



February 2025

News & Current Events

From the Desk of the Mayor

The new water plant coming online this month was delayed to mid-April due to required tests failing and losing access to required contractors until that time. We still have plenty of work between now and then. We now have extra time to pass our two required consecutive tests before that time. Our employees are learning the new processes for plant operation and will be doing more training as we get closer to operation.

Once the plant is operational, we will start softening the water around 50% and slowly increasing it to around 75-80%. We will also start flushing the water mains to clear out as much sediment as possible, but this process will probably take time. We will communicate progress over our FB page and website as we progress.

Streetscape design will be final in March, and we will have a final design public hearing (3/11) before its approval on 3/13. If you have questions, please attend this final public hearing. This project started in 2015 and it is great to see it coming to a point where it can be bid and contracted. This project will complete the downtown transformation the development committee envisioned when it created the strategic development plan, updated the comprehensive plan for the Village, and adopted the plan by the Village Board of Trustees in 2014 as Chapter 18 of our Village Code. The following is the mission established for the Village:

Priority 1: Increase Residential Properties

Goal: Maintain and Attract Residential Development

Objective 1. Increase Single Household Residential Development with a controlled approach

Objective 2. Advance Senior Living Residential Development

- Priority 1 Action 1: Provide encouragement for Developers to explore Downs' development areas
- Priority 1 Action 2: Approach developers marketing potential residential areas

Priority 2: Maintain/Attract Commercial Development

Goal: Attract and Retain Entrepreneurs and Establishments

Objective 1: Maintain Existing Commercial Development with Incentives and Programs

- Priority 2 Action 1: Promote a day to host a Support your Local Businesses
- Priority 2 Action 2: Identify future needs for Existing Commercial Development



Objective 2: Attract Future Commercial Development with Incentives, Plans and Programs

- Priority 2 Action 3: Promote the use of the existing vacant buildings as a business startup
- Priority 2 Action 4: Identify needs for future Commercial Development
- Priority 2 Action 5: Prepare shovel ready estimates for commercial development properties

Priority 3: Promote the Village of Downs Development Plan

Goal: Village of Downs will respond to all appropriate development opportunities

Objective: Maintain the “Small Town” character and improve its appeal

- Priority 3 Action 1: Provide website outlining the opportunities for development within the Village
- Priority 3 Action 2: Identify the top 5-6 priorities for types of Commercial development
- Priority 3 Action 3: Partner with Economic Development Council to promote commercial development

Downs Crossing Water Main and Tower:

- 1) Tower construction will start onsite this week, weather permitting. The tower will be the same color and lettering as our current tower but will be a pedestal tower.*
- 2) The yellow pipe on the north side of Rt 150 will be our water main going to Downs Crossing. It is in 500' sections and they plan to bore 1000' per day once they get started again. Pressure reducing stations are delayed but we still anticipate it coming online late summer to early fall.*

Once completed the tower will provide 150k gallons of more water to the Village, looped dead ends for the highest areas in town for increased pressure, better water quality, and back feeding to the rest of the village.

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Please see the meeting overview for other action items considered by the Board.

In your service,

Mike James, Mayor

309-830-7374, Mayor@VillageOfDowns.org



Village of Downs Board of Trustees Meeting Overview February 13th, 2025, 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 regular Board of Trustees meeting to order on February 13, 2025, at 7:08pm .
2. Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Anna Milliken, Stephanie Adkisson, Brian Warfel and Toby Twyford. Maureen Roach was present via Zoom. Sarah Gassaway was absent. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk Julie James and Treasurer Julie Bakewell. Village Attorney Dawn Wall was present via Zoom.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. A Motion to Approve Agenda and Order was made and approved.
 1. Motion Correction - Motion to Approve Wage Increase of ~~\$1.50~~ 2.50 per hour for a total compensation of \$22 per hour for Michele Tocco as IT JR Admin Starting January 6, 2025
5. A Motion to Request ZBA Consider New Fact for Case 24-03-Z: Property Zoned R1 in County and not Ag as Indicated on the ZMA was made and approved.
6. Reports can be found in the flyer.
 1. Other – no other items were discussed
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 January 9, 2025, Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion to Approve the January 9, 2025, Village Board of Trustees Executive Meeting Minutes
 - c. Motion to Approve Changes to Billing Clerk Job Description
 - d. Motion to Approve Renewal of Required Bonds for Village Clerk from Van Gundy
 - e. Motion to Approve Fireworks Display Agreement with J&M Displays not to Exceed \$16,000
 - f. Motion to Approve Acceptance of Josh Rodrick Resignation from the Village of Downs Parks Committee
 - g. Motion to Approve Purchase 3'x5' Excavator Trench Box Kit for Water-Sewer Repair from Tool Fetch



