



The Reminder

Indian Head Church of God



January 2026

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 Installation of Church and Sunday School Officers will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4, during all worship services.



End of Year Giving

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2025 may be included with 2025 giving. Any mailed gifts received and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2025 may be included with 2025 giving.

Important Notice:

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2025 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.



Wednesday, January 14

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 *Good News Club* will begin on Tuesday, February 10th for 6 weeks (only on Tuesdays) at Springfield CN Pritts Elementary School. It is held in the afternoon right after school is let out. Lots of help will be needed. If you are interesting in helping, please see Sherry Hess. Cookies are also needed each week for a snack. Let Sherry know if you would like to sign up for snacks on one of the Tuesdays.



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.



The new Flower Chart for 2026 is on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side Foyer. If you would like to put flowers on the Altar on a particular Sunday, write your name beside the date. You are responsible for ordering your own flowers. Kathleen will call you the week before to ask what you would like printed in the bulletin.



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



The Compassion Team Ministry
is ready to help you thru
challenges and tough situations.
Too often, congregation mem-
bers 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.



*Dear Indian Head Church of
God,

Thank you so much for the
beautiful flowers. And thanks
for all the prayers. We appreci-
ated everything.

Love,
Dave, Sue and family

*Jane Geary would like to
thank everyone for their pray-
ers and cards since she was in
the hospital. She is home and
doing well.



Notes from the Ad Council meeting on December 15...

Pastor Ben would like to meet
with each commission before the
next Ad Council meeting.

Pastor Ben is planning to lead
the Jr/Sr High Sunday School
class beginning in January and
will be adapting CHURCH 101
lessons to teach them.

Becky Ritenour needs a helper,
preferably a male, to help with
the Youth Group. Please see
Becky or Dave Bruner if you
would be willing to help.

\$845.00 was donated to the
turkey vouchers for the local food
pantry.

We are going to be needing to
replace the 3 Wisemen that we
use for outdoors for the Nativity.
The ones we have are showing
their wear.

*Good News Club for the
elementary youth will be on
February 10th for 6 Tuesdays.
Help is needed! Please see
Sherry Hess if you are willing to
help.

A rack that holds 84 chairs will
be purchased for the Social
Room.

Jr. High Arctic Blast is for youth
in grades 6-8, Feb. 6-8, and the
Sr. High Arctic Blast is for youth
grades 9-12, Feb. 20-22. Cost is
\$120.00. However, the church
will pay \$75.00 for each of our
campers, and the campers will
pay \$45.00 each.



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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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System* if anyone would like to
use it. Please see the person
who is at the sound board for
assistance.





INTERCESSOR PRAYER LIST

Please note that prayer requests under the headings of Illness, Recovery, Cancer, and Extended Care will remain on the Intercessor Prayer list for four weeks. If you would like to continue to have someone on the list beyond the four weeks, please let Kathleen know.

MAKING A PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER CARDS: There are prayer cards in the prayer card boxes on the podiums in both foyers. If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the cards and put it in the prayer card box, or place in the offering box. 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.

GLOO: We will also be using GLOO (group text messages) to share a prayer concern. If you would like someone to be prayed or through GLOO, please contact Kathleen or Pastor Ben. Please make sure you have permission from the person, or a member of their family, that you would like to have prayer for.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey, a jazz musician from Atlanta, made a bold decision in 1926 to leave behind secular music and devote his talent to writing songs for the Lord. But following that call wasn't easy. During the Great Depression, many church leaders criticized his soulful gospel style, calling it "the devil's music." Dorsey later joked, "I got kicked out of some of the best churches in the land."

Then, in 1932, tragedy struck. While in St. Louis for a revival, he received a telegram that his wife had died suddenly during childbirth. His faith was shaken to the core, and grief nearly silenced him. Yet in his deepest sorrow, Dorsey turned back to what he knew best — music. Out of that heartbreak came one of the most beloved hymns of all time:

*"Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn..."*

Dorsey's song reminds us that even in our valleys, God is near — guiding us, strengthening us, and using our pain to comfort others who walk the same road.

Think about this...

There are people
who pray for you
without your
presence and without
your knowledge.
Perhaps those prayers
save you many times
in your life.

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Merry
CHRISTMAS
& Happy
NEW YEAR

STARTING UP AGAIN ON JANUARY 7...



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"



You must register online at campsonrisemountain.org

Junior High Arctic Blast:

Campers in Grades 6-8

Arrival Time: Friday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 pm

Departure Time: Sunday, Feb. 8 at 3 pm

Cost is \$120, but the church pays \$75.00 and each camper from our church pays \$45.00.

Senior High Arctic Blast:

Campers in Grades 9-12

Arrival Time: Friday, Feb 20 at 6:30 pm

Departure Time: Sunday, Feb 22 at 3 pm

Cost is \$120, but the church pays \$75.00 and each camper from our church pays \$45.00.

Please note: You will need a coupon code to register that notes you are from the IHCOG. It will be available as soon as we receive it.

ACTS

ADVANCING CHRIST THROUGH SERVICE

2026 ACTS Trips:

Applications will open Jan. 15th 2026

USA Southwest/Navajo: \$1,300 July 7-16, 2026

Southern California: \$1,995 June 8-15, 2026

Dominican Republic: \$1,750 July 8-15, 2026

Bangladesh: \$2,275 Nov. 4-12, 2026

-Application Deadline: March 15, 2026-

-Bangladesh Application Deadline: July 15, 2026-

-ACTS Applications are completed entirely online-

News from Global Reach:

ACTS 2026: The 2026 ACTS Team information is complete and applications will open on January 15th. There are 4 exciting options to consider. You can find applications and more information at:

ACTS.CGGC.org

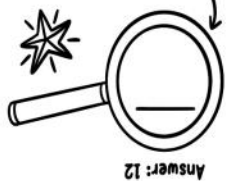
There is plenty of time to plan to participate on an ACTS Team in 2026. If you can't personally go, Please pray about who you might encourage. ACTS Teams are for everyone of any age who wants to make a genuine connection with a GR field and experience God at work in another culture. It is a life changing experience you won't want to miss! We have resources available to help you with fundraising.

Please contact Jenn Schluumbohm with any questions:



E-mail:
JennS@CGGC.org
or Phone:
(419) 424-1961

How many small stars can you find?



Answer: 12

JOY TO THE WORLD

BIBLE QUIZ!

What city was Jesus born in?

a) Jerusalem b) Bethlehem c) Nazareth

What did the wise men follow to find Jesus?

a) a rainbow b) a dove c) a star

Where did Jesus sleep when he was born?

a) in a manger b) in a basket c) in a cradle

Who came to visit baby Jesus first?

a) the king b) the shepherds c) the wise men

Quiz answers: b, c, a, b, c

Fill in the blanks! What gifts did the wise men bring Jesus?



Help the wise men follow the star to baby Jesus:



Are you as wise as the wise men that visited Jesus? Unscramble the words!

GLANE _____

RNAGEM _____

TASR _____

ECEAP _____

LROYG _____

Answers: angel, manger, star, peace, glory



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His Many Names, Our Great Hope

Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior. In Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) we read: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Even before Jesus' birth, his names revealed who he is and what he would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

- **Wonderful Counselor.** Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.
- **Mighty God.** He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear and death itself.
- **Everlasting Father.** Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.
- **Prince of Peace.** In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of his eternal love and presence. This season, let his names bring you comfort, strength and peace.