



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



November, 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 **November, we will be collecting Cake Mixes and Brownie Mixes.** We appreciate your help in donating these monthly items for the ICV Food Pantry.



**Wednesday, November 8
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 will be having Baptism on Sunday, **November 5**, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you would like be baptized, please contact Pastor Doug.



There will be a Membership Class on Sunday, **November 5**, for anyone interested in becoming a member of our church. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug.



**To Welcome
Pastor Ben and Sherri
Sunday, October 29**

in the Social Room, Immediately following the late worship service. Please bring a covered dish. Ham, rolls, cake and drink will be provided.



On Sunday evening, **November 5**, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our **Ordinance Service of Holy Communion and Feet Washing.** Everyone is welcome to attend.



Penny Pile Sunday is October 29. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sonrise Mountain. There are also plastic containers in each foyer, beneath the podiums, that you can put money in at any time for Camp Sonrise Mountain.



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

*The family of Jeff White, husband of Elaine White and father of Adam White and Liz Holtz.

*The family of Audrice Jean Porterfield, cousin of Janet Prinkey and Ron Porterfield.

*The family of Randall Firestone, husband of Lois Firestone and brother of Marlene Kern and Diane Gales.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."
Psalm 115:16



*Dear Indian Head Church of God,
There aren't enough words to express our thanks. The rust colored mums you sent in memory of Jeff are just gorgeous. The many acts of kindness-phone calls, texts, cards, food, and love are overwhelming. We couldn't have gotten through these last three years without your continued prayers. He fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith. All praise to God.

*With Sincere Gratitude,
Elaine, Liz, Adam and the entire White family*

*To all my Christian Friends from the Indian Head Church of God,
Thank you for your get well cards with words of encouragement. But most of all thank you for your prayers. I feel God's love every-day, so I know lots of prayers are being said. God Bless you all.

*Love,
Patty Tinkey*

*Dear Indian Head Church of God,
Thank you for allowing us to use your social room to honor our Nan, Lennette Kistner. The food was delicious. Thank you to pastor Nolt for doing her service. Remember to put your socks on! Have a great year!

Clair Kistner and Lennett's family

*Thanks to all friends for the well wishes, phone calls, emails, gifts and food.
Thanks to our girls for all their help. All is very much appreciated.

*God Bless,
Janet Pritts*



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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



You are the light of the world, a city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." --
Matt. 5:14-15.

We're inviting youth 3rd grade and up to serve in the very important acolyte ministry. Acolytes help to launch the worship service as they bring the light of Jesus before the congregation. Please contact Pastor Ben if you would like to volunteer or if you know young people who would be interested. Thank you and remember to shine the light!



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



Ad Council Role

If you would like to nominate someone from the church for an Ad Council role, please speak with Jim hall or any one of the elder or pastors.



Congratulations to Michael and Maggie Jo (Shaulis) Grimm, who were United in Marriage on Saturday, October 21

Congratulations to John and Bethany (Wilders) Staus, who were United in Marriage on Saturday, October 7.


A Special
THANK YOU




Notes from Ad Council meeting on October 16...

*Our Ordinance Service of Holy Communion and Feet Washing will be held Sunday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

*The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room.

*Oct. 29 is the Installation of Pastor Ben, and a Fellowship Meal following the late service. The church will pay for the ham, buns, drink and cake.

*Pastor Ben will be taking over the Acolyte Ministry, and hoping to create a Bible Quiz Team.

*There are older Sunday School VBS materials and periodicals in the Sunday School office if anyone needs.

*Nov. 6 is the District Sunday School Rally, here at the church. Pastor Ben will be speaking.

*We will be collecting donations for Meat Vouchers for the ICV Food Pantry beginning Nov. 22, and to be returned by Dec. 3.

*Gift tags for nursing home residents will be posted on the bulletin board Nov. 18, and gifts to be returned to the church by Dec. 17.

*A hot dog roller has been purchased for church use.

*Outreach & Missions will donate \$100 to Springfield CN Pritts school to sponsor t-shirts for kids events.

*The Basket Auction brought in approximately \$4,200.00.

*Dates and times are listed in the bulletin and newsletter for packing shoeboxes.

*Drop off times and dates for groups dropping off their shoeboxes are listed in the bulletin and newsletter.

*Fall clean up day for the church will be Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 a.m. Help would be appreciated.

*A donation will be set out for a couple of weeks for support relief for Israel, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

Dear Indian Head Church family,

Thank you very much for the many expressions of appreciation shared with us. We are blessed in different ways and your notes, cards, gifts and kindnesses have affirmed that.

Thank you for the special time on Sunday morning, October 8. Your smiles of encouragement and the prayers of blessing touched us deeply. The special gifts of the Duck's Maple Farm syrup and the variety of gift cards are a sweet treat in many different ways.

