



# The Reminder

## Indian Head Church of God



December, 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.



### Join us for Christmas Caroling

On SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 3:00 p.m., there will be **All Church Christmas Caroling** at Woodcrest Senior Living in Scottsdale, Pa. Meet here at the church at 2:15 p.m., or at Woodcrest at 3:00 p.m.



The W.C.S.C. Ladies Group will meet on Monday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Karen Bigam will have the devotions. The Bible study on Jesus' Brothers will be led by Sherry Hess. Helen Hamm and Becky Dix will serve the refreshments. Ladies are reminded that their Christmas Party reservations and payment are due to Becky by the November meeting.

### Christmas Eve



### CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

Tuesday,  
December 24

4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

The 7:00 p.m. service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.



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 decorating the church for Christmas, Tuesday, **Nov. 26 at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to come out and help decorate!



### Nursing Home Gifts

We are doing **Christmas Gifts for Eicher's Nursing Home** residents. Tags are posted on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side foyer. The gifts are to be returned by Sunday, December 15.



**Kids' Klub** is held on Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. This is open to all children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Kids' Klub will be held until the beginning of next June. It's never too late to come and join us!!

If you would like to help with food for the meal, please contact Addie Long. Help is always needed!



**A Bible Study/Quiz Team** for Youth Group, for ages 6th grade and up, is held on Thursday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pastor Ben leads this group. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ben, or email him at: [pastorben@indianheadchurch.org](mailto:pastorben@indianheadchurch.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be **NO Kids' Klub or Youth Group on Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Day).**

**WOMEN'S FLOURISH CONFERENCE IN MARCH:**



**Now thru December 1,** we are collecting donations for Meat Vouchers for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards this need, there is a special envelope by the turkey in back of the Sanctuary. Please make checks out to the ICV Food Pantry.



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you very much for your thoughtful cards of encouragement following Brad's knee surgery. Also, your prayers, phone calls, and the hot cooked meal have been such a blessing to us. We are so grateful and appreciative of our family at the Indian Head Church of God; you continue to make us feel loved.

Cannot thank you enough,  
Susan and Brad Rodeheaver

Dear Indian Head Church of God,  
\*Thank you all so much for the heartfelt cards, prayers and the dinner we have received during my recovery. I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing church family. Thanks again!

Love,  
Missy Tinkey and family

Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and well wishes, and for all of the beautiful cards that you sent. They were very much appreciated. Thank you so much

With love,  
Ellaree Cole



**Wednesday, December 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!



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



If you would like access, please send your email address to the church office... [ihcog@htot.com](mailto:ihcog@htot.com)





## Camp Sonrise Mountain Envelope Fundraiser Update:

**Great news Indian Head Church of God!** We currently have collected **\$14,689.00** for Camp Sonrise Mountain! There are only **52** envelopes left in the foyer. That gives us, as a congregation, **52** more chances to bless this vital ministry for Our Lord. Thank you for making this fundraiser a huge success!



Our special Christmas White Gift Offering will be received on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22. However, we will accept this offering at any time. You will be receiving a Christmas letter with all the White Gift Offering information and offering envelope in your mail soon.



**Penny Pile Sunday** is Dec. 29. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sonrise Mountain where there is a 5th Sunday in the month. There are also plastic containers in each foyer, beneath the podiums, that you can put money in at any time for Camp Sonrise Mountain.



The Installation of Church and Sunday School Officers will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2025 during all worship services.



The Congregational meeting was held on November 12. The 2025 budget was approved. The following officers were elected:

### Elder

Jim Hall (3 year term)

### Deacons

Doug McMillen & Dennis Bruner

### Trustees

Tom Legas & Zac Long  
(2 year term)

### Deaconesses

Karen Bigam & Terri Legas  
(2 year term)

### Outreach & Missions

Denise Pritts (3 year term)

### Clerk

Susan Shepler (1 year term)



## End of Year Giving

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2024 may be included with 2024 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2024 may be included with 2024 giving.

### **Important Notice:**

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2024 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.



Notes from Ad Council meeting on November 18...

\*Two persons are being baptized on Sunday morning, Nov. 24 during the early worship service.

