



September, 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.



**The WCSC Ladies Group  
is having a  
Calendar Party...**



**When:** Thursday, September 25 at 6:00 PM.

**Where:** Indian Head Church of God Social Room

**Cost:** \$25.00

**Why:** This fundraiser provides funds for the WCSC Ladies Group to support local, national and global ministries.

**How:** A limited number of tickets are available. Please contact a WCSC member to purchase a ticket.

**Questions:** Contact Becky Dix, 724-455-2564.



**Wednesday,  
September 10**

**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!**

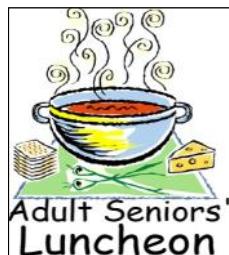
**FOR THE  HEARING IMPAIRED**

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.

**Saturday Evening Worship**

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.



**Adult Seniors' Luncheon**

There will be an Adult Senior's Day Out Luncheon on **Friday, September 12 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.



ICV Food Pantry Collection: The item being collected in September is **Glass 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, the church secretary, 724-455-2626.



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!



WCSC ladies are reminded that the monthly meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 22 instead of September 29.



## Church 101

Are you new to the church? Are you interested in joining as a member? In both cases, CHURCH 101 is for YOU!

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3 and running every Wednesday through Sept. 24, Pastor Ben will lead the discussion about our church and where God is leading us. We'll cover history, core beliefs, and how each Christian is gifted by the Holy Spirit. Please let Pastor Ben know if you'd like to join this class or if you have any questions.



Since the beginning of 2025, the Vision Team has met monthly to explore where God is taking us as a congregation, and we're excited to share some important steps that the Administrative Council will present at this year's Congregational Meeting on Nov. 11. So that everyone has the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the proposed changes, we'd like to invite you to two "Let's Talk!" meetings on Sunday evening Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. We'll meet in the Library or the Sanctuary 7-8pm on both occasions. Let's Talk!



On Sunday, August 31, we will have a Sunday School Opening at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is open to all Sunday School classes. ACTS Team members Spencer Long & Addison Wilders, and Brazil mission trip members Darrin & Cathi McMillen, will be speaking.



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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

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Congratulations to Bill Ritenour, who was baptized on August 16.



## Intercessor Prayer List



Below are prayer requests on our Intercessor Prayer List. If you have a prayer request, please call the Church Office, or fill out one of the prayer cards, located at the prayer box on the podium in both foyers.

Be sure to mark whether or not you want your requests shared in the morning worship services. Please sign your name when submitting a request, as we cannot print the prayer request without a signature.

## Join Gloo!



The church office is using a service called Gloo to send out group text messages and prayer requests. If you would like to be added to the list, text the message "I want to join" to 844-804-2335. You'll get a response asking for your full name, and when you send it you'll be automatically added to the list. Please send another message if you want to be added to the "Prayer Warriors" list.

## School has begun...



Dear Indian Head Church of God,  
Thank you for your prayers as I recovered  
from my fall. I know your prayers helped my  
recovery to be successful.

Thankfully,  
Park Dix



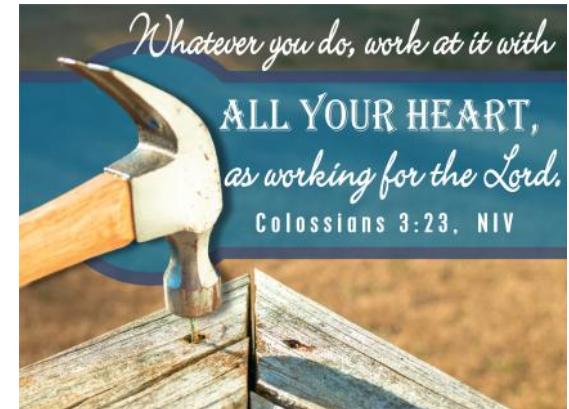
**Friday,  
September 19**

**7:00 p.m.  
In the Social Room**

*Bring a snack to share.*



Penny Pile Sunday is August 31. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School for Camp Sonrise Mountain. There are also plastic containers in each foyer, beneath the podiums, that you can put money in at any time for Camp Sonrise Mountain.





Are you interested in being discipled in your walk with God?

Here at Indian Head Church of God, our vision is to multiply as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

To this end, we want to begin fellowship groups.

Perhaps starting with one, the intent is for the groups to multiply over time. First growing and maturing, then the fellowship would send out new leaders to offer more opportunities to bring in people wanting to be discipled.

