



September, 2026

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, in a loving fellowship.



Fifth Sunday

Combined Sunday School
and Worship Service

Sunday, August 30

There will be NO 8:30 a.m. Worship Service.

9:00 a.m. - Combined Sunday School gathering in the Sanctuary. Speakers: Addison Wilders and Braden Bell (ACTS Southwest Mission Trip), Darrin and Cathy McMillen (Brazil Mission Trip).



This is also Penny Pile Sunday. Every 5th Sunday, an extra offering is taken for Penny Pile during Sunday School, and this money all goes to Camp Sonrise Mountain. A container will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary.

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (There will be Blessing of the Backpacks and Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers).

11:30 a.m. - A Picnic will follow over in the Pavilion. Please bring a covered dish.



WCSC Ladies Group



will be held on

Monday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

In the Church Pavilion

(or the Social Room if inclement weather)

It is a covered dish meal. Table service, hotdogs, hotdog buns, and drink will be provided. All ladies are invited to attend to experience an evening of good food, fellowship, and laughter.

★ Kids' Club and Youth Group ★

Wednesday nights, Starting September 2
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Kids in Kindergarten - 5th Grade



Come learn about Jesus through singing, Bible lessons, and crafts. For more information, contact Hope Dull at: hopeforthekids@gmail.com or 724-880-1579.

Youth 6th Grade & Up



Enjoy games and activities as well as study the book of *John*. For more information, contact Becky Ritenour at: beckyritenour@gmail.com or 724-322-0564.



W.C.S.C. Calendar Party

Thursday, September 10
6:00 p.m.
In the Social Room

Cost is \$25.00... with the monies going to the W.C.S.C. Ladies Group to support various ministries throughout the year.

Please see a W.C.S.C. member for a ticket. A limited number of tickets are available.

Contact person is Becky Dix at 724-455-2564, or Sherry Hess at 724-455-1710.

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.



Ad Council notes from August 17

- *New members will be received the weekend of September 5-6.
- *The Youth Fall Retreat will be coming up soon at Camp Sonrise Mtn. The registration fee is \$115 - the church will pay \$75, and each camper will pay \$40.
- *The future of VBS is being looked into. If someone would like to be the director of VBS for 2027, please see Dave Bruner.
- *Becky Ritenour is in need of another adult to help with Youth Group. Please see Becky if you are interested.
- *There will be a recap meeting on Monday, Aug. 24 in the Social Room at 7 p.m. for the Back to School Carnival.
- *October 3-9 will be the Online Auction, set up in the Social Room.
- *Planning meeting for Trunk or Treat is September 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- *Glenn Tinkey was voted in as a Trustee. Welcome Glenn!
- *All exterior doors have be replaced by new keys.
- *The Greeter Ministry is being worked on.
- *A couple more outdoor security cameras were purchased and will be soon be put into place.



The Men's Ministry group meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. All men are welcome to attend. The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 8.**



Dear Indian Head Church of God,

*Thank you so much for all the meals, the phone calls, cards, the cutting of the grass, and all the thoughts and prayers since my surgery. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has meant so much and is greatly appreciated.

With our sincere thanks,
Tom and Terri Legas

*We cannot thank you enough for everything that was done for our family since the fire. We are beyond grateful for the donations and prayers. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Leapline family - Branden,
Teri Raeleigh, Trinity, and
Alexander

The Lewis family - Terry Dana
and Kelsey

*I would like to thank everyone who called to check on me, who sent cards and food, during my heart attack. I have one more major artery to get a stent in, then I should be on the road to recovery. To know that my church family was behind me with prayers and good thoughts for healing was a blessing to me.

Yours in Christ,
Helen Hamm

*Thank you hardly seems enough to express our gratitude for your outpouring of love, prayers, meals and concern during this long scary journey. We appreciate all the texts, cards and prayers.

Sincerely,
Sharon and Jim DiNicola.



