

Village Snow & Ice Removal

Please Help us Make Plowing Easier, Safer, and more Efficient

The Village doesn't have a snow parking ban law, and we prefer not to create one because we know we can rely on YOUR assistance and cooperation to help make our job easier. The following outlines our procedures and will be adjusted as needed:

We will usually precede each storm with salting intersections, hills, curves, and trouble areas. Snow removal will start at ~2" and will focus on getting one pass through all streets and keeping them open, until snow stops. Cars parked along the side of the roads will slow this process down and you may end up with a lot of snow around it. Please help us by parking your car(s) preferably in your own driveway, during storms where we are expecting 4"+ of snow and/or high winds. Once removal is completed and the snow has stopped, we will come back through to widen, cleanup and spread salt.

Illegal Dumping

Please do not dump yard waste and ANY other items at the entrances to Kickapoo Park, Village storage land, and/or along Huff Rd South of Main St. Violators will be caught and fined accordingly!

If you have questions or concerns, please call Brian Warfel at 309-261-0183.

GFL Environmental

Bulk Pickup—First Garbage Day Pickup of the Month

Do not forget that the first garbage pickup of each month is our contracted bulk waste pickup for the Village. If you have a large item or a lot, please call GFL customer service prior to the scheduled pickup. Sample of items not taken - electronics, appliance with a compressor, batteries, landscaping material, bricks, block, construction material. If you have questions call GFL customer service at 309-688-0760.

Dumpster Use

Please remember, Dumpsters at residences, businesses, and parks are private and not for public use. If you have a need for a dumpster you can call GFL customer service at 309-688-0760 to order one.



Volunteering with the Parks Department

Thank you to our volunteers

November is a busy month for the Parks and Food pantry! We have clocked in over 60 hrs with volunteers and in the evenings decorating for Christmas! We are nearly done and are looking for about 5-10 volunteers this Saturday to get finished up. A huge THANK YOU to the Village of Downs CIA for providing food for the volunteers each weekend, it has all been amazing and we appreciate you!

Parks Lighting Ceremony

November 30th at 6 PM

The Park Committee will be having a park lighting on November 30 at 6pm for all those who would like to attend and kick off the holiday season. This will be the first of the annual lightings and we will build the event moving forward.

Food Pantry

Monetary Donations are accepted at the Village Hall

The Food Pantry has set a food donation box at The Butcher's Edge! You can also purchase gift cards for the pantry and throw those in the box for cold items such as meat, butter, eggs, and other perishable items. This year they are hoping to supply 36 Thanksgiving turkeys and 36 Christmas Ham meals to food pantry clients. Thanksgiving is complete but they still need items for Christmas as well as regular distribution.

Some holiday needs are:

Canned sweet potatoes/Yams
Boxed potatoes (au gratin, scalloped)
Evaporated Milk
Canned fruit and pie fillings
Corn Muffin mix
Chicken, beef, and veggie broths
Flour, white and brown sugar
Cooking oil, spray and shortening
Boxed pie crust mix/graham cracker crusts
Instant potatoes
Green beans-cream of mushroom soup-
French fried onions

Boxed stuffing
Canned pumpkin and pineapple
Canned vegetables
Condensed soups
Assorted bread, rolls, muffin mixes
Cake, brownie and cookie mixes
Basic spices, herbs, seasonings, and extracts
Salt, baking powder, pepper
Gravy mixes or jars/cans
Gift cards for eggs, butter, and milk



Village Of Downs Food Pantry



Our Mission

To serve the people of Tri-Valley School District who need food assistance by providing monthly food boxes and to be on call to assist in any emergency that involves a need for food and emotional support.

"Serving the residents of the Tri-Valley School District."

2024 Schedule

Month	Friday	Saturday
September	13th	14th
October	11th	12th
November	8th	9th
December	13th	14th

Distribution hours

10:00 am until Noon

Location

The Food Pantry is in the Youth Center located at the Washington St. entrance to Dooley Park.

2024 Food Pantry Distribution Schedule

Food boxes are distributed during the first Friday and Saturday after the first Monday of each month barring holidays when the distribution is usually the following week.

