



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



September, 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 September, we will be collecting Shampoo, Soap and Toothpaste.**

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



**Wednesday, September 13
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. Help is needed for the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Interested individuals, couples, families, or Sunday School classes, please see Dave Bruner.



The WCSC Ladies Group will be having their **Calendar Party** Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Social Room.

Limited tickets are available for \$20 and may be purchased from any WCSC member. Please contact Becky Dix, (455-2564) with any questions.



Please join the Fayette County Operation Christmas Child Area Team at our Project Leader Workshop and speaker event, at Mount Moriah Church, 30 Church St, Smithfield, PA. It is on September 8, at 6 p.m. We will be sharing a meal, sharing tips and ministry updates. We will be hearing from Olsea Makarets, who received a shoebox as a child in Moldova. Please RSVP on or before August 18. This event is open to everyone and each church present will receive a carton of shoeboxes!



There will be a Membership Class this fall for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug.



Notes on the Ad Council meeting on August 21...

*We had 19 campers that attended camp at Camp Sunrise Mountain this summer.

*Nov. 5 - there will be Baptism during the Sunday School hour. Then at 7:00 p.m. we will have our evening Ordinance Service with Holy Communion & Feet Washing.

*There will be a Membership Class this fall for those wanting to join our church family.

*We will be putting a basket out the next few weeks to help with the Maui Hurricane relief fund. This fund will be sent thru our General Conference.

*Pastor Ben and Sherry will be moving here in September.

*Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. will be our annual Congregational Meeting.

*Oct. 29 there will be a 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner.

*Outreach and Missions will be selling refreshments at the Mtn. Watershed Festival on Sept. 23. They will be asking for donations of pies that they can cut and sell.

*The Online Basket Auction will be from Oct. 7-15, with closing bids at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 15. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details, as the format will change this year. Money raised will go towards shipping the OCC shoeboxes.

*A Community Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct. 28 at Resh's Park. There are a couple churches that will be participating with us.

*Our church will be the drop off point for the mountain area for the OCC shoeboxes, Nov. 13-20.

Susan Shepler is the organizer, and help will be needed each day.



We are still 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.



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



We extend our most heartfelt and deepest sympathy to...

*The family of Grace Hoover, mother of Jeff, John, Jerry, Jay, Jody Lagola and Joyce Zelenske.

*The family of Gorman Dull, uncle of Brian Dull.

*The family of Donna Beckner, aunt of Terri Legas.

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8



The Camp Sunrise Mountain annual Golf tournament is being held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Kings Mountain in Rockwood, Pa. Cost is \$340 per team. Forms must be submitted no later than Sept. 15 to the camp. Registration forms are located in both of our church foyers.



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 **Technology Committee** is looking for volunteers to join our committee. Some needs are:

- *sound operator
- *camera operator
- *people to help with creating and advancing the slides used during the service
- *network upgrade & maintenance
- *computer support, etc.

If interested, contact Jim Foor or the church office. The mission of the Technology Committee is to support and enhance the ministries of the church through the use of technology and media.

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life."
- Author unknown

Pastor's Message

The Keeper of the Spring

Through the years I have found quite a number of stories and illustrations which I have used for sermons, articles and devotionals. This one recently came to mind. I read it a few decades ago when reprinted by Dr. Charles Swindoll and originally attributed to the late Rev. Peter Marshall, former chaplain of the United States Senate.

“There was once an old man who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slopes of the Alps. He had been hired by the village council many years ago to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely stream flowing through their village. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise choke and contaminate the fresh flow of water. By and by, the village became a popular attraction for visitors. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear stream; picnickers gathered along its banks; and the view of the water from local shops and cafes was picturesque beyond description.

“Years passed. One evening the council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, they noticed a small amount that was being paid to the “keeper of the spring.” The village treasurer asked, “Who is this ‘keeper of the spring’? Why do we keep him on the payroll year after year? No one ever sees him. Have any of you ever met this man? For all we know, he is simply taking our money and doing us no good whatsoever. In my opinion, this person is no longer necessary.”

“Everyone agreed with the treasurer and the council voted unanimously to dismiss the old man.”

“For several weeks, nothing much changed. The village went about with its business as usual. But by autumn, the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools that fed the stream, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon, someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the water. A couple days later the water was much darker. Within another week or two, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks and a foul odor was soon detected. The swans left the village, as did the tourists. The economy of the village was in serious peril. Likewise was the health of the village, as many were getting sick from drinking the water.

