



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



April, 2021

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 continue with the temporary changes because of Covid:

- * There are no Bibles or Hymnals in the pews. You are encouraged to bring your Bible. The words to the songs will be on the screens.
- * Every other row of the pews are roped off. There are ushers to help with the seating.
- * Hand sanitizer is available in the foyer and at the pews.
- * There is no greeting with the shaking of hands.
- * An offering box is placed in the back of the church, as the ushers will not be passing the plates for the offering.
- * There is no Wee Worshipers or Junior Church during the 11:00 worship service until further notice.
- * Children's Sunday School Intermediate Dept. began Oct. 11. The Primary class and Jr/Sr High class will begin at a later date that will be announced.
- * **Masks are to be worn.**
- * You may enter thru the double doors on either side of the church, and the back door under the canopy. We ask that you do not enter thru the side office door.
- * There are Bulletins available each week and you can pick one up from the podium as you enter the Sanctuary.



On Wednesday, April 14, from 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 being planned for the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help, contact Bonnie Kimmel or Amy Grimm.

Everyone is welcome!



A Rabies Clinic, Bake Sale and Hoagie Sale will be held here in the church parking lot...

**Saturday, April 10,
9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Cost: \$12.00 per pet**

The money raised will go towards the Southwest Mission trip in July.



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.



Church Van Replacement

Our Church Van has served us well, but it is over 15 years old and needs to be replaced. We are considering the purchase of a newer used van, perhaps a 2018 or 2019 model year. The price of a newer van is in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000. We are asking that you prayerfully consider giving to this fund drive. If you would like to give towards this fund, please mark Van Fund on your envelope.



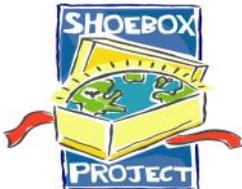
We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy to...

*Family and friends of Carl Sleasman, father of Hope Dull, April Linnell and Brent Sleasman.

*Family and friends of Jerold Peck, brother of Jean Grimm and Arlene Ritenour.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



We are continuing to collect items throughout this year for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. There is a box in both foyers for these items. There is a list on each box of what items are being collected for the month. You may also put any of these items in at any time during the year.

On the bulletin board, on the Indian Head side foyer, are tags with items listed that are needed for our operations Christmas Child shoeboxes that the church fills. If you would like to participate, please take a tag(s). When you have purchased your items, you may bring them, along with your tag(s) attached and put your items in the box in either foyer. If you would rather donate money towards the items and would like someone to shop for them, please contact Denise Pritts.



Coffee House Fellowship
Sunday mornings, 9:30-10 a.m., located in the Normalville side foyer. This is a time for fellowship, with coffee and tea available.



Drivers Needed

Church Van Drivers are needed to help drive on Sunday mornings to pick up children for Sunday School.

If you would be interested, please contact Dale Bigam.



The worship service continues to be streamed live on our Facebook page at **11:00 a.m.** on Sunday mornings.



Church Bulletin

You are able to see the Church Bulletin each week on our website at www.indianhead.cggc.org



Spring CLEAN-UP DAY for the CHURCH is Saturday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m. All help would be appreciated.

PLUS...

The Saltlick Twp. clean up day will be held April 24, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Melcroft. This is open to all Saltlick Twp. residents.



Dear Friends an Head Church of God,

* Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement as we went through our dad's time of illness and journey to his eternal home. We are so blessed to have such an amazing church family. May God continue to bless you all.

The Carl Sleasman family

* Tom Geary would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and cards since his illness. He is now back home and continues to improve.



Thank you to Roxanne Rogers and team that has completed 50 kits for the women's hygiene packs that will be taken to New Mexico for the homeless women. Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, their time, talents and monetary donations for this ministry. We pray that those who receive will be touched by God's love.



Last month we announced that Ben and Ashley Nolt had a baby boy, Lucas Benjamin, and mistakenly omitted listing Lucas' great-grandmother's name, Vera Eutsey. We know Vera is very proud being a great-grandmother!!



Rural King is honoring Church Week, thru Saturday, March 27. The Indian Head Church of God is a registered organization. All receipts must be uploaded to www.ruralking.com/churchweek by April 1. Receipts must be dated between March 14 to March 27 to qualify. Rural King will donate 10% of each valid Rural King receipt's total after sales tax to the registered organization.

LOCATION: Indian Head Church of God
DATE: Sunday, March 28
TIME: 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. There will be a free-will offering.
 This will be live-streamed



NEW BIBLE STUDY: JOIN US ONLINE!!

Beginning Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 PM

Long Story Short is a video series designed to unfold the story of the Bible.

The Bible's a big book and, let's be honest, it's pretty hard to get your head around it all. Long Story Short simply strips the story back to its core and then presents the story in a way that is accessible to everyone. It's all about discovering the heartbeat of the Bible.

