



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



January, 2023

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.



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



The Installation of Church and Sunday School Officers during all worship services on Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8, 2023.



**Wednesday, January 11
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!



Penny Pile Sunday will be on January 29. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School, on the 5th Sunday of the month, 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.



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.



DVD's are available from the children's Christmas program on Dec. 18. Please see Brad Long or contact the church office if you would like one.



The Discipleship Journal BIBLE READING PLAN pamphlets are available on the podiums in both foyers.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the beautiful plant you sent for Ron's mom, Nina Culver. We are truly blessed by our church family. Thank you for the prayers and concern during this time.

Love,
Ron, Nancy, William,
Victoria and Matt

*Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during my knee surgery this fall. I've been progressing well and looking forward to eventually enjoying all my favorite sports again. Thank you!

Love,
Laura Gradiner

*I am so very thankful for the love of God you have shared with me through prayers, meals, flowers, cards and phone calls. Thank you for blessing me in such wonderful ways.

Brenda Nicholson



Congratulations to Jared and Emily Dolde who became the parents of a baby boy, Carson Thomas Dolde, on December 18, 7 lb. 9 oz., 18 1/2".

Proud grandparents are Dave and Denise Bruner, great-grandparents Dennis and Patty Bruner and the late Dorothy Bruner, Lorena and the late Francis Beni, and great-great-grandfather Glenn and the late Helen Bruner.

Right Now Media



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



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy...

*To the family of Nina Culver, mother of Ron Culver and wife Nancy.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away"



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



The Flourish Conference

March 3-5, 2023

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

www.theflourishconference.org
www.CGGCwomen.org

You can register at www.theflourishconference.org
or mail your **form to National CGWM Treasurer:
Nancy Scott
1114 Circle Drive
Latrobe, PA 15650

Registration Options:

- Early Bird: \$110 - if mailing must be postmarked by 12/31/22
- Regular \$125 - if mailing must be postmarked by 2/17/23 or online until 2/25/23
- Saturday Only: \$90 - if mailing must be postmarked by 2/17/23
- Register online only after 2/17/23 at www.theflourishconference.org
- Late: \$135 after 2/25/23

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



Notes from the Ad Council meeting on December 19...

*Will be sending a financial gift of \$2,500.00 to the Trinity U.M. Church in Stahlstown to assist them in their time of need as a result of their church fire.

*A motion passed to adopt a Curriculum & Bible Study Material Policy.

*A motion passed to amend wording for our Offerings Policy: A minimum of 10% of our current fund offering goes to the Allegheny Region Conference.

*Dave Bruner will be teaching the Jr/Sr High class, across from the Sunday School Office, beginning January 8.

*Amy Grimm will be taking over the Primary Class, beginning in January, for the winter months.

*The shoeboxes sent from our church have gone to Honduras, South Africa and Columbia.

*12,079 shoeboxes were sent from Fayette County.

*A new women's Bible study will begin in January.

*VBS is being planned for this summer. Please see April Linnell if you would like to help.

*There was \$500 in donations for the ICV Food Pantry for the meat vouchers.

*Restroom renovations will begin January 2 in the Social Room and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

*Each commission should reorganize, elect a chairperson, and provide a summary of their commission for the January 2023 Ad Council meeting.

2023 Church Council

Pastor
Douglas Nolt

Elders
Kevin Miller
Jim Hall
Stacy Dix

Deacons
Jeff White
Dale Bigam
Emily Dolde
Elaine White
D.J. Hess
Brian Dull

Trustees
Doug Basinger
Mark Salyers
Tom Legas
Doug McMillen
Randy Pritts

Deaconesses
Denise Bruner
Helen Hamm
Karen Bigam
Terri Legas

Outreach & Missions
Mary Bowser
Denise Pritts
Debra McMillen

Clerk
Susan Shepler

Church Secretary
Kathleen Keslar

Church Treasurer
Sherry Hess

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 and Missions Commission

Elected:

Mary Bowser
Denise Pritts
Debra McMillen

Appointed:

April Linnell
Addie Long
Marcia Miller
Linda Perry
Terri Legas
Jean Pelliccione
Regina Anderson
Lindsay Moore
Pastor Douglas Nolt

An Ongoing Goal



Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."



From the Pastor

The Use of Time

This week we will be given a new year. That's 365 days; 8,760 hours; 525,600 minutes! It will be the same as we were given in 2022. How will we use them? What might we accomplish?

Some years ago there was a study reported in *American Demographics* about the fanciful labor-saving devices in our lives. The report stated that they do not save us much time after all. The report noted that women who cook with microwave ovens to prepare food save about four minutes a day compared with the women who use the conventional oven. And what about the all important washing machine? The study reported that those with a washing machine spent more time doing laundry than those who didn't have one.

This brings me to the "discussion" my wife and I have had more than several times over the years about computers. The personal computer is supposed to be a labor-saving device. Here is where we have disagreed. I say they are. Judy says they aren't. Who's right? I think in reality we both are right. While the computer allows us to take some shortcuts and to do some things faster, the time we save is used up by doing more with them (i.e. additional work) or for them (i.e. maintaining the computer). Ergo, the example of the microwave oven and the washing machine.

The challenge for most of us is not to do more, to move faster, to be more efficient, and to expand our assortment of activities - it is to focus our efforts and simplify our lives. Eugene Peterson wrote in his book, *Subversive Spirituality*, "When others are telling you to read more, I want to tell you to read less, others are telling you to do more, I want to do less. The world does not need more of you; it needs more of God. Your friends do not need more of you; they need more of God. And you don't need more of you; you need more of God."

In Psalm 90 we read a prayer of Moses. He prayed, "Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom." {Psalm 90:12 NLT} That's it! The year lays out before us and we should make the most of it to grow in wisdom. This begins by growing in our knowledge and walk with the Lord. Solomon noted: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." {Proverbs 9:10 NIV}

The new year lies before us. What will we make of it? How will we best use what God entrusts to us? The reality is we can't save any minutes, hours or days, but we can use them all for the good and the glory of God.

Wishing you blessings throughout the new year!

Pastor Doug