- h. Motion to establish and Approve Political Ads on the Village LED Sign with disclaimer language

2. Ordinance

- a. Ordinance 2025-__ Amending the Municipal Code of The Village of Downs – Removed from Consent Agenda and into New Business.

3. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2025-R04 Authorizing and Renewing Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Benefits for Village Employees
- b. Resolution 2025-R05 Authorizing and Renewing Guardian Vision and Dental Benefits for Village Employees
- c. Resolution 2025-R06 Authorizing and Renewing Humana life and AD&D Insurance Benefits for Village Employees

10. New Business – No action was taken in New Business.

1. Motions

- a. Motion to Continue the Village of Downs Regular Board of Trustees Meeting on _____, @ 7 pm at the Village Hall
- b. Motion to establish and Approve Political Ads on the Village LED Sign with disclaimer language
- c. Motion to Amend LED Sign Ad Rates
- d. Motion to Approve Appointment of _____ as the Interim Treasurer, Budget Officer and TIF Administrator in the Village of Downs at \$___ / hr. for Term to Expire August 2025 and effective _____, 2025 – no action taken

2. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance 2025-__ Amending the Municipal Code of The Village of Downs – Removed from Consent Agenda and into New Business.

3. Resolutions

11. Old Business – No action was taken in Old Business.

1. Ordinance 2025-__ 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
2. Resolution 2025-R__ Authorizing and Approving Community Benefit Agreement Between 6GM LLC and the Village of Downs



3. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Audit
 4. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Annual Treasurer's Report
 5. Motion to Approve FY 2023-2024 Annual TIF Reports
 - 12.A Motion to Approve Payment of Bills was made and approved.
 - 13.A Motion to Enter Executive Session for Semi-Annual review of minutes was made and approved.
 - 14.Mayor Mike James called the regular Board of Trustees meeting back to order on February 13, 2025, at 9:52pm .
 - 15.Roll Call was taken. Trustees present were Anna Milliken, Stephanie Adkisson, Brian Warfel and Toby Twyford. Maureen Roach was present via Zoom. Sarah Gassaway was absent. There was a quorum to do business. Also present were Clerk Julie James and Treasurer Julie Bakewell. Village Attorney Dawn Wall was present via Zoom.
 - 16.Action on Executive Session Items
 1. Resolution 2025-R__ Authorizing the Village Clerk to Destroy Executive Session Audio Tapes Over Eighteen Months Old – No action taken
 2. Resolution 2025-R__ Authorizing the Village Clerk to Release Specific Executive Session Minutes of the Village of Downs - No action taken
 3. A motion to approve Resolution 2025-R07 Authorizing the Village Clerk to Keep Sealed Specific Executive Session Minutes of the Village of Downs was made and approved.
 - 17.Other Business – There was no other business.
 - 18.A Motion to Adjourn at 9:52pm was made and approved.
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Thank You for Your Service

Ruth Hood

Prior to the village board meeting Ruth was recognized for her years of service with the Village of Downs. Ruth helped form the Village Market, worked as a Trustee, and then rounded out her time of service working in the Billing office at the Village Hall for 14 years. Ruth was dedicated to improving the Village of Downs in many ways and her leadership, experience and knowledge will be missed in the Village Hall. THANK YOU Ruth!!



