



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



January, 2024

Mission Statement

The Indian Head Church of God exists to glorify God with Christ centered worship, Biblically oriented discipleship and Holy Spirit directed evangelism and mission.



We are collecting items each month for the ICV Food Pantry. The items can be placed in the container in the Normalville side foyer. The month of **January we will be collecting Cereal.** We appreciate your help in donating these monthly items for the ICV Food Pantry.



**Wednesday, January 10
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Indian Head Church of God Community Luncheon Ministry will be offering **FREE HOMEMADE SOUP** by drive thru only, while supplies last. Soup will be packaged cold in containers and distributed here in the church parking lot. This event is held the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like to help, contact Bonnie Kimmel or Amy Grimm. Everyone is welcome to come and get some soup!

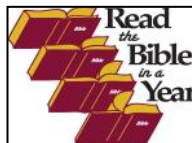


Everyone is invited to attend our **Saturday Evening Worship Services** 7 p.m. each Saturday night, especially if you are unable to come to church on Sunday mornings.



Installation

The Installation of Church and Sunday School Officers will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 6 - 7 during all worship services.



Bible Reading Plan Guides are on the table in both Foyers if you would like to have one.



Penny Pile Sunday is Dec. 31. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sunrise Mountain. There are also plastic containers in each foyer, beneath the podiums, that you can put money in at any time for Camp Sunrise Mountain.



We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on Saturday and Sunday, January 6 & 7, during our worship services.

Those on the live stream may wish to use food items from home (**crackers, bread, juice, water**) to join in on the Communion.



Help is needed for the Nursery during Sunday School. If you would be interested in helping out, please see Dave Bruner.



Director Needed for VBS

We are in need of a **VBS Director for 2024.** If you would be interested, please see Dave Bruner.

2024 Church Council

Pastors

Douglas Nolt
Benjamin Tobias

Deaconesses

Karen Bigam
Terri Legas
Patty Bruner

Elders

Jim Hall
Stacy Dix
Kevin Miller

Outreach & Missions

Denise Pritts
Debra McMillen
Tammy Naugle

Deacons

Elaine White
Emily Dolde
D.J. Hess
Brian Dull
Wendy Swank
Scott Porterfield

Clerk

Susan Shepler

Church Secretary

Kathleen Keslar

Church Treasurer

Sherry Hess

Trustees

Tom Legas
Doug McMillen
Doug Basinger
Mark Salyers

Christian Education Commission and Sunday School Officers

General Superintendent - Dave Bruner
Asst. General Superintendent - April Linnell
Secretary - Addie Long
Asst. Secretary - Elaine White
Treasurer - Scott Porterfield

Outreach & Missions Commission

Elected:

Denise Pritts
Debra McMillen
Tammy Naugle

Appointed:

April Linnell
Addie Long
Linda Perry
Terri Legas
Mary Bowser
Jean Pelliccione
Lindsay Moore
Pastor Ben Tobias



Dear Church Family,
As I reflect on God's faithfulness, He brings to mind all of you who have been a part of the Cline family during these past years. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring and sharing your love, especially with Jim's passing into the presence of the Lord.

Cheryl Cline

Heaven...Your Real Home
2nd Peter 3: 13 NIV



Church Snow Policy

There will be Sunday morning services unless there is no electricity and or heat at the church. However, the church advises the use of caution and care when coming to church during times of winter weather.

The Saturday Evening Worship Service will automatically be cancelled if there is an NWS issued ACTIVE WEATHER ALERT involving the hours of 6:00-9:00 p.m. Active weather alerts would include such common items as a:

- *Winter Weather Advisory*
- *Winter Storm Warning*
- *Ice Storm Warning*

Any uncertainty, please contact the church office or Pastor Doug.



End of Year Giving

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2023 may be included with 2023 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2023 may be included with 2023 giving.

Important Notice:

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2023 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.



You can give online through the Vanco app called the...

Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. (with the app picture above)

We have three options available for your convenience.

1. Text your donation to: 888-788-2914
2. Give online via our webpage and follow the **Donate** link.
3. Donate through the **VANCO Mobile Faith Engagement app** at the [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#).

Thank you to all who are supporting the church through these difficult times with your generous donations.

Donations can also be mailed to the church office at:

Indian Head Church of God
PO Box 488
Indian Head PA 15446



If you would like access, please send your email address to the church office...
ihcog@lhtot.com



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy to...

