



October, 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.



October is
Pastor Appreciation Month.
We will be celebrating Pastor
Ben and Sherri during both
morning worship services on
Sunday, October 19.

There will be baskets in each
foyer that morning for cards.



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.



Wednesday,
October 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!



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.



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,
Oct. 20 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. Please
bring an antique for show and
tell. This will be the last luncheon
for this year. 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 October is individually wrapped Bath Soap Bars. 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.



We will be celebrating World Communion on Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5, during our worship services.

Those on the live stream may wish to use food items from home (**crackers, bread, juice, water**) to join in on the Communion.

LET'S TALK!

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 the last "Let's Talk!" meeting on Sunday evening, Oct. 12. We'll meet in the Library or the Sanctuary 7-8pm. Let's Talk!



We would like to mention that if you, or someone you are meeting with, plan to park a vehicle in either of the church parking lots for any period of time during the day or evening, please be sure to let the Church Office know. We would like to know as a matter of security.



Friday, October 17
7:00 p.m. in the Social Room
Bring a snack to share.



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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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Youth Retreat



The **Fall Junior High Youth Retreat** at Camp Sonrise Mountain for youth in grades 6-8 is October 24-26. The total cost is \$115.00, but the **youth pay \$40.00** each and the church will pay the remaining \$75.00. To register, please go online to:

<https://campsonrisemountain.org/retreats/>
 and scroll down to the Fall Retreat.

Fill out the information and **the code you will need for our church is FR25IHCOG**

(Note: Pastor Ben will be a co-leader at this retreat!)



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!



Kids' Club and Youth Group

Meet on Wednesday evenings

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Kids in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to learn about Jesus through fun activities including singing, interactive Bible lessons, and crafts. For more information, contact Hope Dull at:
hopeforthekids@gmail.com or 724-880-1579.



Teens 6th Grade & Up are invited to study 1st and 2nd Corinthians while also enjoying games and activities. Teens may choose to participate in our Bible Quiz team. For more information contact Becky Ritenour at:
724-322-0564.

A simple supper is available for participants at 5:30 p.m.



Want to join us? Pre-registration is requested. Please go to
<https://indianheadchurch.org/> to register today!

"Doing whatever it takes to reach a community effectively with Christ"



Ad Council meeting notes from September 15...

*Hope Dull is acting director for Kids' Club.

*There will be a Gospel Sing here on Saturday evening, Oct. 11.

*We will be receiving new members on Oct. 12.

*Pastor Appreciation will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19.

*There will be a combined Sunday School Opening on Nov. 30 with the kids program.

*Two more teachers are needed for the Pre-K Sunday School class, and the teachers for this class are on a rotating basis. Please see Dave Bruner if you are willing to help.

*There is an offering box in the back of the Sanctuary if anyone would like to donate towards the cost of the parsonage remodeling updates.

*There will be CEF training here on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Social Room, for those who are helping with the Good News Club.

*A Port-a-john was purchased for over in the picnic area.

*November 17 begins collection week for shoeboxes.

*A male leader is needed to help with Becky Ritenour for the Youth Group.



Music by:

**Kasey Kisner
Heaven 4 Shore
New Journey**

**Saturday, October 11
Indian Head Church of God
7:00 p.m.**

**A Love Offering will be taken for the
ICV Food Pantry.**

Refreshments following the concert in the Social Room.

Sponsored in conjunction with Mt. Nebo Church of God.

Any questions, call 724-455-2053



Are You a Member?

What's the point of being a member of the church? We hear that question every time we take in new members, which we're planning to do on Oct. 11 and 12. Joining the church doesn't earn points with God, as though you get a nicer upgrade in a heavenly mansion. Neither does it mean you get membership privileges, like a better parking spot or free Wi-Fi usage (which is free to anyone). So what's the point?

I'm glad you asked! Church membership actually begins when a person is born again through faith in Jesus Christ. "... *In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others*" (Rom. 12:5). All Christians are members of the Church (notice the capital "C"), the Body of Christ. Membership in a local congregation is a bit like membership in a club with a MAJOR difference. Most clubs exist for the benefit of the members; churches exist for the benefit of the whole community or town. When a person joins the church (notice the little "c"), they're making vows of commitment to a local family of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. They're joining *this* family. Here is the membership covenant:

"I, as a member of the Indian Head Church of God, do mutually and solemnly covenant and agree for the promotion of our spiritual welfare, the salvation of others, and the glory of God, to unite in Church fellowship, to live in Christian love and peace, and to walk and live according to the commandments and ordinances of God, as He has revealed the same to us in His Holy Scriptures. I believe these contain the only authoritative rule of Christian faith and practice. Moreover, I do solemnly promise

To submit to the order of God's House, that is to say, to the government and discipline of His Church.

To cheerfully obey the office-bearers, who are or at any time may be placed over us in the Lord, and

To cooperate with the church in her program of Christian service to this community and the world through my attendance, financial and spiritual support to the full extent of my ability."

Local church membership is about commitment. It's about a Christian saying, "This is my spiritual home; this is my spiritual family. God has called me to serve in this place at this time, as I offer my gifts, my resources, and my time." On October 11 and 12, we'll have the opportunity to celebrate as several of our brothers and sisters take their membership vows.

Welcome to the family!

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, Sept. 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 Friday, 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.



National OCC Shoebox Collection Week is **November 17-24**

Again this year, our church is going to be a drop off point for individuals, groups, and churches in our area to drop off their shoeboxes.

Listed below are the set dates and times we will be accepting shoeboxes each day during Collection Week. Help will be needed during the week to assist those bringing boxes, as well as loading the boxes for transport. If you are interested in helping, there will soon be sign-up sheets, located in each foyer.

If you have additional questions, please contact Susan Shepler.

Monday, Nov. 17 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20 - 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Friday, Nov. 21 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22 - 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23 - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24 - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.



COMMUNITY



Saturday, October 25

12:00-2:00 PM

at

C.W. Resh Park

Indian Head, PA

Sponsored by the following Churches:

- *Indian Head Church of God
- *Christian Missionary Alliance
- *County Line Church of the Brethren
- *Calvary on the Mountain

Come join the fun