Contact the Food Pantry:

Linda Bowman:
309-261-3809
llbowman3@gmail.com

Bill Clark:
309-531-7884
downstwpclerk@aol.com

FY 2025 Parks Meeting Schedule

Dooley Park Pavilion @ 6:00pm

- December 17, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 18, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025

The Park will be holding Special Meetings moving forward on the Tuesdays after the board meetings until April when we will amend our schedule for the upcoming year. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities coming up so be on the lookout to see how you can help!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Looking Ahead

Quick Glance at Upcoming Village Events, Activities and Meetings

November:

- 4th – Last Regular Monthly Brush Pickup for the Year
- 7th - Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 pm @ Village Hall
- 7th – Garbage Collection – GFL Bulk pickup
- 11th – **Thank You Veterans** – Veteran’s Day
- 11th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion
- 12th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 14th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 14th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 21st – Garbage Collection
- 22nd – Bonus Brush Pickup
- 27th – Bonus Leaf Pickup—Bagged only
- 28th – **Happy Thanksgiving** – Village Hall Closed
- 29th – Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 29th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

December:

- (TBD, based on volunteers) All Month – Christmas Lights in Dooley Park – Dusk – 11 pm
- 5th – Garbage Collection
- 7th – Cookies with Santa @ Dooley Park Pavilion (Tickets required)
- 8th – Cookies with Santa @ Dooley Park Pavilion (Tickets required)
- ~~9th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion—Cancelled~~
- 10th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @Village Hall
- 12th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 12th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @Village Hall & Zoom
- 17th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @Pavilion
- 19th – Garbage Collection
- 25th – **Merry Christmas**—Village Hall Closed
- 27th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

January:

- (TBD, based on volunteers) All Month – Christmas Lights in Dooley Park – Dusk – 11 pm
- **1st – Happy New Year - Village Hall closed**
- 3rd – Garbage Collection
- ~~6th – Parks Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion—Cancelled~~
- 7th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm
- 9th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 9th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall, Video/Audio via Zoom
- 14th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion
- 16th – Garbage Collection
- 23RD – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 30TH – Garbage Collection

**** More information and registration forms are available on the Village website or at the Village Hall**

COOKIES with SANTA

December 7, 2024

9:00am-12:00pm & 4:00-7:00pm

December 8, 2024

1:00-4:00pm

Register for the 10th Annual Cookies with Santa!

- *Come and enjoy milk and Christmas cookies.*
- *Write and mail your letters to the North Pole.*

*We will have a photographer take your child's picture
with Santa.*

*After the event is over, your child will receive their
picture and a letter from Santa in the mail.*

**** Please ONLY register your child****



Dooley Park Pavilion, Downs
Questions? Please call the Village Hall at 309-378-3221

Donations accepted

Video/Audio Information for Public Meetings which use Zoom

Broadcast for Village Board of Trustee Meetings Will Continue

Persons who wish to attend in person are allowed at the meeting location shown on the agenda without special consideration. Both Audio and Video are available using a computer or smartphone using the information below. If you don't have access to the internet you can dial-in for audio only using any telephone via the information below. Please keep your phone muted until called upon for your question or you need to make a follow-up comment during your 5-minute time (See rules for public comment).

You may submit comments or questions via the following methods:

- Online chat during the meeting
- During the "Public Comment" item on the agenda using conference call audio/video
- e-mail the clerk@villageofdowns.org
- Text the Village Clerk 309-830-7373

Video/Audio conference call information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/uzvjsq6>

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: VOD2020

Dial by your location: (312) 626-6799 US
(Chicago)

Meeting ID: 715 697 2265

Password: 682969

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Let Us Know How We Can Use Your Expertise

Volunteer Registration

Often someone wants to help but doesn't know how. Often, I hear, "Let me know if I can help.", but I don't know how. See the dilemma? Our website contains a "[Volunteer Registration Form](#)". This registration will allow you to tell us where you can help and how we can utilize your talents and skills. I hope you will take the time to consider how you can help.

Door-to-Door Sales

Permit Required

Door-to-door solicitation permits are PRIOR to doing solicitation door-to-door. No warnings will be granted. Please report anyone that does not have a permit to come to your door. Please try and get their name and car make/model/color. Solicitors without a permit will be fined.

