



# The Reminder

## Indian Head Church of God



December, 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.



An All-Church Christmas Caroling event will be held on

**Thursday, December 15  
6:00 p.m.**

at Woodcrest Assisted Living Home in Scottdale.

We will meet at the church to carpool down at 5:30 p.m., or you may meet us at Woodcrest at 6:00 p.m. Everyone, young and old are invited to come.



### Children's Christmas Program

The children's Sunday School will present a Christmas program on

**Sunday, December 18  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**during the  
Sunday School hour.**

Adult classes are to meet in their classrooms to take attendance and offering, then proceed to the Sanctuary for the program.



**Wednesday, Dec. 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!



We are continuing with the **Turkey Meat Vouchers** for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards this need, there are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, by the turkey, We will be collecting donations until December 4. Please make checks out to ICV Food Pantry.



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.



### Nursing Home Gifts

We are doing Christmas gifts for Eicher's Nursing Home residents. Tags are posted on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side foyer, and the gifts needs to be returned to the church by December 19.



We were able to send **820** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. **THANK YOU** everyone who participated in any way!!!!



Dear Congregation,

Diane and I really enjoyed seeing all of you on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It is always good to visit you and get a chance to talk with many of you. We are sorry we could not spend more time with more of you. We miss all of you and look forward to another visit.

Love,  
Pastor Ed and Diane

\*We want to thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and meals after Rich's knee replacement surgery. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Rich and Tammy Naugle



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy...

\*To the family of James Cunningham, brother of Harry Cunningham.

\*To the family of Marilyn Nedrow, wife of John Nedrow.

\*To the family of Ricky Shaw.

\*To the family of Bob Leeper, father of Rob Lepre and wife Charlene (daughter of Dorothy Sprague).

\*To the family of Ron Cross, friend of Doug and Debra McMillen.

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

Psalm 23:4

### Right Now Media



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



### 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 a.m. 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.



There will be an installation of Church and Sunday School Officers during both Sunday morning worship services on January 8, 2023.



### End of Year Giving

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2022 may be included with 2022 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2022 may be included with 2022 giving.

### Important Notice:

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2022 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



We will be decorating the church for the

Christmas season on

**Wednesday, November 30, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

The Deaconesses are leading in decorating the church. We would appreciate your help if you are able to come at this time.



Our special Christmas White Gift offering will be received on Saturday and Sunday, December 24 and 25. However, we will accept this offering at any time. You will soon be receiving a Christmas letter with the White Gift offering envelope in your mail.



Congratulations to the following couples who were recently United in Marriage...

Matthew and Lauren Cramer were married on Saturday, October 1st.

Nathaniel and Lydia (Glotfelty) Roebuck were married on Saturday, November 5th.



## **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.



Notes from the Ad Council meeting on October 17...

\*Bob Prinkey, lay speaker at Normalville UMC, will be speaking at the Saturday evening service on Nov. 26. Bob is the brother of Raymond Prinkey.

\*The Van Ministry will be running the van on Christmas day and New Year's day.

\*During the Sunday School hour on Dec. 4, there will be a Hanukkah and Christmas program in the Sanctuary with Rev. Jeffery Kipp from Chosen People Ministries.

\*On Dec. 18 the Sunday School children will present a Christmas program during the Sunday School hour.

\*Outreach & Missions:

-Donating \$2.00 to each child at Springfield C.N. Pritts elementary for their Christmas Workshop.

-Donating \$500 to the Hassinger's in Haiti to help with their children's ministry.

-Donating \$600 to Jake and Haley Day for their children's Christmas party at Gamarco Church of God.

-There were a total of 820 shoeboxes that were packed for Operation Christmas Child.

-The last fire basket was used, and we are asking for donated items to fill more baskets. An insert will be in the bulletin with items needed.

-We will be starting to collect items each month to donate to the ICV Food Pantry. Watch for information.

-Denise Pritts will be going to the Operation Christmas Child's global conference in Orlando, Florida, March 30 to April 2, 2023.

Outreach & Missions will donate 20% of the cost of her trip (trip cost is approx. \$1,000). Anyone may also help support her trip with funds being designated to Denise's OCC (*Operation Christmas Child*) global conference trip.

\*The Christmas White Gift offering will be designated with 1/2 going to Camp Sunrise Mountain, and 1/2 to our Community Outreach.

\*Dale Bigam was appointed as a Deacon and the term will run out the end of 2023.

## **Results of Congregational Meeting held on Nov. 15**

The 2023 budget was approved.

The following officers were elected:

### **Elder:**

Stacy Dix (3 year term)

### **Deacons:**

D.J. Hess & Brian Dull (2 year term)

### **Trustees:**

Tom Legas & Doug McMillen (2 year term)

### **Deaconesses:**

Karen Bigam & Terri Legas (2 year term)

### **Outreach & Missions:**

Deb McMillen (3 year term)

### **Clerk:**

Susan Shepler (1 year term)





## From the Pastor

# Home for Christmas

*"Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays,"* so sings the popular seasonal carol. This is the time of the year when our thoughts and our hearts turn back toward home. We remember the wonderful times in our younger years: grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins (lots of cousins), all enjoying the big Christmas dinner. Or maybe it was just the immediate family: parents, brother, and sister, all still in pajamas, on the floor around the Christmas tree - ripping into the brightly colored paper. What wonderful memories! Perhaps your memories were not so fond, but there was that hope in your heart for what would some day be an even better holiday season.

With memories fresh in mind and heart, we enter into this season of joy with the hope and attempt that we will make this year like the best of years gone by. When we stop and reflect, again we are brought back to home. Home is one of those very special places. It was where we belonged. It was there our hopes and dreams were begun for the future. It was there that we often found warmth, love, and security.

But in our day we are faced with a continuing pandemic and increasing inflation. The challenges to us have shaken souls and alienated us far from the serenity of "home." We may have uprooted and moved locations or just the time itself has introduced so many variables we find it hard to even know roots anymore. In a way we have become "homeless" even though we have a house to live in.

Mary and Joseph set out for Joseph's "hometown." They had not made arrangements ahead of time for a place to stay, so it was no surprise that there was no room for them. But that night in a stable around back, their small family increased by one and brought hope and blessing to all the World. The Creator of the world, "homeless" for the time being, was at home with man, His creation.

As we reflect on Home for Christmas this season, remember the good times, the joy, the laughter, the hope and the dreams.

As you prepare to celebrate the joy and gift of Christmas in the birth of the Christ Child, should you find you have no "home" to help you celebrate, remember God made us His family and you are always welcome to join with us in calling the Indian Head Church, "home."

*"Oh there's no place like home for the holidays."*

May you have a very blessed Christmas celebration!

*Pastor Doug*



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services  
4:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

