



August, 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.



CARNIVAL

Saturday, August 2 UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended. There were over 190 youth that participated. It was a wonderful turnout and we look forward to seeing you next year!



**Wednesday, August 13
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.



There will be an Adult Senior's Day Out Luncheon on **Monday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Social Room. This is open to any senior citizen in the mountain communities of Saltlick and Springfield Townships, and those seniors who attend the Indian Head Church of God. If you plan to attend, please call Brenda Miller, 724-455-2363 or Lesia Cramer, 724-366-2039.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

We 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.



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



The Compassion Ministry is ready to help you thru challenges and tough situations. Too often, congregation members are hesitant to ask for help when the ministry's purpose is to assist the church members in providing care and compassion for one another.

For assistance, contact either Jim O'Donnell, 724-557-0521 or Kathleen Keslar, the church secretary 724-455-2626.



Congratulations to Derek and Jailey Nicholson Megown on the birth of their baby boy, Emmette Lee Ray Megown, born Jule 26. Grandfather is Lee Nicholson, and great grandparents are Brenda and Clark Nicholson.



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!



The following items are from the Ad Council, July 21...

*Pastor Ben hopes to schedule Kid's Klub, Youth, and an Adult Bible Study (Church 101) for Wednesday evenings this fall.

*Pastor Ben will resume with the GLOO ministry.

*Looking for individuals to help with the Sign Ministry.

*New members will be received into the church on October 12.

*Pastor Ben's goal is to visit each church family!

*Over 70 children registered, with averages in the 50's each night in attendance at VBS.

*\$1,081.39 was donated in VBS offerings to Shows That Grow.

*Profit from the Yard Sale/Bake Sale was \$471.98 for the Back to School Carnival.

*Profit from the Cloth Boutique of \$1,245.00 is being used for Bibles for the Carnival.

*There will be a Nominating Committee meeting next month after the Ad Council meeting.

*The resignation of Pastor Ben as Associate Pastor will be effective July 31, 2025. He will then take the position of Senior Pastor on August 1, 2025.

*Pastor Doug expressed his thanks to Ad Council and our church family for his time here at the IHCOG. He encouraged us to:

*Focus on the Mission

*Maintain Faith

*Demonstrate Your Love:

-Serve with one another

-Serve each other

-Serve others

*It's always about Christ and His Church.



Friday, Aug. 15

7:00 p.m.

In the Social Room

"Unsung Hero"



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We have three options available for your convenience.

1. Text your donation to: 888-788-2914
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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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The 14th District Sunday School Rally will be held Tuesday, August 5 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Nebo Church of God. Merle and Barb Skinner will bring a presentation on their recent trip to Israel.



We extend our deepest sympathy to...

The family of Glenn Bruner, Jr., father of Dennis, Danny and Doug Bruner.

The family of Ron Keslar, husband of Christine and father of Rachel Pritts and Ronald Keslar.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4



†Thank you to our church family and friends for all of the cards, prayers, flowers, food and love shown to us with the passing of our dear "Junior". We appreciate every one of you and are truly blessed to have so many caring people in our lives.

May God Bless,
The Bruner family

†Thank you to everyone from the church for your thoughtfulness and prayers. We are so grateful!

Love and prayers,
Larry and Carole Miller

†Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift and flower for the birth of our son, Emette. They are greatly appreciated!
Love,

Derrick and Jailey (Nicholson) Megown

†Thank you for the beautiful flowers for Ron's passing and all the prayers.

Christine Keslar and family

†The family of the late Gerald "Jud" Freed would like to thank everyone for their support and kind expressions at this time of sadness. Our family takes great comfort in knowing that our church friends care.

Thank you,
Betty, Sherry and Kevin

†We would like to thank everyone for all the love, support and prayers as we celebrated my mother's 100th birthday.

Bless you,
Linda Perry family and Gloria Julian



**"His master replied,
'Well done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful with a few things;
I will put you in charge of many things.
Come and share your master's happiness!"**

Matthew 25:23, NIV



Congratulations to Aaron and Tricia Hall, who were United in Marriage on Friday, June 27.