New Downs Crossing Water Tower Located on Corn Belt Energy Grounds

Schedule:

2/19 & 2/20	Steel Delivery Crew will arrive to setup their equipment and prepare.
2/24 & 2/24	Welding will begin
3/3 & 3/10	Visual Weld Inspection
3/17	X-ray Weld Inspection

Finance

Treasurer Wanted

We are looking for a Village Treasurer!

Interested?

Visit our Employment Page at:

<http://www.villageofdowns.org/village-of-downs-employment.htm>



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 \$25 NSF fee + the amount of the bill. 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 reflected the increase in the debt service 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 January 2025.

The average iron concentration for the finished water was **1.42** 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 **3.148** million gallons, averaging **101,509** gallons per day. The sewer lift station pumped **1.969** million gallons for the month, averaging **63,541** million gallons per day.

- 1 Water leaks repaired
- 4 JULIE tickets within Village
 - 1 Streets/Water Department
 - 3 outside companies
- 1 JULIE tickets outside Village

The water department has begun replacing the outdated water 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.

Please welcome Quincy Combs to the Maintenance/Public Works team. Quincy has been hired as a consultant to help assist with any projects the Village has. Quincy comes from a long professional background in Public Works. He retired as the Public Works Superintendent in Charleston IL, in 2017 after 37 years of service. We are pleased to have him aboard and look forward to learning from his years of experience.

PSA: With the Illinois winter weather changing daily, 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.

We are very excited as the new water plant is getting closer to going online. With all new projects, there will be kinks to work out, but we are confident they will quickly be resolved. Once we have a more accurate date of officially going online, we will post it on Facebook, announce it in the Recent news section of our Website, and send out an email through the Notification system.

As always, your support means a lot. If you have any questions/comments, please contact me. Think Spring!!!

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.



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."

2025 Schedule

Month	Friday	Saturday
January	10th	11th
February	7th	8th
March	7th	8th
April	11th	12th

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.

2025 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

Parks News

Meeting Schedule

Dooley Park Pavilion @ 6:00pm

- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025

Christmas Light Removal

We will be taking the Christmas lights down the last 2 weekends of February (weather pending.)

We would love to have Volunteers!

Looking Ahead

Quick Glance at Upcoming Village Events, Activities and Meetings

February:

- 17th—President’s Day—Village Hall Closed
- 18th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion
- 20th – Garbage Collection
- 27th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

March:

- 6th – Garbage Collection – GFL Bulk pickup
- 6th – ZBA Public Hearing: Soper Annexation and Beecher East Annexation and ZMA from Ag to R2, 6 pm @ DFD Community Room
- 11th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall
- 11th – Downs Streetscape Project Public Hearing, 6 pm @ DFD Community Room
- 13th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 13th – Beecher East Annexation Public Hearing for Village Board, 5:30 pm @ DFD Community Room
- 13th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 18th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion
- 20th – Garbage Collection
- 26th – Annual TIF JRB Meeting, 4 pm @ Village Hall
- 27th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

April:

- 1st – Election Day
- 3rd – Garbage Collection – GFL Bulk pickup
- 8th – Events Committee Regular Meeting, 6 pm, @ Village Hall
- 10th – Garbage and Recycle Collection
- 10th – Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, 7 pm @ Village Hall; Video/Audio via Zoom
- 12th – Free Easter Breakfast, 7 – 10:00 am @ The Station – Downs
- 12th – Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am registration, 10:30 Hunt @ Dooley Park
- 15th – Parks Committee Special Meeting, 6 pm @ Pavilion
- 17th – Garbage Collection
- 24th – Garbage and Recycle Collection

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

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

Looking for Houses to Clean

Also do private
care in seniors
homes



Immediate
openings

call Trisha 309-273-8610

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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 you 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=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ%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.

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. Thank you to Kyle Boward from Downs United Methodist Church for organizing the hunt. The host for the family breakfast before the egg hunt in the park is at the Station.

Downs Streetscape Public Hearing for Final Design

March 11, 2025, 6pm @ Downs Fire Department Community Room

MSA, the village engineer for the streetscape project, will host a public review and hearing on the final plans for the downtown streetscape design on 3/11/2025, 6pm @ DFD Community Room. The design approval for bidding will be at the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 3/13/2025, 7pm @ Village Hall. Once approved it is planned to be let for bid on 3/17/2025 and close early April to approve bid/contractor at the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 4/10/2025, 7pm @ Village Hall.