A fellowship group would follow the example set by the early church of doing life together, by meeting together to develop authentic fellowship with one another in the Lord.

Within the group, people would grow in discipleship, to form relationships where we can mutually encourage one another and hold one another accountable to the truth in love.

We envision fellowship groups meeting in one another's homes in a way that develops into a family, praying together, worshipping together, participating in communion with one another, and learning together.

If God is leading you to:

- Be discipled
- Disciple others
- Form deeper friendships
- Open your home in hospitality

Please reach out to Becky Dix (724-455-2564), Ashleigh Miller (724-244-4557), or Pastor Ben (724-455-2626). We will have an informational meeting in the near future!



Ad Council meeting notes from August 18...

\*There are several proposed changes to the Constitution of the IHCOG. There will be "Let's Talk" meetings on Sept. 14 and Oct. 12 to discuss proposed changes with the people of the church. These changes then will be voted on at the Congregational meeting on Nov. 11.

Kids' Klub and Youth Group begins Sept. 3. Hope Dull is acting director of Kids' Klub. Another adult is needed to assist.

\*Deb McMillen & Becky Dix have agreed to help with the Sign Ministry.

\*There will be a combined Sunday School opening on August 31.

\*Looking into the possibility of recognizing our Sunday School teachers during all three services at the beginning of September.

\*Considering to re-start a once-a-year church-wide activity as had been done in the past when we attended a Pittsburgh Pirate game. Any comments or suggestions on that would be appreciated.

\*The Online Auction will be held Oct. 3-10, with monies raised going for Shoebox postage.

\*185 children attended for the Back to School Carnival.

\*There will be a Backpack Drive to collect quality backpacks from members of the congregation throughout the year. A bulletin board will feature information on this fundraiser.

\*The trustees will begin updates/painting in the parsonage.

\*Offering Envelopes are encouraged with the congregation. Using envelopes assists the Stewardship & Finance Commission, along with easily keeping accurate records for the church members.



Outreach and Missions will again be sponsoring a Basket Auction for shoebox postage. The auction will be held in the Social Room, October 3-10. Watch for more details.



## from the **PASTOR**

### **Moving Time**

Just a month ago we said good-bye (with tears) to our friends Pastor Doug and Judy, and a large group helped them pack up and move to their new home in Grindstone. I watched Pastor Doug move out of the office, and I have to admit how strange it felt to begin moving my things across the hall into the Sr. Pastor's office. It doesn't feel "normal" yet, but I'm sure that day will come. And at some point in the near future Sherri and I plan (God willing) to move into the parsonage. That will feel strange too!

Change always brings a sense of strangeness, like we're on unfamiliar ground and we're unsure of our footing. That's part of life, of course, and it happens to all of us as we age. Some changes are wonderful, like the birth of a child or a wedding, while others are painful, like the death of a loved one or the loss of a job. But regardless of the joy or sorrow, we can know the Lord is with us and will provide what we need as we journey with Him.

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In Gen. 12:1, God called Abram to pack up his household and leave the city of Harran, and then journey "to a land I will show you." Isn't it interesting God doesn't tell him exactly *where* he was going? It takes faith to step into the unknown, but if we trust the Lord, we can follow Him confidently – because He knows the way.

So I want to thank you all for your prayer and support as I step into the Senior Pastor role here at Indian Head Church of God. I'm excited by the opportunities God has given us, and I look forward to working together with all of you as we serve the Lord. Let us join together, confidently trusting our Lord Jesus to lead us to the place He will show us. We don't know what the future holds, but – as the song says – we know Who holds the future.

***Pastor Ben***





Outreach and Missions will again be sponsoring a Basket Auction for shoebox postage. Planning ahead, if you would like to donate a gift basket or a service, please have the basket or service information to the church by Sunday, September 28. The auction will be held in the Social Room, **October 3–10**, ending at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th..

**The Format:** The items will be on display in the Social Room the week of October 3–10, and you will be able to go into the Social Room and check out the items during that week. If there is something you would like to bid on, you can go to the church's Facebook page and place your bid. Keep checking back on the Facebook page if someone outbid you, and you can update your bid. For those who do not have Facebook, there will be papers in the Social Room where you can place your bid and your phone number to be contacted. They will be checked daily and the bids will be put on our Facebook page. Denise Pritts will contact you if someone outbids you, and she will post your new bid if you wish to raise it.

On Sunday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m., the bidding will end and the winners will be posted on our Facebook page. For those without Facebook, Denise will notify you if you have won.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Pritts.

