



March, 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.



Wednesday, March 12
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!



Rabies Clinic and Bake Sale

**Indian Head Church
of God Parking Lot**

Saturday, March 29
9 a.m. - 12 Noon

Cost \$12.00 per pet

**Your donation
benefits**

**Mary Bowser
towards the cost of
her mission trip to
Bolivia.**



**Indian Head Church
of God -
Social Room**

Sunday, March 16
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: Donation

**Your donation
benefits**

**Adriana Andrus
towards the cost of
her mission trip to
Malawi, Africa.**



Baptism is being planned for Sunday, March 30. If you would like to be baptized, please contact one of the pastors, or call the church office.





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



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!



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected in March is **cake mixes**. There is a container for all items in the Normalville side foyer.



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 now have a new *Hearing Assistant System* if anyone would like to use it. Please see the person who is at the sound board for assistance.



There will be Spring cleanup day at the church on Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. Your help would be appreciated!!!



Collecting Socks for Kids!

We are collecting socks for toddlers to teenagers, as Adriana will be taking these on her mission trip to Malawi for the children. There is a box in both foyers for the socks.



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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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Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9.



Notes from Ad Council meeting on February 17, 2025...

*We will have an Ash Wednesday worship service on March 5, 7 p.m.

*The Good News Club will start Tuesday, March 4 at Springfield CN Pritts School.

*There were 11 from our church that attended the District Sunday School Rally, held here at the church.

*April Linnell will not be heading up VBS this year. We are in need of a director, or directors. If you would be interested, please contact Dave Bruner ASAP.

*The Grab and Go Lunch hoagie fundraiser brought in \$800 towards the cost of Adriana's mission trip.

*Adriana is collecting socks to take on her mission trip, toddler age thru adult sizes. There is a box in each foyer for the socks.

*Three youth will be going on an ACTS Team mission trip this year to the Southwest. Outreach & Missions will pay 20% towards their trip.

*A Rabies Clinic and Bake Sale will be held March 29, 9 a.m.-12 Noon, to help raise funds for Mary Bowser's mission trip.

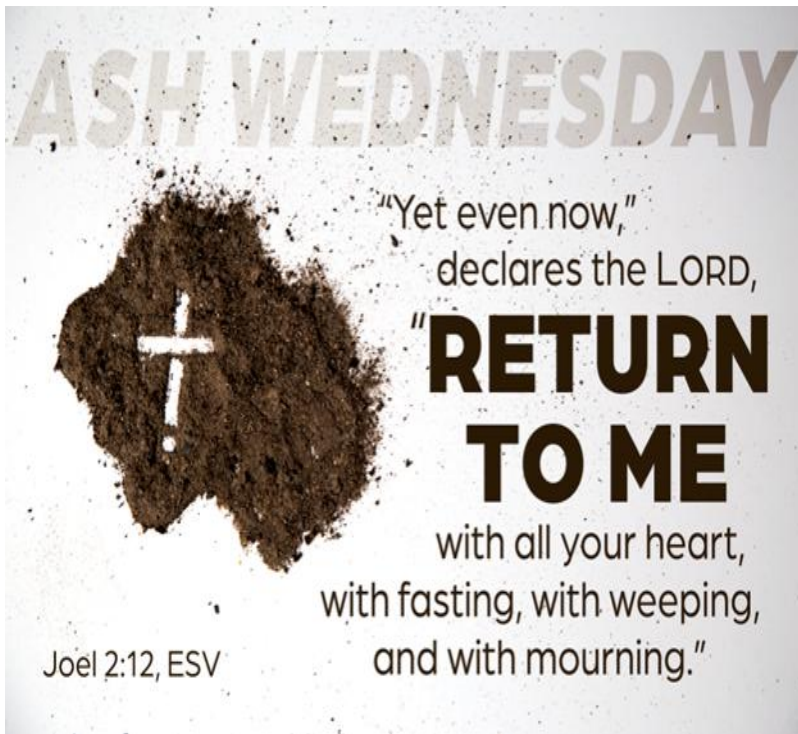
*Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 19 at Resh's Park.

*Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 28.

*The Backpack Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 2.

*New flooring will be installed in the library and secretary's office on April 21.

*Spring Clean Up day at the church will be held on Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m.



*Doug and Kathy Basinger would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits and meals during Doug's knee surgery and recovery.

*Adriana Andrus would like to thank everyone for helping to support the Grab & Go Lunch in January. The proceeds are going towards her mission trip to Malawi, Africa that is coming up in May.

"Thank you for your support thru prayers, cards, and phone calls during my gall bladder issues. Surgery went well and I'm on my way to healing."

Blessings to you,
Dottie Ohler



*For family and friends of Norma Liston, mother of Terri Hamm and grandmother of Heath Younkin.

*For family and friends of Lucille Klingensmith.

* For family and friends of Dennis Ritenour, husband of Arlene and father of Jennifer Hoke, Nicole Kalp and Rusty Ritenour.

* For family and friends of Ray Zimmerman.

"Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



by Pastor Ben

I have a confession to make: I'm terrible at fasting. The moment I decide to fast, I have a sudden urge to do the very thing I DON'T want to do. For example, if I plan to skip lunch and spend that time in prayer and Bible reading, I'll start craving food at noon. What's crazy about this is that I can skip lunch without calling it a "fast," and it doesn't bother me at all. My reaction to the idea of fasting clearly is not healthy.

Part of my problem is that fasting was never talked about or practiced in my childhood. Lent was unknown, and fasting in general was seen as a Old Testament practice. (I suspect the same is true for most readers of this article.)

Now that Lent is upon us, perhaps it's a good idea to focus on what biblical fasting means and how we can find our faith enriched by it.

First of all, Jesus gave clear instructions about how we should fast. In Matt. 6:16-18 – in the section of the Sermon on the Mount having to do with "deeds of righteousness" – He tells us: *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Jesus assumes that we will fast. He practiced it, and so should we. But we must never do it for the sake of showing off and impressing others. Like the other "deeds of righteousness" (giving and praying), fasting is for our heavenly Father to see and reward.

Second, in Isaiah 58 (a whole chapter devoted to fasting), we read of how the Lord despises hypocritical fasting. When the people complained that God didn't seem to notice their religious practices like fasting, God responds "... on the day of your fasting you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife ... You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high" (vv. 3-4) He goes on to describe the kind of fasting He looks for, and the kind He will reward: *"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*

Therefore, fasting from activities like a meal or some hobby can be helpful in teaching ourselves self-control, but even more important is the way in which we care for others. If we do this, we have this wonderful promise of God's blessing: *"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday"* (Isa. 58:8-10).

May this Lenten season enrich your faith as you reach out and care for others. God bless you on the journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb.



Thank You!

To our dear Church Family!

It feels like this past month I have been on a trip (though homebound) away from people we love. When we took the drive to the hospital for my heart cath I never figured on a six day stay and a quintuple bypass surgery. Now three weeks after surgery I am experiencing increasing strength and stamina, and am encouraged for a full recovery. Trust me, you don't bounce back quickly from this - it's a steady progress.

While it is not a journey we had planned on, God's mercy has been revealed in so many ways all along this trip - every day. We are so grateful for the calls, cards, meals - expressions of your care. Most especially thank you for your love and prayers. We have regularly felt the power and effectiveness of your calling upon the Lord on our behalf.

I look forward to being back in church with you soon, and just a little bit further to rejoin fully in the ministry we have shared together for over 15 years.

Praise God with us for his mercy and faithfulness.

With our love,

Pastor Doug & Judy

Lamentations 3:22-24



YOU ARE GIFTED! Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 12:7 -- "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." The question is: *Do you know what your gifts are?* And also: *How are you using them to serve the Lord?* Up until Easter, Pastor Ben is teaching "Spiritual Gifts" in his Sunday School class, and even though the class has begun this study, you are still welcome to join in with the class. If you plan to attend, please let him know in person or via email -

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Don't forget we are always collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Tags are on the bulletin board with items needed.