SOME THINGS LAST FOREVER

After being at Indian Head for several years, Carl Sleasman and I were preparing for a meeting. While we readied the room he asked me several questions such as how I liked it here. I gave replies to his inquiries, which Carl then followed with: "We keep our pastors a long time here." He was right! Sixteen years is a long time.

Those years were marked with many different changes and adjustments. Many accomplishments. A few let downs. Transitions and transformations in so many ways.

The experiences in life, when we reflect on them, are where we notice growth. A closer walk with Christ. More energy and service for His Church and Kingdom. A deeper love for God's people and our neighbors. And we haven't achieved it all yet.

The Preacher wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:

[1] There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. [9] What do people really get for all their hard work? [10] I have thought about this in connection with the various kinds of work God has given people to do. [11] God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Sandi Patti made popular the song *Forever Friends**. Following are the lyrics.

All around us things are changing, seasons come and seasons go.
Very few things last forever but deep within our hearts we know,
We're forever friends, bound by love that time can't take away.

 Forever friends caring in a special kind of way;
 Heart to heart and hand in hand we'll stand until the end.
 Love's forever when you're forever friends.

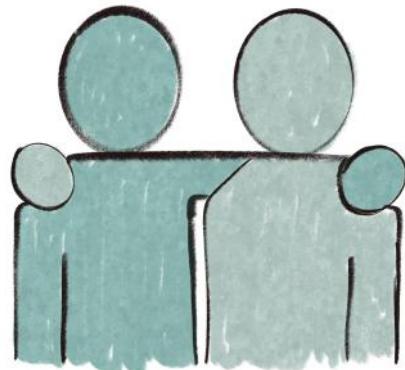
We're all children of the Father, in his keeping and his care;
And the Spirit that he gives us is a love we're meant to share.

 And though we know it's time to say goodbye,
 We will always be together and here's the reason why.
 We're forever friends bond by love that time can't take away.
 Forever friends caring in a special kind of way;
 Heart to heart and hand in hand we will stand until the end.
 Love's forever when you're forever friends.

Carl was right. Yes, Indian Head keeps "our pastors a long time." And we shall stay friends even longer!

