



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



May, 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.



We are collecting items each month for the ICV Food Pantry. The items can be placed in the container in the Normalville side foyer. **For the month of May we are collecting rice and beans.**

We appreciate your help in donating these monthly items for the ICV Food Pantry.



**Wednesday, May 10
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.



The Coffee House Fellowship Ministry needs volunteers to make coffee/tea on Sunday mornings (8:30 to 9:15 a.m.) and clean up afterwards (any time after 10 a.m.). All supplies, except for a small container of milk, will be provided. Interested individuals, couples, families, or Sunday School classes, please see Dave Bruner.



We will be having Baptism on Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Sunday School classes are to meet in their rooms for offering and attendance, then proceed to the Sanctuary..



Penny Pile Sunday is April 30.

This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School, on the 5th Sunday of the month, for Camp Sunrise Mountain.



The National Day of Prayer Service
Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.
at Camp Christian in Mill Run, Pa.

The service will not be live-streamed, but will be available shortly after its conclusion.



Graduate Sunday is June 4

If you are graduating from high school, college or a technical school, please contact the church office as soon as possible.



We are in need of van drivers for Sunday mornings to pick up the kids for Sunday School and then take them back home afterwards. If you would be interested, please contact Dale Bigam as soon as possible.



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy...

To the family of Barry Pletcher, brother of Betty Pletcher, and Ben Pletcher and wife Sally.

To the family of Donna Holley, mother of Carrie Dix and husband Stacy.

To the family of Donald Kuhns, father of Mike Kuhns and wife Beth.

"Blessed be the God and Father...who comforts us in all our affliction..."
2 Corinthians 1:3-4



We are in need of teacher, or teachers, for the Children's Intermediate Department. We also need assistant Sunday School teachers for the newly formed JR/SR High Class. Teaching would be on a rotation once or twice per month.

Please see Dave Bruner as soon as possible if you are interested in helping with any of these teaching ministry opportunities.



Dear Indian Head Church of God,

*The church has shown myself so much love, prayers and support in my time of need. Just a huge thank you for all of your generosity. I am so overwhelmed with love!!!

A HUGE Thank You!!
Heather Harhai

*Thank you so much for supporting my trip to the Global Connect Conference. I am looking forward to what I will learn to help us with our Shoebox Ministry.

Thank you again,
Denise Pritts



Notes from Ad Council meeting on April 17, 2023...

*The annual Allegheny Region Conference will be held on Saturday, May 20 at Kingwood Church Fellowship Center. We are entitled to take 2 delegates. If you would like to be a delegate, please see Pastor Doug or one of the Elders.

*On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Ben Tobias will be our guest speaker for the morning worship services.

*Bruce and Betty Moses will be presenting a gospel concert here on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

*Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 4.

*The Intermediate Dept. Sunday School Class is in need of a teacher(s), and the Jr/Sr. High Class is in need of an assistant teacher. Contact Dave Bruner if interested.

*We are in need of van drivers to pick up the children on Sunday mornings for Sunday School. Contact Dale Bigam if interested.

*Held is needed for the Coffee House Ministry on Sunday mornings. If interested in helping, contact Dave Bruner.

*Baptism is April 30. Sunday School classes will meet in their own class to take attendance, regular offering and Penny Pile offering. and offering, then proceed to the Sanctuary for the Baptismal Service at 10:00.

*The Fayette Co. Sunday School Convention is April 28-29 in Smithfield, Pa. If any child would like to enter the poster or t-shirt contest, contact Dave Bruner.

*Rabies Clinic & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, April 29.

*Penny Wars fundraiser begins on Sunday, May 7. Money raised will go for the ACTS Team members mission trips. Our members are Katelyn Bennett, Spencer Long and Mary Bowser.

*Approval was made to proceed with purchasing a new church sign. We will still be collecting money to go towards the purchase of the sign.



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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



Congratulations to Bryan and Addie (Witt) Cunningham who became the parents of a baby girl, Olivia Elise Cunningham, on March 25, 4 lb., 2 oz., 17". Proud grandparents are Kerry and Sherry Witt.



Camp Sunrise Mountain is in immediate need of help with mowing. They are willing to hire someone interested in the 16-hour per-week job. However, there is an immediate need for volunteers to help mow, until the position can be filled. If interested contact Dave Bruner or Stacy Dix.



Women and Girls Banquet

**Tuesday, May 9
6:00 p.m.
In the Social Room**

All women and girls are invited to this time of fellowship. This is a covered-dish meal. Table service, drink, chicken and rolls will be provided

The evening program will be *The Richters*. "The Richters concerts include traditional, as well as country and southern gospel." A love offering will be taken for *The Richters* music ministry.