Soper & Beecher East Annexation and ZMA ZBA Public Hearing

March 06, 2025, 6pm @ Downs Fire Department Community Room

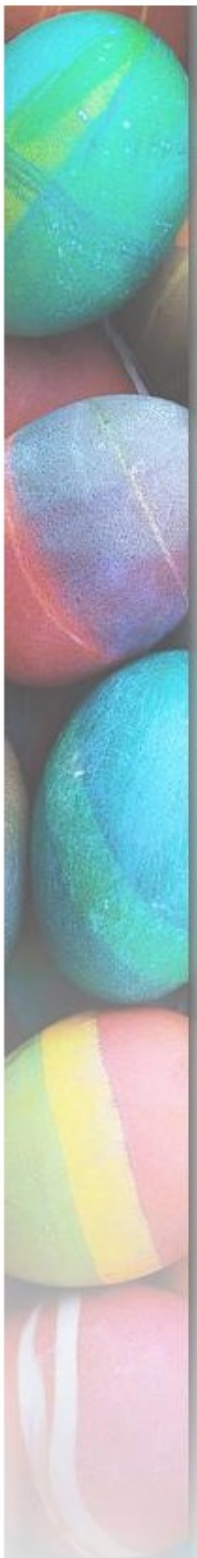
The Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the proposed annexations and zoning map amendments to hear evidence and facts on the new discovery of fact: Property is already zoned R1 within McLean County. This information was not properly listed on the ZMA form. The hearing will be held on 3/6/2025, 6pm @ DFD Community Room. Consideration of these Annexations and ZMA will be at the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 3/13/2025, 7pm @ Village Hall.

Soper & Beecher East Annexation Public Hearing

March 13, 2025, 5:30pm @ Downs Fire Department Community Room

The Village Board of Trustees will hold a 1-hour public hearing on the proposed annexations before the Village Board. The hearing will be held on 3/13/2025, 5:30pm @ DFD Community Room. This hearing will be for evidence and facts pertaining only to the proposed annexations and associated zoning map amendments. Subsequent hearings will be held on preliminary plan designs for any subdivisions being sent to the Village Board. Consideration of these Annexations and ZMA will be at the Village Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on 3/13/2025, 7pm @ Village Hall.

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VILLAGE OF DOWNS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

Saturday April 12, 2025

@ The Station and Dooley Park

Free Family Breakfast:

7 – 10 am @ The Station

(See Events FB page for details)

Games and Registration: 10 – 10:30 am

@ Dooley Park Pavilion

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30 – 11 am

@ Dooley Park Pavilion

Bring Your Own Basket!

Join us for family food and fun in the park!

**Sponsored by The Station, Downs United Methodist and
other area churches and the Events Committee**

Thank you to all our volunteers!



**Your feedback
is needed!**

MCLEAN COUNTY ROSC COMMUNITY SURVEY



The purpose of this survey is to measure public opinion on issues related to recovery. The information collected will be used to identify areas for improvement in our community.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by scanning the QR code.

McLeanCountyROSC@gmail.com

**COMPLETE
THE SURVEY
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN A \$25
GIFT CARD!**



The McLean County ROSC is funded in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention & Recovery.

Ellsworth/Tri-Valley Alumni Reunion

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Dinner at 5pm

Downs United Methodist Church

Special Recognition

Tri-Valley Class of 1975

----- All Alumni are welcome-Ellsworth, Downs, Tri-Valley -----

If you would like an Invitation, please call:

Jim Walters (309)261-3872 or Ruth Kagel Poppe (309)287-8214

Evening Highlights

- * School History Program
- * Meal
- * Class of 1975 Toast
- * Class Recognition
- * History of Ellsworth & Downs and Class Yearbook Display (Amazing display from Jim Walters)

"WILL YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?"