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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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INTERCESSOR PRAYER LIST

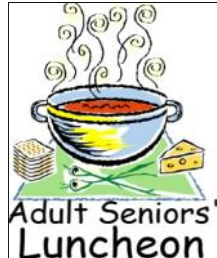
Please note that prayer requests under the headings of Illness, Recovery, Cancer, and Extended Care will remain on the Intercessor Prayer list for four weeks. If you would like to continue to have someone on the list beyond the four weeks, please let Kathleen know.

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.

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.



Adult Senior's Day Out **Luncheon**

Friday, August 28
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.



The Compassion Team

will meet on

Tuesday, September 1
7:00 p.m. in the library.

About The Compassion Team **Ministry**

This 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 at the church office, 724-455-2626.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

PLACE: Indian Head Church of God
(in the church, not the Social Room)

WHEN: Thursday, September 10

TIME: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

This is sponsored by the Southwestern Pa. Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Our church is the only facility in Fayette County that provides these meetings. The meetings are held here the second Thursday of each month. Our church is the only facility in Fayette County that provides these meetings.

There will be a speaker from the Southwestern Pa. Area on Aging. This group provides support and education for people who are providing care to a loved one or for anyone interested in caregiving issues.

This is open to the public, and if you know of anyone who may be interested in attending, please let them know about this next meeting. Light refreshments are served.

If you have any questions, please call Jim O'Donnell at 724-557-0521.



"Some days there won't be a song in your heart. Sing anyway."

-Emory Austin





Operation Christmas Child upcoming shoebox events



Project Leader Workshop, Sunday, August 30 at Faith Bible Church of Connellsville, 425 S. Arch St., Connellsville, Pa. 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. RSVP to Denise if attending.

Full Circle Speaker Event: Friday, September 25, 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Uniontown, Pa. Ekaterina from former Soviet Union will share. Everyone invited.

Shoebox packing downstairs in the Youth Room:

Nov. 8 - 2 to 4 year olds

Nov. 9 - 10 to 14 year olds

Nov. 11 - 5 to 9 year olds

National Collection Week: Prayer and Praise Event, Friday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Uniontown, Pa.

National Shoebox Collection Week is November 16-23. Here at our church, we will be participating again that week for our area. Our times will be posted at a later date.



Join Gloo!

The Church Office is using a service **Gloo** to send out group text messages and prayer request. If you have not been added to our list, and would like to be added, text the message **"I want to join"** to 844-804-2335. You will get a response asking for your full name, and when you send it you will be automatically added to the list. Please send another message if you want to be added to the **"Prayer Warriors"** list.



ICV Food Pantry Collection

The item being collected in September is Kleenex boxes. There is a container for all items in the Indian Head side foyer.

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Sunday, August 30th
during the
10:00 a.m. Worship Service





Rain, Rain, Go Away!

I write this in the midst of a temporary pause in the rain (it will probably last only a few hours). According to Rainbyzip.com, Indian Head has had 13.6 inches of rain over the last 30 days. Time to start building the Ark! I can only imagine the outdoor events people have had to cancel or postpone. Our Saturday evening picnic and outdoor service on July 4 had to go indoors, and we narrowly dodged a tornado on Aug. 10. This has been the wettest summer I can remember – a far cry from the drought we went through two years ago. I remember writing about drought conditions two years ago, so the irony of this subject isn't lost on me!

Here's a question: What does this rain (or any weather) have to do with God's will? Rain is almost always associated with God's blessing in Scripture. In Ps. 68:9, the psalmist praises God, saying "You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance." Israel is in a semi-arid region, and rain is most certainly a good thing! So it's no wonder that it becomes a symbol of God's blessings and grace that He pours out on both the righteous and the wicked. (Matt. 5:45)

But as we know, there can be too much of a good thing. Rain can bring about floods and destruction, too (as Noah's neighbors found out). Jesus used torrential rains and flooding as a metaphor for the tests and crises that threaten our lives (Matt. 7:24-27).

So rain has both positive and negative implications in the Bible and in our lives. We seek "showers of blessing" as we rely on God's grace to nourish and refresh us when we're thirsty and weary. But we also trust Him for safety and security when anxiety rains down on us and threatens to sweep us away.

Whatever the weather is in your life right now, trust the Lord and His love. Call on the name of Jesus to give you shelter in a time of storm.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Ben