



# *The Reminder* Indian Head Church of God



December, 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.



Ad Council has updated some changes here at the church because of new Covid guidelines:

\*Bible and Hymnals have now been placed back into the pews.

\* It's up to each individual if you want to wear a mask or not. If you still would like to wear a mask and don't have one, they are available in the foyers.

\* Hand sanitizer is still available if needed, in the foyers and in the pews.

\* There is still 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., and the Men's and Women's Sunday School class and the Word Searchers class have begun.

\* There are Sunday worship bulletins available each week and you can pick one up from the podium as you enter the Sanctuary.



## **Wednesday, Dec. 8 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!



We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. Your help would be appreciated if you would like to come and help decorate.



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.

### Please note:

**There will be NO Saturday evening service on Saturdays, December 25 and January 1.**



Our special Christmas White Gift offering will be received on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19. However, we will accept this offering at any time. You will be receiving a Christmas letter with the White Gift offering envelope soon in your mailbox.



To Our Indian Head Church of God Family...

\*We cannot express enough gratitude for your love and support during this difficult time. We will all miss mom's presence here. Thank you for the planter so that we can be reminded of her and of you until we get to see her again!

Love,  
Doug and Debra, Dave and Barb,  
Darrin and Cathi

\*We want to thank everyone for all of the cards, food, and thoughts and prayers expressed as we mourn the loss of our mother. The flowers from the church were beautiful. We appreciate each one of you.

Sincerely,  
Patty, Martha and Sherry and  
all of the Barkley family



### **Congratulations to the following children who were dedicated on Sunday, November 7th**

**Asa Forest Miller**, son of  
Matthew and Ashleigh Miller

**Lucas Benjamin Nolt**, son of  
Ben and Ashley Nolt

**Emma Lynn Monticue**, daughter  
of Alex and Elizabeth Monticue

**Grace Ann Monticue**, daughter  
of Alex and Elizabeth Monticue

**Sydney Rae Harhai**, daughter of  
George and Heather Harhai

**George John Harhai**, son of  
George and Heather Harhai



### **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.

### **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.



### **Church Bulletin**

You are able to see the Church Bulletin each week on our website at: [www.indianhead.cggc.org](http://www.indianhead.cggc.org)



### **End of Year Giving**

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2021 may be included with 2021 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2021 may be included with 2021 giving.

#### **Important Notice:**

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2021 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.

### **Right Now Media**



If you would like access, please send your email address to the church office...  
[ihcog@lhtot.com](mailto:ihcog@lhtot.com)



**VANCO**  
FAITH

#### *Please note:*

The **Give Plus app** for our online giving has changed its name to **VANCO**. Current users need to know it is no longer through Give Plus app on their phone but through the Vanco Mobile app.

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 Vanco app on your phone.

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



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

## Congregational Meeting

The 2022 budget was approved.

The following officers were elected:

Elder: Jim Hall (3 year term)

Deacons: Emily Dolde and Elaine White (2 year term)

Trustees: Doug Basinger and Mark Salyers (2 year term)

Deaconesses: Denise Bruner and Helen Hamm (2 year term)

Outreach & Missions: Denise Pritts (3 year term)

Clerk: Susan Shepler (1 year term)



Notes from the Ad Council meeting on November 15...

\*A motion was passed to appoint Stacey Dix as Elder, for a one-year term, effective immediately.

\*There will be no Saturday night worship service on Dec. 25 and January 1.

\*Have a Good Day pamphlets were chosen to replace the Gem (which is discontinued).

\*During the month of December, the van children will be attending Sunday School and staying for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Some of the children may need an adult or family to join for the church service. Please welcome and include these children into your pew.

\*Our church will be hosting the District 14 Sunday School Association County Rally on Monday, February 7, 2022.

\*Turkey food voucher donations are due Dec. 12.

\*Nursing Home gifts are due back to the church by Sunday December 19.

\*580 shoe boxes were packed from the collection of items throughout the year.

\*Outreach & Missions will send a sympathy card and a memorial donation of \$500.00 to a family the Southwest mission team met on their mission trip in July. Chewy is a child the team ministered to. His grandfather Ferlin Yamie who helped care for his family, passed away.

\*A motion passed to send \$600.00 to Haley & Jacob Day to provide a Christmas party (food, treats, gifts) for the children and families in their church.

\*Coy Milwood will be doing the church snowplowing this winter.

\*Four 8 foot tables are being purchased for the Social Room.

\*The annual White Gift offering to be split in half. One half will go to the Allegheny Region Conference, and the other half will go to Camp Sonrise Mountain.



## 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:

- Winter Weather Advisory
- Winter Storm Warning
- Ice Storm Warning.

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



There will be an installation of Church and Sunday School Officers during both Sunday morning worship services on January 2. All officers are asked to attend one of the services.



We were able to send **772** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. THANK YOU!!!



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy to the following families...

\*The family of Jane McMillen, mother of Doug, Darrin and Dave McMillen.

\*The family of Evelyn Barkley, mother of Patty Bruner, Martha Shaffer, Sherry Hess, Mary Martinowski, Jim and Scott Barkley.

\*The family of Steven Mizenko, husband of Martha, and brother-in-law of Randy and Nancy Prinkey.



## Christmas Eve Services

*Friday, December 24*

*4:00 and 7:00 p.m.*





## ANTICIPATION & PREPARATION

Many of us have seen the Heinz Ketchup commercial proclaiming the one brand to be "the slow one". I read once that when that ketchup leaves the bottle it is going at a speed of 25 miles per hour. Wow!! And that is "the slow one".

We live in a fast paced world, with the exception of the supply chain right now. We don't like to wait for anything. (As a matter of fact, my information about the speed of the slow ketchup came from an e-mail. Why wait for "snail-mail"? ) So why would anyone want a slow ketchup anyway? One look at a child's plate when they squeeze the ketchup bottle (fast, store brand type) and you would know why.

Waiting builds anxiety. It heightens tensions and creates expectation of the worst news. Sometimes waiting can bring out the bad in otherwise well behaved children (and adults too). It may lead us to doubt, fear, and even denial.

There is one thing though, which can be good about waiting.... it provides time to PREPARE!

Advent is the season of anticipation and preparation. We anticipate the arrival of Christmas Day, so we prepare for it. We buy presents and wrap them. We decorate with lights and green boughs, holly and ribbons. What a festive time!

But this season is ESPECIALLY a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ. The people of long ago looked for the Christ to come and establish his kingdom in Jerusalem. Since Jesus Christ's first appearance we have anticipated his return and the establishment of his kingdom on Earth. While we anticipate this advent of Christ, I really wonder if we truly expect it to occur. Are we waiting for his coming by getting ready? Are you making preparations?

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins. Only some made the preparations for the arrival of the bridegroom and when he did arrive they were ready and were able to enter the wedding celebration. The others, the ones who did not prepare, even though they had anticipated the bridegroom's coming, were not ready and did not enjoy the feast.

As we wait for Christmas Day and the celebration of Christ's first coming, may we also remember to anticipate and prepare for his Second Coming! *MARANATHA! Come quickly O Lord Jesus!!*

May God bless you in this season of Advent. May His hope, joy, and love overflow you and your families in every way. And may you know God's peace as you prepare with anticipation for Christ Jesus!

*Pastor Doug*



CHOIR

*Christmas Cantata*



CHRISTMAS  
FOREVER  
AMEN



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*Sunday, December 19*  
*7:00 p.m.*