A NEW 11 WEEK SERMON SERIES

HOW DID JESUS RESPOND WHEN PEOPLE ASKED HIM FOR HIS HELP?

JAN 19 WILL YOU MAKE ME CLEAN? Luke 5:12-16

JAN 26 WILL YOU SAY THE WORD? Luke 7:1-10

FEB 2 MAY I GO WITH YOU? Luke 8:26-39

FEB 9 WILL YOU SAVE THIS PARTY? John 2:1-12

FEB 16 PLEASE, GO AWAY! Luke 5:1-11

FEB 23 CAN YOU HELP MY UNBELIEF? Mark 9:14-29

MAR 2 WE WANT YOU TO DO WHATEVER WE ASK.
Mark 10:35-45

MAR 9 WILL YOU MAKE ME SEE? Mark 10:46-52

MAR 16 WILL YOU TELL HER TO HELP ME?
Luke 10:38-42

MAR 23 WILL YOU GET RID OF HER? Matthew 15:21-28

MAR 30 WILL YOU COME AND HEAL MY BROTHER?
John 11:1-44

LIVING HOPE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

608 N HUFF RD, DOWNS, IL 61736



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.
- K-3rd Grade
- 4th-6th Grade
- 7th-8th Grade
- Sr High is 10:45am on Sundays
- Wednesdays at 6pm: Choir in the Chapel
- March 2nd 4:30-6:30pm Chili Potato Soup Supper
- Wednesday, March 5th 7pm Ash Wednesday Service



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- **YOUTH WORSHIP** during the regular worship service will meet on 2/23, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23. It is a service geared for the 4th through 8th grade students and they meet in the Youth Room.
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Worship Service

Sundays 9:30 AM In Person

Online at www.downsumc.org

Current Sermon Series

Jesus on the Move



COME SHOP WITH US

DOWNS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



205 S Highway Avenue DOWNS, IL

Open Every Sunday
10:45am - Noon



ALL ITEMS ARE
PICK YOUR OWN
PRICE. 100% OF
PROCEEDS
SUPPORT DUMC.

- BOOKS
- HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- TOYS & GAMES
- SPORTS EQUIPMENT
- DVDs/CDs
- JEWELRY
- DECOR
- SMALL APPLIANCES
- HOLIDAY DECOR
- & much more!



EMAIL QUESTIONS TO
SWAPROOM@DOWNSUMC.ORG



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SNEAK PEEKS & NEW INFO!
[FACEBOOK.COM/DOWNSUMC](https://www.facebook.com/downsumc)

CHILI & POTATO SOUP SUPPER

DOWN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED FOR
GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION FUND

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 2**

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**205 S Highway Ave
Downs IL 61736**



DOWN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DOWNS BOY SCOUT TROOP 953

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday April 26 • 7 am - 12 pm



All You Can Eat

Pancakes and Sausage

Coffee, Tea, Milk, Orange Juice

Dine In or Drive Through

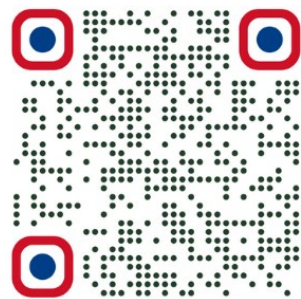
Cash and Card

Packaged Sausage

Baked Goods

get your tickets at
<https://troop953.simpletix.com>
and at the door

buy tickets



Downs United Methodist Church • Downs, IL



DOWN'S CUB SCOUT PACK 53

Contact: Zack Barcus **Email:** zack@zteamsuperstore.com

<https://sites.google.com/site/wdboycepack53>



The cub scouts have been staying active with rock climbing and building pinewood derby cars this winter!



Coming up...

Contact Zack for
more information!



Soapbox Derby



Fishing Derby



DOWN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 953

Contact: Chad Mirock

Email: chad.mirock@gmail.com

<https://sites.google.com/site/wdboycectroop53>

The boy scouts have been ...



Staying Warm Winter
Camping, Peoria



Cleaning up camp, St Louis



Selling Pinewood
Derby Concessions

Contact Chad
for more
information!

Coming up...



Mammoth Cave, KY

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