\*Pastor Ben is forming a Vision Team, and is currently looking for people to be part of that team. Please see Pastor Ben if you may be interested, or for more information.

\*New committees are being formed - one for a security committee and one for a medical committee.

\*New security cameras are now in place throughout the church, both inside and outside.

\*We have 5 people in place for a rotational teaching system for the Pre-K class and are looking for 3 more. This would allow each teacher to only have to teach once every other month.

\*There will be a Christmas Party for the youth Sunday School class on December 15, downstairs in the Youth Room, during the Sunday School hour.

\*Our current flyers (Have a Good Day/Focus on the Family) are being discontinued as of December 2024. We will search for a possible replacement.

\*There were approximately 287 kids that participated in the Trunk or Treat, with 34 cars being decorated.

\*Purchasing a hearing loop system with 10 units to assist worshipers using hearing aid devices.

\*Outreach & Missions is donating money to missionaries Wayne & Lisa Hassinger in Haiti to use to purchase Christmas gifts for children in Haiti.

\*We are going to Woodcrest Senior Living, in Scottsdale, to do Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

\*New software, Power Church Plus, is being purchased for the church office.

\*Four new lockboxes are in use in the church. Two are used for weekly offerings. One is currently in use for Turkey Vouchers. One is being used for CSM Envelope Fundraiser money.

\*A motion passed to designate the White Gift Offering to Camp Sonrise Mountain.



## FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE

**Mt Pleasant Church of God**  
**936 W Main St, Mt Pleasant PA 15666**  
**Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Free Admission / 20+ vendors / Live music**  
**Complimentary coffee and donuts!!!**

**Don't spend all your money on Black Friday...BE A BLESSING!**

**Our purchases matter - buy gifts that can change a life!**

**Jewelry, Accessories, Handbags, Pottery, Coffee,  
 Ornaments, Chocolate, Scarves, Wallets, Baskets, Toys,  
 Home Décor, Candles, Soap, Aprons and More!**

### VENDORS INCLUDE:

Ten Thousand Villages	The Apparent Project
Rahab's Rope	Building New Hope
Thai Village	Monarch Jewelry
REVV Fair Trade	Sak Saum
Ornaments 4 Orphans	Latin American Children's Fund
Global Mamas	Seeds to Sew International
Mira Fair Trade	Ugandan Craft Market
Project Have Hope	Ernest John, Navajo Artisan
Mayan Hands	INTO Fair Trade
Origin Creations/Cottonwood by	Wajaro
Twin Engines Coffee	Latitudes Store
Women of the Cloud Forest	The Silk Road Market
Delicate Fortress Creations	Bali Made

### **What is FAIR TRADE?**

*FAIR TRADE enables artisans to lift themselves out of poverty by earning a fair and living wage for their work.*

*Fair trade organizations work to eliminate human trafficking and child labor and to bring help, hope and healing to vulnerable and poverty-stricken populations in developing countries.*



Dear friends:

The Bible says: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."  
[Matthew 5:4]

That is exactly what you have done for us, bringing comfort in our grief over my Mother's recent death. Thank you for your cards, words of condolence, prayers - and for the flowers from the church.

Your prayers are appreciated as our family travels to we celebrate Mom's life at a memorial service on November 29.

We are refreshed by your compassion and renewed by your love.

With gratitude and love,  
Pastor Doug & Judy



#### **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, Pastor Doug or Pastor Ben.



Thomas Dix will be  
celebrating his



**BIRTHDAY!!!**

The Family of Thomas Dix  
invites you to his  
**100TH BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION**

