



January, 2025

The Reminder Indian Head Church of God

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.

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.



**Wednesday, January 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!



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



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.



Sunday, December 29 is Penny Pile Sunday. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sunrise 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 Sunrise Mountain.





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.

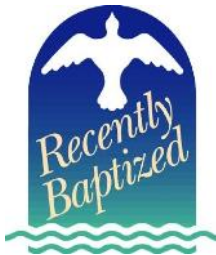


A Bible Study/Quiz Team for Youth Group, for ages 6th grade and up, is held on Thursday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pastor Ben leads this group. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ben, or email him at:

pastorben@indianheadchurch.org

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO Kids' Klub or Youth Group on December 26 or January 2



The following youth were Baptized on Sunday, November 24...

*Hunter James Walters
and
Kenzie Renae Shaffer*



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.



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.



The Men's Ministry Group meet the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the church. **All men** of the church are welcome to attend!



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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

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Camp Sunrise Mountain Envelope Fundraiser Update:

Our new total for Camp Sunrise Mountain is **\$16,458.00!** Only **30** envelopes remain in the foyer! Please consider picking up one of those last envelopes today.



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected in January is **Mustard, 17 oz.** size. There is a container for all items in the Normalville side foyer.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families...

*The family of Janet Pritts, wife of Billy Pritts, mother of Carol Coffman, Crystal Freed, and Cheryl Keslar.

*The family of Beula Prinkey, mother of Zoe Roberts, Susan Horwatt, and Sidney (Rik) Prinkey, Jr.

*To the family of Molly Jurik, daughter of Matt and Kim Smith.

*To the family of Richard Salyers, father of Mark Salyers and wife Darlene.

*To the family of Les Hall, uncle of Jim Hall, Patty Bruner, Martha Shaffer and Sherry Hess.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

— John 3:16



Notes from Ad Council meeting on December 16...

*Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday, Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Social Room.

*The District Sunday School Rally will be held here at the church on Monday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

*The Good News Club, held at Springfield CN Pritts School, will be on all Tuesdays in March, and two Tuesdays in April. See Sherry Hess if you would like to help.

*Pastor Ben is heading up a Vision Team, with the first meeting to be held on January 13, 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the team is to seek God's will for His vision for the Indian Head Church of God in the coming years.

*A Security Committee and a Medical Committee is being formed.

*We will be setting up a table in both foyers with new Bibles for those who don't have a Bible and would like to have one.

* Over \$1,000.00 was donated by the turkey vouchers for the food pantry.

*The 2025 *Sunday School* officers are Superintendent-Dave Bruner, Asst. Superintendent-April Linnell, Treasurer-Scott Porterfield, Secretary-Addie Long..

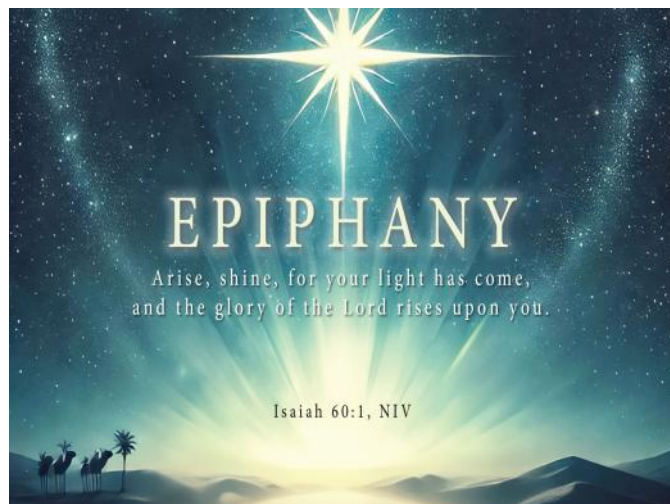


It is so exciting, as a church family, to participate in the ministry of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Our church packed 846 shoeboxes and collected 4,093 at our Drop-Off Location. The total shoeboxes collected in Fayette County was 12,855!

We had over 45 volunteers (with 380 Volunteer Hours total for the week) greeting individuals and churches, serving snacks, collecting and counting boxes, loading cartons, praying over boxes, along with loading and unloading the truck.

Thank YOU for your willingness to be a SERVANT, assisting in this crucial ministry, taking the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

With gratitude for your time and efforts,
Susan Shepler





LEANER BUT WITH MEANING

While the hours of 2024 wind down and the last plate of Christmas cookies is passed around once more, our minds begin to think of January and a New Year. Considering the hustle of the holidays, I think of that line in Clement Moore's poem:

"And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap."

But we're told, "This is no time for sleeping." "A new year is an opportunity for a new you!" "Don't be a fruitcake - shed the Christmas 'pounds' cake." And simply, "Make plans and set goals for success."

May I suggest we stop with the guilt and instead look at the ways we may become leaner but with meaning. Consider this:

Jesus said, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* {Matthew 11:28-30}

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* {Philippians 3:13-14}

Solomon tells us, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."* {Proverbs 3:5-6}

Jesus invites us, *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* {Matthew 6:33-34}

What if 2025 begins leaner but with meaning? Instead of piling on guilt along with new goals and increased determination that we'll be and do better this next year, what if we were to pare back to the simpler - more meaningful concerns for life?

Another new year is upon us and here is a great way to start it! The NLT phrases Jesus: "He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." {Matthew 6:33}

May you be leaner but with meaning for the glory of God - in 2025 and beyond!

A blessed New Year to you!

Pastor Doug





NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

A new Bible Study “What Really Matters” will begin on Thursday January 9. The weekly study-discussion groups will be led by Pastor Doug and will meet in the Social Room. The topic and study will vary every week and each session will have a heavy emphasis on Q & A discussion. So bring your questions on faith, Scripture, and life that together we may grow in understanding **“What Really Matters”**.

We will be offering two different study groups. 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. All adults are welcome to either group.

The evening group will be meeting while the Kids Klub and Youth Group are meeting in the main building at 6:00 PM. Come for the Supper before hand at 5:30 PM. For this first week please let us know you are coming for the supper by Monday, Jan. 6, so we will have enough food prepared.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.