



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



February, 2024

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. The month of **February** we will be collecting **canned fruits**. We appreciate your help in donating these monthly items for the ICV Food Pantry.



Wednesday, February 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!



Everyone is invited to attend our **Saturday Evening Worship Services**

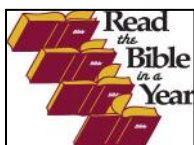
7 p.m. each Saturday night, especially if you are unable to come to church on Sunday mornings.



VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room. If you would like to help with VBS, please come to the meeting.

We are also in need of a VBS Director. If you would be interested, please see Dave Bruner.



Bible Reading Plan Guides are on the table in both Foyers if you would like to have one.



Attention Young Adults (ages 20's & 30's!)

Are you trying to manage a healthy work/life balance? Pastor Ben has started a new Sunday School class that meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the upstairs classroom on the right. Nursery and classes for children are available. Contact Pastor Ben for information, 724-989-3926, or email pastorben@indianheadchurch.org



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 to 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.



Dear Church family,

I want to thank you for all your prayers, food, and phone calls during my heart procedure. I fill so blessed to have caring people in my life. God is good.

Carolee Bowser

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, meals and flowers. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Tuck Geary family



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

The family of Virginia White, mother of H. Brooks White and wife Nancy.

The family of Charles Zerres, father of Cathi McMillen and husband Darrin.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26



Notes from Ad Council meeting on January 15...

*Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

*Communion will be observed the weekend of Feb. 17-18.

*Jeff Kipp (Chosen People Ministries), will be speaking on the Jewish Fall Festivals: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Feast of Tabernacles on Sunday, Sept. 29 during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary.

*Pastor Doug will be having an online Bible Study during Lent.

*The Bluegrass Group (Victory Express) is looking forward to providing monthly music for our church.

*A VBS director(s) is needed. Please contact Dave Bruner.

*There will be a VBS planning meeting on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Social Room. Anyone who would like to help with VBS this year should attend.

*Nursery Care during Sunday School is a needed. Let Dave know if interested in helping with this ministry.

*Good News Club starts Feb. 13. See Sherry Hess if you would like to help.

*A Rabies Clinic/Bake Sale will be held on April 13, to support the ACTS Team.

*The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 30 at 11 a.m.

*A Community Yard Sale will be held on June 29. There will be food trucks (Mountain Top Mobile Concessions & McFeely's Arctic Ice), and a bake sale. The yard sale is for individuals who would like to rent a space, there will be no church tables.

*Back to School Carnival will be held Saturday, August 3.

*2024 elections were held and Ad Council Chairperson elected was Kevin Miller, and Vice Chairperson elected was Jim Hall.



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



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 Women's Flourish Conference March 1-3, 2024

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

www.theflourishconference.org

You can register at www.theflourishconference.org or mail your **form to the National CGWM Treasurer:

Nancy Scott
1114 Circle Drive
Latrobe, PA 15650

Any questions: Email...
nanjscott@comcast.net

Registration Options:

- Regular \$140 - if mailing must be post-marked by 2/21/24.
- Late : \$150 if registering after 2/21/24.
- Friday Only: \$30, Saturday Only: \$100.
- If registering after 2/21/24, register online only (no mailing) at www.theflourishconference.org

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



Pastor's Message



Why I Observe Lent

By Ben Tobias

*Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

I never understood what Lent was until I was in seminary; although I heard people say “I gave _____ up for Lent” (fill in the blank, usually with chocolate). I guess I knew it was vaguely Catholic (which was completely foreign to me), but I never heard of anyone in the Churches of God observing it. But then I read Worship is a Verb, by Robert Webber, and my understanding of – and appreciation for – church history and worship expanded. The word “Lent” comes from the Latin word for “lengthen,” probably referring to the lengthening days of spring, and it lasts forty days because of Moses’ forty days on Mt. Sinai and Jesus’ forty days of fasting and being tempted in the wilderness.

A distinctly Christian practice, Lent was developed by the early Church to be a season when Christians would spend time in prayer and fasting in support of those preparing to be baptized on Easter Sunday. Because converts went through a very specific time of “exorcism” prior to baptism, mature Christians would share in their fasting and spiritual discipline. It evolved into a forty day period of time when Christians would “walk” with Jesus to Calvary and the Cross every year, thus enriching and renewing their sense of self-denial and “carrying the cross” (cf. Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23) so that the joy of the Resurrection would replace the fasting with feasting. As I’ve learned about the background of Lent and some of the *good* reasons for it, I’ve begun to look forward to it every year. Here are some reasons why:

1. Lent reminds me how Jesus “set His face toward Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51), and how His disciples must also be willing to walk a hard road in their relationship with Him. We must not expect an easy path (cf. Matt. 7:13,14). The spiritual discipline of fasting forces us to say “NO” to ourselves and develop a closer walk with Jesus.
2. Lent allows us to join with other believers in corporate preparation for Holy Week. Christians and churches that do not observe the church year deprive themselves of a valuable resource. True, most churches observe Palm Sunday, Good Friday and especially Easter, but if we observe the season of Lent beforehand we will have a deeper appreciation for the meaning of those events.
3. Lent is a kind of spiritual “spring cleaning,” when we take stock of our lives and invite the Lord to identify those things in us that displease Him. Because bad habits are so hard to break, and good habits are hard to form, Lent provides the *time* for the Lord to work on us. A pastor friend of mine said: “Repentance is not ‘once for all’ but a lifelong part of experiencing forgiveness. It’s important to remind ourselves of that, especially as it relates to Christ’s passion.”

