



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



September, 2022

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.



WCSC Picnic

The WCSC Ladies Group will have their August picnic on

Monday, August 29, 6 p.m.
at the church pavilion.

Please bring a covered dish.

Table service, hot dogs and drink provided. Weather permitting we will have a fire around the swings. All women are invited to come and enjoy this evening of fellowship. (We will meet in the Social Room if we have inclement weather.)



Wednesday, Sept. 14
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.



We are still collecting items for our **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. There is a box in both foyers to put items in. There are tags on the bulletin board on the Indian Head side foyer of items that are needed for the shoeboxes that are filled by the church.

We will be collecting shoeboxes filled by individuals in November.

If you would like to fill a shoebox, there is a display in the Indian Head side foyer with empty shoeboxes to take and fill. There are also printed labels on the top shelf of the display for the shoeboxes. Your donation of \$10 is to be put in the shoebox. You may also donate online if you would like to follow your box. Instructions are on the label.



We are having a **Prayer Walk** around Springfield Clifford N Pritts School, and both Champion Christian School campuses, on Sunday, August 28. Please meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to participate.



We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 2 & 3 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.



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

*Our Saturday evening worship services have started again.

*National Back to Church Sunday is September 18. This event will be celebrated at all worship services on Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18.

*The trustees are working on getting bids for ductless heating and air conditioning in the social room.

*There will be a Prayer Walk around the mountain schools (Springfield CN Pritts, and both Champion Christian School campuses) on Sunday, Aug. 28. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. if you would like to participate.

*There will be a Basket Auction for shoebox postage again this year, here at the church, on Friday, Oct. 21 at 6:00 p.m. live on Facebook.

*Most of the new lights have been changed in the church and social room.



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy to the families:

For the family of Mark Geary, brother of Terri Legas.

For the family of Jean Burkholder, mother-in-law of Randy Miller.

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. – Luke 23:43

Right Now Media



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



Thank You

Dear Church family,

*Thank you all very much for your prayers, cards, phone calls and loving concern for Mike throughout his knee surgery. What a blessing and encouragement you all have been.

Love,
Mike and Amy Grimm

*Thank you for all the prayers, hugs, kind words and beautiful cards we received due to the passing of my sister, Mary. We greatly appreciate it.

Love,
D.J. and Sherry Hess

*Geraldine Cramer would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers as she was going through testing.

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and concerns our whole family has received since the passing of our sister, Mary Martinowski. It is such a blessing to have support from our church family.

Patty Bruner, Martha Shaffer, and Sherry Hess

*Thank you for helping us celebrate Bruce's birthday. I fell and fractured my leg and had to have 3 screws put in. Bruce drove home 2,300 miles and it took 5 days. Thank you for your prayers and support. It will be 6 weeks before anymore concerts. God bless you!
Bruce and Betty Moses



In dealing with Covid:

*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.

* 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.

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



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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



Several weeks ago our son Ben and I watched a movie together. The movie was entitled, *Uncharted*. It's based upon a video game. In the same genre as *National Treasure*, the main theme is explorer seeking ancient lost treasure.

The main character's name is Nate. He and his brother were orphans. They had lived in an orphanage and when the older brother Sam times out in the system he goes off on his own exploring the world. The only communication Nate has from Sam in the years that follow are postcards sent to him on an irregular basis telling about Sam's ventures in one or two sentence snippets. Years later, Nate is finally out of the orphanage himself still holding on to those postcards from his brother. I'll spare you all the details about the movie.

It was one of those postcards which Sam had sent to Nate which is the real focus for me today. That postcard contained a simple one sentence statement, "What is lost can be found."

"What is lost can be found." That is a powerful statement for the follower of Christ. John Newton captured it well in "Amazing Grace," "I once was lost but now am found." For the Christian being lost states our condition before God. Being found states our condition being restored to relationship with God through Jesus. I was given pause to consider yet another element and that is the difference between lost and hiding.

In the Gospel of Luke 15, we read three parables which Jesus taught. A parable of a lost sheep and the Good Shepherd goes and finds him. A parable of a lost coin and the woman diligently searches in her home and finds it. And then there is The Prodigal Son, no doubt lost, but that son left and hid himself in the ways of the world which were not the ways of his father. The father did not go seeking the son but he earnestly watched for him to return. And all three of those parables end with the celebration for what was lost has been found.

Those hiding may not want to be found, but that should not stop us from earnestly watching, preparing for the emergence, or seeking with hope for signs of those returning from isolation. These will happen in varied sequences and timing which can't be planned - but must be prepared for.

The father welcomed the returning son by running to him, embracing him with love, adorning him with honor, and holding a feast with "the fattened calf" - which was ready, awaiting the celebration. The father did not know 'when' but he was ready to welcome him back whenever.

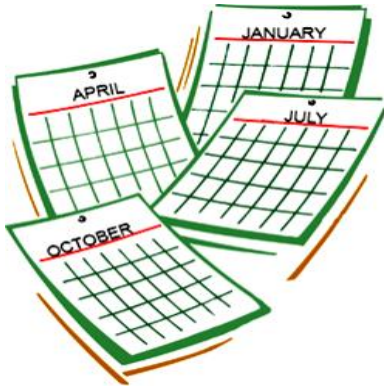
As Christ Followers, we should take our lead from the father - to be ready whenever for whomever will be returning. Can you do that? Will we do that? How we respond to those who emerge and return will be a reflection of the hope all of us should have in Christ.

Jesus said that there will be a celebration when what was lost is found, and what is hidden returns. That my friends is the hope in which we must live and be in our day: always ready to celebrate with those returning. Remember, "What is lost can be found!"

Celebrating in hope with you!

Pastor Doug

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calendar Party

Thursday, September 29

6:00 p.m.

The W.C.S.C. Ladies Group will be hosting a Calendar Party on Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Room. The ticket cost is \$20.00 with proceeds going to support the ministries of the Ladies Group.

Please contact Becky Dix (724-455-2564) if you would like to purchase a ticket. Seating is limited, therefore, tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.



Basket Auction

Fundraiser for Shoebox Postage

A FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT

Friday, October 21

6:00 p.m.

We are looking for donations of baskets or services, by October 14, that you have to offer to auction off. Contact Denise Pritts if you have a basket or service that you would like to donate.



The Indian Head Church will be participating in the

**National Back to Church Sunday,
September 17-18**

This year's theme is, "Hope Happens Here."

What a tremendous statement for our time where people are Looking for HOPE every day! Please come join us that weekend and every weekend, as we worship God and share together the Wonderful hope given to us by God's grace, mercy, and love.

**Saturday Evening Service - 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning Services - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**