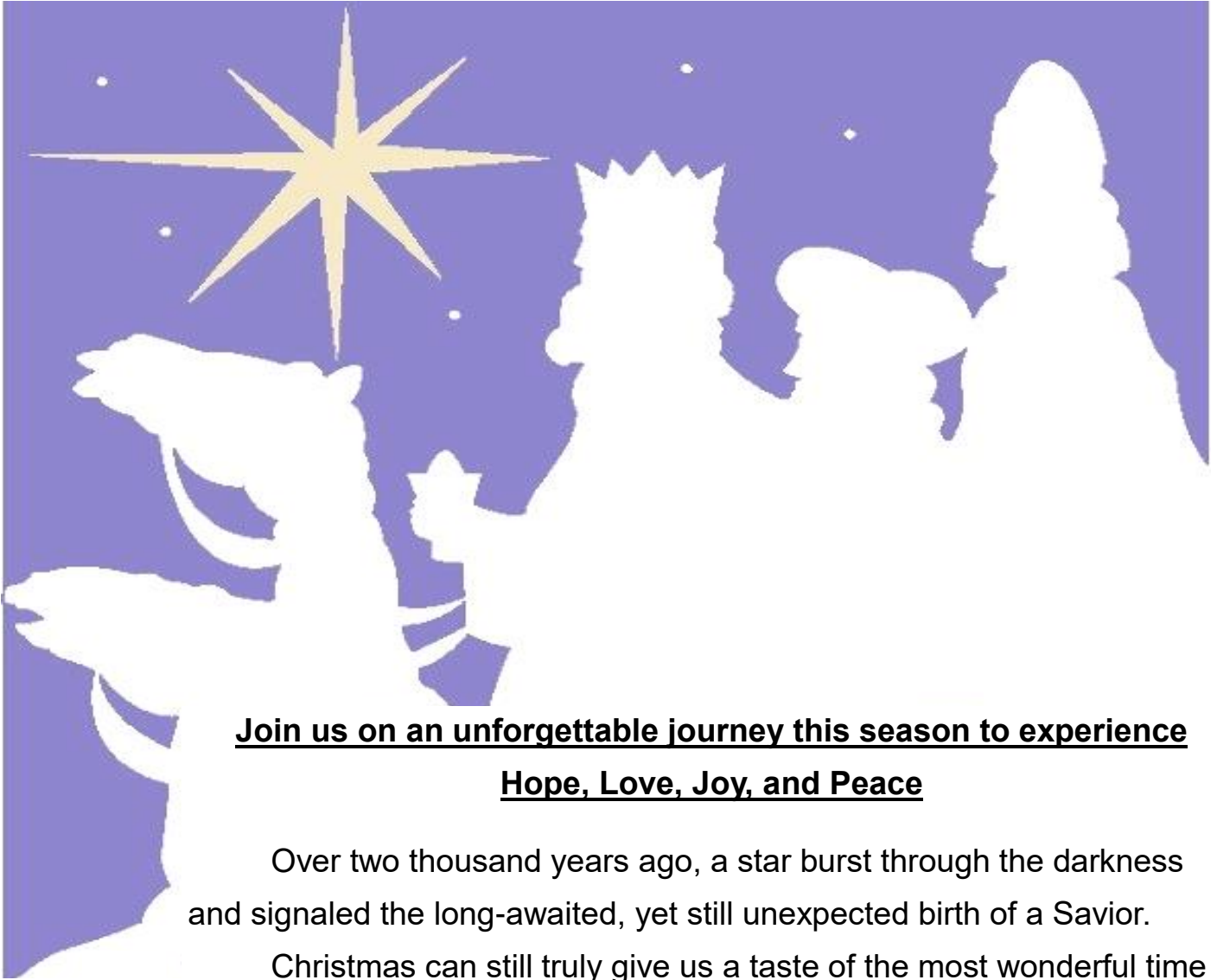
on **Saturday, December 28,**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
at **Brady's Restaurant.**

Please R.S.V.P. to Becky Dix  
(724-455-2564)  
by December 15.

**NO GIFTS PLEASE!**







**Join us on an unforgettable journey this season to experience**  
**Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace**

Over two thousand years ago, a star burst through the darkness and signaled the long-awaited, yet still unexpected birth of a Savior.

Christmas can still truly give us a taste of the most wonderful time of world history. Jesus—the Messiah, the Savior—came as the light into the darkness and stress and pain of the world—our world. That world then, just like our world now, including our lives, needs the light to illuminate, clarify, guide, and heal. Christ's coming brings that ultimate light through hope, love, joy, and peace. This is the journey of following the star to Christmas—and beyond!

This Advent season, you are invited to follow the star. It's not just about the destination, but also about a journey we can take together to experience God's love and grace in the midst of real life. Our prayer is that Jesus will shine through us more and more ... so that others will be drawn to Him. Let's join together on this journey!

*Pastor Ben*