So what does observing Lent involve? Do we just pick out a food at random and give it up? Is that all it is? Unfortunately that’s what some people think, and for that reason Lent has lost its close connection to spiritual discipline and the closer walk with Jesus. Worse, Lent for some is a legalistic form of godliness based on self-deprivation, which Scripture warns us against (cf. Matt. 6:16-18; Col. 2:20-23). We need to beware of that, and Lent must never cause spiritual pride. No, a better way is to see fasting (either from a food or an activity) as only one aspect of Lent, an expression of a concerted desire to have a closer walk with Jesus. In addition to fasting, perhaps we might observe Lent by simplifying our life and having more time for family prayer or volunteering at a ministry. Or we might attend special Lenten services in the community. Whatever you do for Lent, always remember that it’s not just about fasting or losing weight – **a closer walk with Jesus is the main goal**. Let us follow Him to Calvary and to the now-empty Tomb.



Fire Victim Baskets



The Outreach and Missions Commission is seeking the following items to create fire victim baskets. If you are interested in purchasing any of the following items, there are baskets in both foyers for you to place your items. You may purchase some or all the items listed. Monetary donations are also appreciated and we will do the shopping for you. If you have questions, please see Denise Pritts.

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| Kitchen wastebasket | note cards |
| bathroom wastebasket | envelopes |
| garbage bags for wastebaskets | postage stamps |
| laundry basket | tooth paste |
| laundry detergent | tooth brush |
| paper towels | Kleenex |
| plastic storage containers w/lids | 6 or 12 pack of soap |
| pillows | Band aids |
| pillow cases | brush/comb combo |
| hangers | Motrin, Tylenol, etc. |
| bath towels | shampoo |
| washcloths | men's socks |
| dishrags | women's socks |
| dishtowels | children's socks |
| dish detergent | sippie cups for small children
if any are involved |
| scotch tape | small toys |
| pens | Books |
| tablet | Bible |



2024 Camp dates for Camp Sunrise Mountain

Week 1, June 9-15

Youth entering grades 10, 11, 12

Week 2, June 16-22

Youth entering grades 8, 9

Week 3, June 23-29

Youth entering grades 6, 7

Week 4, June 30-July 6

Youth entering grades 3, 4, 5



Good News Club begins on February 13, 2024.

The club is for children in grades K, 1, & 2 attending Springfield CN Pritts Elementary School. It will be held on Tuesdays, from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. The club runs for 6 weeks. Please see Sherry Hess if you would like to help.



The W.C.S.C. Ladies Group will be meeting on Monday, January 29 at 6:30 in the Social Room. Judy Nolt will begin the meeting with devotions. The Bible study will be on Rahab and be led by Becky Dix. Carolee Bowser and Bonnie Kimmel will serve refreshments for the fellowship time.



The 14th District Sunday School Rally will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m., at the County Line Church of the Brethren. Their church choir will present their Christmas Cantata for the program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

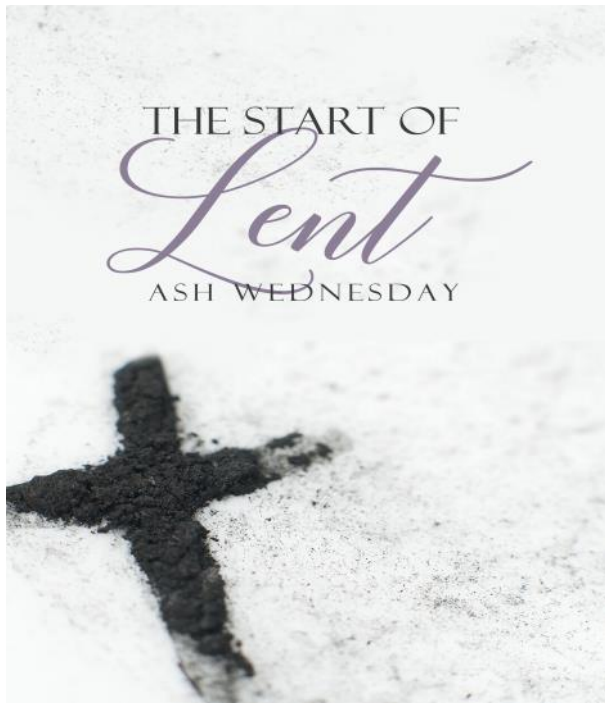
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in the Sanctuary

*Create in me a
clean heart,*



Psalm 51:10, ESV

BE THE DONKEY



Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

“When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” she replied. “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”

Jesus told his followers they’d need to carry (or “take up”) their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?



On the bulletin board on the Indian Head side foyer there are tags with items listed that are needed for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that the church fills. If you would like to participate, please take a tag, and when you have purchased your items, you may bring them, along with your tag(s) attached and put in the box in either foyer.

You are also welcome to fill your own box throughout the year!

DO NOT INCLUDE

- * Food, candy, or gum
- * Toothpaste
- * Used or damaged items
- * Scary or war-related items
- * Wearable traditional camouflage
- * Seeds or organic matter
- * Liquids
- * Medication • Money
- * Breakable items
- * Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- * Knife, saw, or razor blades