The family of Floyd "Tuck" Geary, husband of Becky Geary.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Psalm 23:4



The Flourish Conference March 1-3, 2024

Winebrenner Seminary, Findley, Ohio
Sponsored by CGGC Women's Ministries

www.theflourishconference.org

You can register at www.theflourishconference.org or mail your
**form to the National CGWM Treasurer:

Nancy Scott
1114 Circle Drive
Latrobe, PA 15650

Any questions: Email: nanjscott@comcast.net

Registration Options:

- Early Bird: \$130 - if mailing must be postmarked by 12/31/23.
- Regular \$140 - if mailing must be postmarked by 2/21/24.
- Late : \$150 if registering after 2/21/24.
- Friday Only: \$30.
- Saturday Only: \$100.
- If registering after 2/21/24, register online only (no mailing) at www.theflourishconference.org

**There are registration forms with more information available, located on the tables in both church foyers, or online at www.theflourishconference.org.



Notes from Ad Council meeting on December 18...

*Pastor Ben is starting a Young Adult Sunday School class on Jan. 14.

*We are in need of a Deaconess. If there is anyone who would be interested in this position, please let one of the Elders, or Pastors know.

*Installation of Church and Sunday School officers for 2024 will be held the weekend of Jan. 6-7 at all worship services.

*Pertaining to the coffee ministry in 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning, it is to be noted that no drinks or food is to be in the Sanctuary.

*We are in need of a VBS director for 2024. If anyone is interested, please see Dave Bruner.

*We are in need of a person to head up the nursery during Sunday School.

*Pertaining to the Latino mission ministry, the Acostas are leaving this ministry. We will continue to support Victor Montabo for the Latino ministries.

*The heater/AC units over at the Social Room have been repaired.

*The *Good News Club* will begin on Tuesday, February 13, for six weeks-on Tuesdays. This is at the Springfield CN Pritts School, for youth in grades Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades Time will be from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Help is needed!! Please contact Sherry Hess if you are interested in helping.



"Come bring in the New Year!!" **Youth (grades 6-12)**, there will be a New Year's Eve party on December 31st, 8:00 p.m.-midnight, in the Social Room. There will be games, a movie, snacks, and an roaring fire! Let Pastor Ben know if you plan to come. Invite friends!!



Attention Young Adults! Are you trying to manage a healthy work/life balance? Come to the new Sunday School class that will launch at 9:45 a.m. on January 14 in the upstairs classroom (the parking lot side). Our first topic will be "**The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry.**" Nursery

and classes for children are available!

Please contact Pastor Ben (724-989-3926 or email pastorben@indianheadchurch.org) for more information.



Arctic Blast at Camp Sunrise Mountain - We do not have the applications as of this printing, but below are the coming up dates. The cost is \$115.00 per camper, but the church will pay \$80.00 and each camper will pay \$35.00. Watch the bulletin for when the applications arrive.

*February 2-4 for Junior High youth.

*February 16-18 for Senior High youth.



New Year's Message

FROM THE PASTOR

IT DOESN'T ALL GO BACK INTO THE BOX



As the holidays conclude, we go through the process of putting the decorations back into storage. As often occurs, everything doesn't go back into the boxes. There are some things which we have forgotten, left out or thrown away. There are things that we've added too.

Many have had the experience where a new Christmas tree was purchased and the boxes look so nice, the sides are even. Reality strikes when putting the Christmas tree away, we discover it doesn't all go back in the box.

That Christmas tree that stood in the special place in your home had to be changed, arranged in order to make it more beautiful. And now that beauty is to be hidden away in a box in which it doesn't fit any longer.

It doesn't all go back in the box nor should it. I'm not talking about the Christmas tree. I'm talking about Christmas and the experience with Christ.

Allow me to use another illustration - that of a candle. A beautiful candle is received as a gift. You take it out of the box. You set it in an appropriate place and you light it. The candle provides light and gives off an aroma that fills the whole house. When the season is done, the candle is put back in the box and set aside in storage for next Christmas. But there is an essential part of that candle which cannot be put in the box - the light!

We have heard the words of scripture from the prophet Isaiah, "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light - a light that will shine on all who live in the land where death casts its shadow." {Isaiah 9:2} "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you." {Isaiah 60:1}

It all is not intended to go back into the box. Jesus said to a crowd one day: "You are the light of the world - like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket [or in a box]! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. {Matthew 5:14-15}

It doesn't all go back into the box, nor should it! Let your light shine. Your new encounter with Jesus this year - let it shine! Perhaps in 2024 because you don't pack away the light in a box but let it shine - will be exactly the dawning of new hope and life another may need to see.

Happy New Year! Let it shine!!

Pastor Doug