Sponsored by the WCSC Ladies group



The 2023 camp dates for Camp Sunrise Mountain this summer are as follows:

- *Week 1 (entering grades 10, 11, 12) June 11-17
- *Week 2 (entering grades 8 & 9) June 18-24
- *Week 3 (entering grades 6 & 7) June 25-July 1
- *Week 4 (entering grades 3, 4, & 5) July 2-8
- *Beginner Camp (new campers entering grades 3 & 4) July 15-16

Registration is now open. You are able to register online at: campsonrisemountain.org

Parents only pay \$55.00 of the registration fee. The church will pay the camper fee.

Pertaining to the online registrations, when you are on the last page where you are to pay the fee of \$55.00, you will click the box that says "pay deposit" and it will show the amount of \$55.00. If you have any questions about the online registration, please contact the church office.

If anyone is unable to pay the registration fee, please contact Pastor Doug or one of the Elders (Kevin Miller, Jim Hall, or Stacy Dix).

Attention All KIDS!



VBS = TWISTS & TURNS

July 16-20, 2023

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME PSALM 25:4



Bruce and Betty Moses
will be here to present a concert of Southern Gospel Music on **Wednesday, June 14 7:00 p.m.**



Community Yard and Bake Sale

**Saturday, June 24
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
in the Church Parking Lot**

*\$10 per space and additional \$5 for a table.

*Contact Linda Perry to reserve a space:
412-491-0391

We will not be collecting donations for church tables or clothing for a boutique. We would like you to rent a space to sell your own treasures.

We will have a bake sale and will collect donations of baked goods. Mountain Top Mobile Concessions and McFeely's Arctic Ice food trucks will be available to purchase lunch and snacks.

All proceeds will go to the ACTS Team.



Attention Church Family and Friends!

You are invited to a Graduation Party/21st Birthday for *Adriana Andrus* on Saturday, June 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Indian Head Church of God Picnic Pavilion.

Please RSVP to Cindi Andrus
724-237-9232 by May 20.



The 14th District Sunday School Rally

Will be held on Monday, May 1, 7:00 p.m., at the Church of God of Prophecy, 439 White Road, White, Pa. Puppets of Praise will bring the evening program. Our poster, poetry and essay contest participants will be acknowledged.

Pastor's Message

My Dear Friends:

Triskaidekaphobia is the fear or avoidance of the number 13. It is said that some buildings have had their floors renumbered to avoid the "13th Floor." And the idea of not seating 13 guests at a table can be traced to a superstition based on the account of Jesus eating the Last Supper with his twelve disciples. Complicating the number further is paraskevidekatriaphobia, the fear of Friday the 13th.

Fifty years ago, in 1973, the 13th of April fell on a Friday. It is a day I will remember forever, not because of bad luck or misfortune, but because of a surrender and an acceptance I made that night.

Growing up in a Christian family, going to church, and Sunday School every week did not negate my own need to trust Christ to become my Savior and forgive my sins. I was nine years old when I did that in February 1967. The following month I was baptized. Through the years, God was working in my life drawing me closer to Him, and even though the human nature of a teenager struggled for its own way, God didn't retreat. I was actively involved in CGYA, Youth Choir, and Church camp.

It was in my sophomore year of high school when I became acutely aware that God wanted to do more in my life. Church camp the August before had begun that revelation for me. It was January 1973, when the voice of God began to speak into my heart - calling me to a deeper relationship and to serve Him as a pastor in His Church. I wrestled with understanding what it all meant. Though desiring to talk about it with someone more spiritually mature, I held it to myself.

For three months I heard the Spirit patiently calling while I opened more and more of myself to God. During a week of revival services at our church Friday evening's service was a special Youth Night. I can't tell you what exactly was on the program that night. As a matter of fact, I can't even tell you who the preacher was that week. But it all came together at the altar during the closing of the service when I made my surrender of my life and accepted God's calling upon my life. Friday the 13th of April 1973!

There are many more details I could share about that night and the days immediately following but there is none more precious to me than this one: on that same night, right around the corner from me at that prayer rail was my little sister Kim trusting Jesus to be her Savior too. Kim is in Heaven now with our Heavenly Father.

I can say I have not looked back with regret once at the calling of God upon my life on Friday the 13th of April 1973. Rather, as the Apostle Paul stated, "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Philippians 3:12 NIV)

For some, the number 13 is to be avoided, and Friday the 13th at all costs. But for myself, Friday the 13th of any month, and the "unlucky" number 13 in general, are constant reminders of God's calling upon my life.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Doug

PS - We all have a God story and we each should tell it because people need to hear your story.





Drive thru

Rabies Clinic

& Bake Sale



Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Indian Head Church of God

\$12.00 per pet

All proceeds go to the Acts Team for their mission trips