Keep up to Date with Facebook and Village Website

Village of Downs Events

The Events Committee has put together a Facebook site for announcements, information and other social media interaction for the events within the Village. I hope you will find this useful and join ("Like") our Facebook group/site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DownsEvents/>. We also have information on our Village website: <http://www.VillageOfDowns.org>.

Other social media sites of interest are:

- You know you are from Downs FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/downsil/>
- Downs Citizens In Action (CIA) FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115323465475046/>
- Downs Haunted House FB Page and Website:
 - ◇ <https://www.facebook.com/downs.hauntedhouse>
 - ◇ <http://www.downshauntedhouse.org>
- Dooley Park FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/108924229128032/>
- Downs Freedom Run: <https://www.facebook.com/downsfreedomrun/>
- Downs GPS (Grow, Play, Stay): <https://www.facebook.com/DownsGPS>
- Downs Village Market FB Page and Instagram:
 - ◇ <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090958995532>
 - ◇ <https://www.instagram.com/downsvillagemarket/?igshid=NTc4MTIwNjQ2YQ%3D%3D>

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FY2025 (May 2024 – April 2025) Village of Downs Event Plan

Current Plan—Subject to Change

The following describes each planned event at a high level. Further details and changes will occur during final planning by the committee or sub-committee in charge of the event. Budgets have been estimated based on last year's expenditures and revenue. Some events have been eliminated due to lack of participation or they were merged with something else.

1. **Dooley Park Cruise-In** – This event will be held on the first Saturday in June in Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.
2. **Village Cleanup Day** – This event will be held on the first Saturday in June each year. We hope to have containers for garbage, recycle, electronics, batteries, tires (extra fee). Home pick up can be arranged for a donation.
3. **Freedom Run** – The Freedom Run will be held June 29 (Saturday before July 4) and is a 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run. Event will start and end at the Tri-Valley Middle School & High School. See Facebook/Meta for more information.
4. **4th of July** – This event will be the first of two large events for the Village. This year will be a one-day event.
5. **Creepy Car Cruise-In** – This event will be held the first Saturday in October at Dooley Park from 3 – 7 pm. There will be no rainout date.
6. **Downs Haunted House** – This event will be the second of the two large events. This event will be every Friday and Saturday in October until Halloween. The Un-Haunted House for kids will be on the last Sunday in October.
7. **Cookies with Santa** – This very popular family-oriented event providing free picture(s) with Santa for the family and/or kids, cookies, and drinks. Cookies with Santa will continue to use the ticketing system used last year. The event will take place the first Saturday and Sunday in December in several sessions to be announced later.
8. **Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt** – This event will be hosted in Dooley Park on Saturday, April 12, 2025, and will involve the area Churches for the egg hunt. The host for the family breakfast before the egg hunt in the park is TBD and we are open for any business to volunteer to host.

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October 20	"Why are we so Anxious?"
October 27	"Can I Trust Anything, Anymore?"
November 3	"Two Days Left Until..."
November 17	"Children of the iPhone"
November 24	"Raising iPhone Kids Together"
December 1	"Enough Hours in the Day?"
December 8	"Wreckreation"
December 15	"The Holidays"

608 North Huff Road, PO Box 345, Downs, IL 61736

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309-838-7001



Worship Service

Sundays 9:30 AM In Person

Online at www.downsumc.org

Up and Coming Events

- Sunday evenings at 4pm is in person Bible Study in the Chapel
- Tuesday mornings at 10am Bible Study in the Youth Room and on Zoom
- Next Gen Wednesday Night Ministries at 5:30pm. Groups are:
 - K-3rd Grade
 - 4th-6th Grade
 - 7th-8th Grade
- Sr High is 10:45am on Sundays
- Wednesdays at 6pm: Choir in the Chapel



December 8th 9:30am

Children's Christmas Musical

December 14th 9:00am

Cookie Walk

December 15th 9:30am

Choir Christmas Cantata

Sermon Series

December 1-December 22

Better Days Comin' Series

Gospel of Mark

(No sermons on 12/8 and 12/15)

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The new Swap Room is open at the church on
Sundays 10:45-12 noon and has all the
Christmas Items.

Downs United Methodist Church **Annual Cookie Walk**



**Our Swap Room
will be open for shopping!**

Location: 205 South Highway Avenue

December 14, 2024

9:00 am until sold out!

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Village Of Downs

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