“An emergency meeting of the village council was held. After much discussion, they realized their error in judgment and they hired back the old “keeper of the spring.” And within a few weeks, the beautiful stream came back to life. The swans and visitors gradually returned, as did the vitality and well being of the little village in the Alps.” [*Improving Your Serve* by Charles Swindoll, 1981]

We each make a difference! The “keeper of the spring” had a job which seemed, to the village council, as very insignificant. Yet, when he was no longer around, the entire village suffered. In the same way, we are all important to the church, which is the body of Christ:

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

(1 Corinthians 12:21-23, 27)

Glad to be serving Christ and His Church with you!

Pastor Doug





Basket Auction



Outreach and Missions will again be sponsoring a Basket Auction for shoebox postage.

Planning ahead, If you would like to donate a gift basket or a service, please have the basket or service information to the church by Sunday, October 1. The auction will be held in the Social Room, October 7-15, and the next paragraph outlines the new format instead of the one night online auction...

The items will be on display in the Social Room the week of October 7-15, and you will be able to go into the Social Room and check out the items during that week. If there is something you would like to bid on, you can go to the church's Facebook page and place your bid. Keep checking back on the Facebook page if someone outbid you, and you can update your bid. For those who don't have Facebook, there will be papers in the Social Room where you can place your bid and your phone number to be contacted. They will be checked daily and the bids will be put on our Facebook page. Denise Pritts will contact you if someone outbids you, and she will post your new bid if you wish to raise it. On Saturday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. the bidding will end and the winners will be posted on our Facebook page. For those without Facebook, Denise will notify you if you have won.

If you have any questions, please see Denise Pritts.



Community TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28 at Resh's Park



Sunday, October 29

in the Social Room, Immediately following the late worship service.



Your packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be due here to the church by Sunday, November 12.

National Collection Week is November 13-20

This year, our church is going to be a drop off point all that week for churches in our area to drop off their shoeboxes. Susan Shepler will be the organizer for our church being a drop off point. There will be a set time each day for those dropping off their shoeboxes. Help will be needed a couple of hours each day during that week to assist those bringing boxes. If you would be interested in helping, even if it's for only one day, please see Susan.

Baptism

We will be having Baptism on Sunday, Nov. 5, during the Sunday School hour. If you would like be baptized, please contact Pastor Doug.

Big Thank You!

Our Back to School carnival was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, and to everyone who donated items. Looking forward to next year's carnival, we will be needing school supplies. Watch for sales throughout this next year, and if you would want to purchase any school items throughout the year, please drop them off at the church and put a note with them that they are for the carnival.



Dear Church family,
Thank you all so much for your love, prayers and support. You have shown God's love, and I have felt His peace and presence through your prayers. I appreciate all the cards, phone calls, and meals very much.

Sincerely,
Amy Grimm and family



Attention Choir: Rehearsals for Christmas Cantata will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested, but please let Kathy Foor know ASAP so we can be sure to order enough music for everyone.

Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

What if you didn't know when your next meal would come? That sense of insecurity is foreign to so many of us, yet within our area, school-age children face that reality every weekend. If it were not for the school meal programs, these youngsters would face this insecurity daily.

"Back Pack Buddies is designed to provide children experiencing food insecurity with nutritious, kid-friendly, pre-packed meals for the weekend—when they would not have access to a school's free lunch and breakfast."

As a church, we support this program at the *Springfield/C. N. Pritts Elementary School* with whatever funds are given to the church designated "BACKPACK BUDDIES".

In addition, there are several people from the congregation who regularly help in the packing and distribution of the backpacks.

We want to keep this need and ministry before you, for you to discern how you might make a difference. Hunger and food insecurity are real, and they are right here in our school community.

Thank you for making a difference!

Sisters of Strength Fall Retreat



September 29-October 1
at

Camp Sunrise Mountain

Cost: \$75.00 per person for the weekend

\$45.00 for Saturday only

Are you trapped in the everyday jungle of life? Swing on by and join us on our Jungle Safari and how to make our way using the armor of God for our daily survival.

Guest speaker will be Amanda Brougher. Amanda and her husband Gary are longtime residents of Western PA.

They started the Pittsburgh Dream Center, whose vision is to reach out to people who feel forgotten and excluded, leading them to transformed, whole, successful purposeful lives -

www.pghdreamcenter.org

Amanda is a host at Cornerstone Television Network. She hosts the Cornerstone Connect, co-hosts for Hope Today, 9:30am and a co-host for Black Party, Saturdays at 6-9pm.

www.ctvn.org

Application forms: There are applications, along with the information sheet, on the information table in the Indian Head side foyer.

YOUTH GATHERING

(for all youth in grades 6-12)

Sunday, September 24

5:00-6:30 p.m.

In the picnic area

Come for a time of **Faith - Food - Fun**