This online study using RightNow Media will be led by Ashleigh Miller and assisted by Pastor Doug. You will need access to RightNow Media, provided free by the church. If you have not already signed up go to this internet address:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/IndianHeadCoG>
 or email the church office for more detail.

SIGN UP FOR THIS GROUP BY EMAILING:

indianheadcoq@gmail.com

You will receive confirmation back and weekly you will be provided a link to the study group.



The Southwest Mission Trip will be having a Little Caesars Pizza Kit sale the month of April. The fundraiser is done completely online. There are 9 different items from which to choose. You will need an invitation to join the link from one of the members going on the trip in order to participate. Once into the site, you can place your order, pay and your pizza will arrive within seven days. There is a shipping fee of \$6.99 for every two items ordered. The kits arrive in an insulated box with a cooling gel pack. Please be sure to use a physical address, as the order will be delivered by FedEx. Each team member has their own code for ordering, so the profit will be directly added to their account. The church will also have an account and any profits that go into that will be divided equally by those participating in this event. If you would like an invite, please send a text, email or personal message on Facebook to the person that you would like to support. If you have any questions, please speak with Addie Long or give her a call 724-455-3032. Thank you for your support!

Please note: On another page in this newsletter is the name and picture of the people going on the Southwest Mission Trip.



Notes from the Ad Council meeting on Monday, March 15...

*The Community Good Friday Service will be a virtual online service at 1:00 p.m., by way of our church's Facebook page.

*Our Good Friday Service, here at the church, will be at 7:00 p.m.

*We will not have an Easter Breakfast this year, which always follows the Sunrise Service.

*Church Camp will be in person this year.

*Our VBS program this year will again be virtual. We will be doing the "Shipwreck" VBS theme.

*We are gearing up for opening up more Sunday School Classes. Teachers are needed for any class. Please see Dave Bruner if you are interested.

*There will be an online Bible study from Right Now Media on Tuesday evenings after Easter. The starting date will be announced. Ashleigh Miller will be leading the study and participants will need to be registered with Right Now Media.

*For those going on the Southwest Mission Trip in July, the Outreach & Missions Commission will pay 20% of the cost for members going, and %10 for non-members.

*We will be filling bags and Easter eggs with candy on March 28, 3 p.m., if anyone would like to help.

*Rabies Clinic will be April 10, 9 a.m.-12 noon, cost \$12 per pet.

*Church Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, March 27, 8:30 a.m.

*Social Room kitchen renovations have been completed for this year.

*Elevator parts have been ordered and will be repaired when all the parts are in.

We implemented our electronic giving in February of this year! 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 link.
3. Donate through the Give Plus + app on your phone.

PLEASE NOTE: For your Easter offering, you may use the word **EASTER** for your code. Make sure the letters are in **CAPS** only for the text code.

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

Southwest Mission Team



The Southwest Mission Team will have a yard sale in the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 8th**. Their proceeds will go towards their mission trip in July.

Our Annual



Saturday, June 19
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Christian Family & Children's Center
Community Coach Bus Trip

Friday, April 16
& Saturday, April 17

724-593-9200

Cost: \$255

- * Meals not included
- * Discounts available for children and seniors

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Indian Head Church of God

DRIVE-THRU

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

691 Indian Creek Valley Rd., Indian Head, PA 15446 Phone: 724-455-2626

We are thinking out of the box this year of our egg hunt. It will be a drive-thru.

Everyone will stay in their car and drive behind the church. You will experience the Easter Story as you find the large eggs on the banks of the church property.

Each child up to 5th grade will receive a bag full of Easter surprises at the end.





Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your willingness to be a part of our 2021 Mission Team to the Southwest, by supporting us in prayer and in participating in our upcoming donation requests and fundraisers. As we prepare our hearts to share the love of Jesus with our friends in the Southwest, it is such an encouragement to know that all of our friends here will be with us in thought and prayer, as well as, providing some financial support. Our team is so blessed to have each of you encouraging us in many ways, which is just as

important as actually going on the trip west. There be many ways that you all will be able to support our team. So if you are wanting to help in some way, here are the upcoming opportunities. We would like to thank you for your interest in our trip and your willingness to support our efforts in the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will be flying out of Pittsburgh on July 30th and will be having several fundraisers to help with the cost of our airline tickets and the cost involved in renting a vehicle once we get to Albuquerque, until we have use of the Gamerco church van.

From April 1st through April 30th, please order from Little Caesars! This will be an easy way to have a pizza dinner kit delivered right to your door. All the ordering will be done online and for each item you order, you will be helping a team member purchase an airline ticket. Each team member will have his/her own code so you can order from one member or from each of us. We hope you enjoy your pizza as it will be delivered right to your door.