Our hearts are encouraged by your love and our spirits strengthened by your prayers and support. May God continue to use us together on the mission of the Church to bring glory to God and the Good News of Christ to the Indian Creek Valley and beyond.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Doug & Judy

Dear Indian Head church family,

Sherri and I want to thank you for your kindness and expressions of appreciation through the month of October. Your cards, gifts, and hugs are reminders that we are part of your family. It is a joy to live and serve here at Indian Church of God, and we look forward to God's abundant blessings in the years ahead. We appreciate YOU!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ben & Sherri



Our Church Outdoor Fall Clean Up Day

will be held on
Saturday, November 11
 at 9:00 a.m.

We would appreciate any help!!



We will be continuing with the **Meat Vouchers** for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards this need, there will be special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary, by the turkey, beginning Saturday, November 11.

We will be collecting donations until Sunday, December 3. Please make checks out to ICV Food Pantry.



We will be doing **Christmas gifts for Eicher's Nursing Home residents**. Tags will be posted on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side foyer by November 18, and the gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 17.



Annual
Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, November 14
7:00 p.m.
In the Social Room.

This meeting to approve the 2024 proposed budget, have election of officers, and any other church business. There is a copy of the proposed budget in this newsletter and on the table in both church foyers.



The District 14 Sunday School Rally will be held *here at our church* on Monday evening, **November 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Our Pastor Ben will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Choir Christmas Cantata

The Adult Choir will present

“O Holy Light”

Sunday, December 10
7:00 p.m.

The Children’s Choir will present the opening.



If you are packing your own shoebox, please have it to the church by **Sunday, November 12.**



Join us for our Shoebox Packing Parties! Please make note of the following **DATES & TIMES:**

- ◆ **Sunday, October 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
—packing shoeboxes for 2 - 4 year olds.
- ◆ **Monday, October 30, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**
— packing shoeboxes for 5 - 9 year olds.
- ◆ **Saturday, November 4, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
— packing shoeboxes for 10 - 14 year olds.

Indian Head Church of God is a



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 is the organizer for our church being a drop off point. The set days and times for those dropping off their shoeboxes are listed below. Help will be needed 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.

- Monday, Nov. 13.....6:00 to 8:00 PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 14.....8:00-10:00 AM
- Wednesday, Nov. 15...6:00-8:00 PM
- Thursday, Nov. 16.....8:00-10:00 AM
- Friday, Nov. 17.....8:00-10:00 AM
- Saturday, Nov. 18.....11:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Sunday, Nov. 19.....2:00-5:00 PM
- Monday, Nov. 20.....8:00-10:00 AM



A Loss of Thankfulness

From time to time through the years there were television programs which captured the human spirit of helping others. In those shows people received something of which they had great need. It may have been a home make over or even a new house. It could be a wish to help out a family member or friend.

One evening I watched as a family, who had lost their husband/father in an auto accident, received a new house, a hay barn, 20 acres of alfalfa planted, a new pickup truck, and a new car. Then there was the show when a young woman, orphaned in her teen years, who had paid her own way through college, had her college loans forgiven - literally "blown up", and then she was given an opportunity of a lifetime in her career. What excitement! What heartwarming stories and experiences!

Do you feel it? The joy of seeing another being blessed in such special ways causes our own hearts to be filled with rapture (and often my own eyes are filled with tears).

But too often alongside of the joy is at least a twinge of envy. You may look at the situation and find that it is no more than the circumstances you have had to deal within life. You may wish that someone would come to our community and offer you a wish come true. If you let envy go deep enough you soon find you are disinterested in watching others receive such blessings, and may even become cynical about it.

Envy will lead you down the road of jealousy. It is the age-old attitude of "keeping up with the Jones" or better yet, out doing them. You want what they have or worse, you wish they didn't have it at all. If allowed unchecked, this envy becomes a joy-sucker in your life. You have less joy. You begin to think that the "grass is greener" on the other side of the fence - all of the time.

Soon you find yourself caught in such a deep, negative attitude that thanklessness wins over thankfulness. Appreciation for what you do have, the blessings which you have received, gets lost as you focus on what you do not have.

This is not a good state to be in. The attitude must be changed, but first the focus has to be corrected. The right focus is not on what you do not have but on what you do possess. In the above mentioned stories we see the benefits and blessings these folks have received, but did you notice they lost parents and a spouse. What could ever replace the ones we love? No house; no barn; no canceled debt; no opportunities in the future will replace one closest to our hearts. And maybe you have lost that too, but envy only takes more away from you, it never puts back.

I like what the psalmist wrote over and over again in Psalm 107: "Let them praise the LORD for his great love and for all his wonderful deeds to them." (Psalm 107:8 NLT). We have something to thank God for everyday - his unfailing love and his wonderful blessings. The Apostle Paul reminds us: "Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT)

In this season of Thanksgiving chase envy out of your life and replace it with a heart full of gratitude, for God has blessed you in great and wonderful ways. Look around you. See them every day.

Thanking God for you and the ministry we share together!

Pastor Doug



Community TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 28

at C.W. Resh Park
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

FOOD

GAMES



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TREATS

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