Your forever friend and *former*-Senior Pastor,

Doug



The Family Boutique



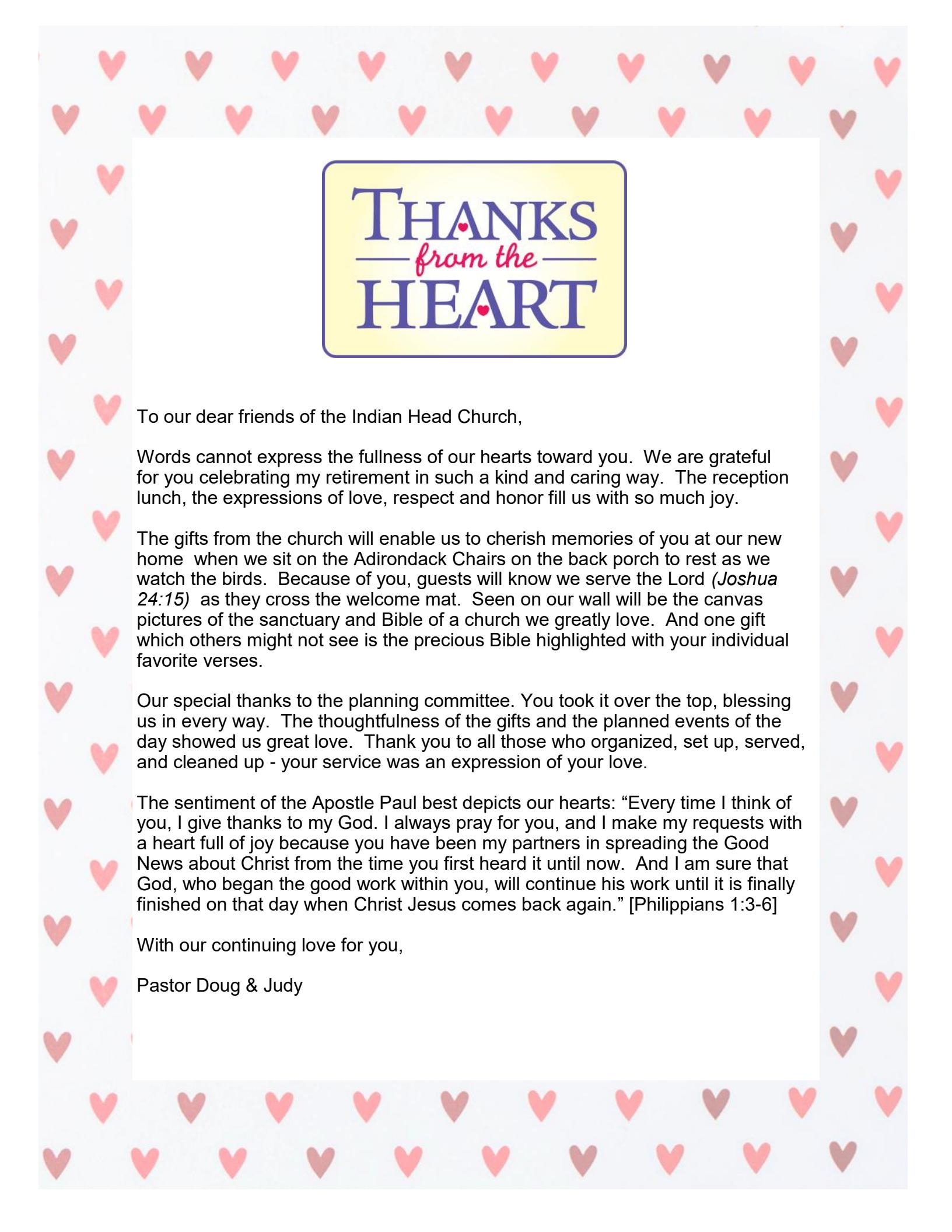
The Family Boutique 2025 is now in the books! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. It takes the church to be able to put this ministry into action. Planning, moving, set up, hanging, organizing, assisting shoppers, tear down, pack away and of course donate clothes. We had at least 38 servants that volunteered their time, six of those were first timers. The youngest that served was six years old and the oldest servant was ninety-one!

After two years of having clothes at the Back to School Carnival, it was decided to bring the boutique back to the Community Yard Sale. This allowed more people to benefit from the affordable clothes. We have the traditional shoppers, such as parents shopping for children, people looking to stretch their clothes budget, work clothes shoppers and those who just like to shop. We also have non-traditional shoppers, such as teachers shopping for clothes to keep in their classroom in case a child needs a change of clothes. And people shopping for the elderly that are unable to shop for themselves.

This year we raised over \$1000 which we used to purchase Bibles to give away at the Back to School Carnival. We have 35 Beginner's Bibles, 47 Adventure Bibles and 21Teen Study Bibles. Please pray that God would do a mighty work in the lives of the children and teens that will be receiving these Bibles.

Thank you again for your help with this ministry. If you would like to be a part of a team that will be organizing the 2026 Family Boutique, please contact Denise Prittis 724-455-2056.

The Purpose of The Family Boutique is to:
Share the love of Jesus with our community
Provide clothes to people in need
Provide affordable clothes
Raise funds to help our community



THANKS *from the* HEART

To our dear friends of the Indian Head Church,

Words cannot express the fullness of our hearts toward you. We are grateful for you celebrating my retirement in such a kind and caring way. The reception lunch, the expressions of love, respect and honor fill us with so much joy.

The gifts from the church will enable us to cherish memories of you at our new home when we sit on the Adirondack Chairs on the back porch to rest as we watch the birds. Because of you, guests will know we serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15) as they cross the welcome mat. Seen on our wall will be the canvas pictures of the sanctuary and Bible of a church we greatly love. And one gift which others might not see is the precious Bible highlighted with your individual favorite verses.

Our special thanks to the planning committee. You took it over the top, blessing us in every way. The thoughtfulness of the gifts and the planned events of the day showed us great love. Thank you to all those who organized, set up, served, and cleaned up - your service was an expression of your love.

The sentiment of the Apostle Paul best depicts our hearts: "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." [Philippians 1:3-6]

With our continuing love for you,

Pastor Doug & Judy