On April 10th, you can make sure your pets are up- to- date with their rabies vaccinations by coming to our drive thru rabies clinic. For just \$12.00 a pet you will be able to stay in your vehicle and let one of our professionally licensed veterinarians (one of which is going on the trip, Dr. Mary Bowser), vaccinate your family pet(s). Not only will you be able to take care of your pets, but you can also buy some hoagies, baked goods, and a bottle of water or pop. This will not only benefit your family, but it is another way to support our team members by helping to cover our transportation costs.

Please put May 8th on your calendars as we will be hosting a team yard sale in the IHCOG parking lot. We will have Sparks Catering Truckin! Fresh Food Truck available from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; both breakfast and lunch items will be available. So join us for a great day of shopping at our tables and dining with the food you purchase. For all of you yard sale lovers, please come and buy what we are selling. This is another way in which you can support our ministry to the Southwest.

The Indian Head Church of God's annual yard sale will be held on June 19th; we are happy to announce that this event is back for the community to enjoy! It is a great day of fellowship, and this year all the proceeds from the yard sale and bake sale will be going to help fund our team's transportation costs. Please come out and support our team. If you would like to donate a baked good for the bake sale, we would appreciate that, or you can rent a table and try to sell your own items. As always there will be plenty of food and items available for purchase. We are also hoping to have the community clothing boutique available for your shopping experience, keeping in mind social distancing and safety precautions. The money from the boutique will be used for local outreach that we do throughout the year.

Please come out to the IHCOG on June 19th for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship, all while supporting our mission trip to the Southwest this summer.

The administrative council at the IHCOG has given us their full support by giving our team the approval to ask the congregation for monetary donations which will be used to purchase food and necessary VBS supplies while at Gamerco. We will be providing meals for the Navajo adults and children who will be attending our VBS, as well as the staff that are helping. We are asking for your financial donations, and if you choose to contribute, please mark on your church envelope that you are giving towards the Mission Trip's food and VBS supplies. Please prayerfully consider donating money towards our VBS experience; this may be the first time some of the Navajos we come in contact with have ever heard about our best friend, Jesus. Please keep an eye out for the meal tracker which will be on display on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will be updating everyone on the progress we are making as the donations come in. We are planning to provide food for 14 team members and 50 VBS participants including parents and children. The estimated cost for the meals for the team for breakfast and lunch and for the dinners prior to VBS

is \$1,000. Please consider helping us fill a plate and watch the display grow as we track the progress of your donations on the bulletin board.

Our team is looking forward to seeing how God is going to bless us through the generosity of all of you, our prayer and financial supporters! We would like to thank you in advance for being willing to pray for us, for providing the needed finances, and for being such an encouragement as we prepare to share the gospel to our friends in the Southwest from July 30th-August 7th, 2021.

May God bless you all,
IHCOG 2021 Mission Team

PRAY. GIVE. GO



"IT IS FINISHED"

As Jesus hung on the cross, the mission of redemption was accomplished. Jesus' mission was to do his Father's will for his Father's glory. That will included teaching and working miracles in order to proclaim the Kingdom of God was at hand. God's ordained will included Jesus becoming a substitutionary sacrifice, that is, taking the punishment for our sins; "for the wages of sin is death". {Romans 6:23}

Christ became the sacrificial lamb, carrying our sins, and gave up his life for us. On that cross of death, as Jesus breathed his last, he said, "It is finished."

The life had been lived. The mission was accomplished. The Perfect Sacrifice for our sins was finished!

BUT, that was not all God had planned. In fact, six times the Bible states, "God raised him from the dead." {Acts 2:24, 3:15, 10:40, 13:30, 34; Romans 10:9.} On that wonderful morning when much of that country was still in a dead sleep, God awakened His beloved Son from the sleep of death with His own declaration, "It is finished!"

The prophet Isaiah declared, "On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever." {Isa. 25:7-8a} The apostle Paul phrased it this way, "'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." {1 Cor. 15:55-57}

Jesus said "It is finished," as he completed the mission of redemption. God declared "It is finished," as his victorious plan of salvation and restoration defeated death and the grave. There is just one more to declare "It is finished," and it's you.

Many people have taken for granted the work of Christ in his death and resurrection. They have believed with their heads what scripture says but they have not embraced it by faith and allowed it to transform their lives. The Bible says, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." {Romans 10:9-11}

May you be among the people who say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. {Isaiah 25:9}

The Easter message is the declaration, "It is finished!"

Pastor Doug





March 28 - Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. during the Sunday School hour will be a Chosen People Ministries program *“Messiah in the Passover”*

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion Service



April 2 - Good Friday

1:00 p.m. - Community Good Friday Service will be virtual by way of our Facebook page.

7:00 p.m. - **“The Service of the Cross”** here at the Church

April 3 - Drive-thru Easter Egg Hunt

at the Church

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This is for children up to and including 5th grade



Holy Saturday Worship, April 3

7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday Evening Worship Service



April 4 - Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. - Early Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Late Worship Service