



October, 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.



On Saturday evening, October 10 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Gospel Music Concert here in the Sanctuary sponsored by the Mt. Nebo Church of God.

Music will be presented by *The Lordsmen*, *The Country Churchmen*, and *Kasey Kisner*. There will be a Love Offering taken for the Food Pantry. There will be refreshments in the Social Room after the concert.

★ Kids' Club and Youth Group ★

Wednesday nights, **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.



Camp Sunrise Mountain Junior High and Senior High Fall Retreats:

***Junior High Fall Retreat** will be October 23-25 for youth in grades 6-8.

***Senior High Fall Retreat** will be November 6-8 for youth in grades 9-12.

Registration is now open for both retreats. Registration cost is \$115.00, as the church will pay \$75.00 of the fee and each youth will pay \$40.00.

Register at campsonrisemountain.org/retreats

The code needed to register for our church is **fr26ihcog.**



*We extend our sympathy to the following families...

✠The family of Alverta "Bertie" Pritts, mother of Roger Pritts, Randy (Denise) Pritts, Ronnie (Raeline) Pritts, Robin (Cotty) Martin, and Rhonda (Chris) Gearhart.

✠The family of Glenn Tinkey, Sr., husband of Patty Tinkey, father of Glenn (Missy) Tinkey and Tracy (Brian) Shipley.

✠The family of Karla Shawley, wife of Ed Shawley, mother of Elijah and Tyler, Gage Johnston (whom she loved as a son), daughter of Tom and Jane Geary, and sister of Kimberley Lilley.

"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



We will be celebrating
World Communion
on Saturday and Sunday,
October 3 & 4
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.



Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day for the church is on Saturday, October 24 at 9 a.m. All help would be greatly appreciated. Rain date is Nov. 14 or 21.



Dear Church Family,

*Our Mom always enjoyed the beauty of flowers. Thank you for honoring her with your floral gift. The Indian Head Church of God has been a central part of mom's life. Your love and kindness has comforted us during this time, and is truly appreciated.

Love,
The Alverta Pritts Family

*Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and the delicious meal we were given. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Recovery is going well and I will be back to work soon.

Sincerely,
Sherry Hess.

*We realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Sincerely,
The Karla Shawley Family

*Dear Pastor, Congregation and Prayer Warriors,
My husband, Nick Hulyk, was near death more than once last year and thanks to many urgent prayers he is finally fairly well. A special Thanks to Addie Long and Michelle Ott who were truly Angels that kept me going through a long and relentless journey. And the hot meal last winter hit the spot!

Sincerely,
Linda Hulyk



The Men's Ministry group meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. here at the church or the picnic pavilion. All men are welcome to attend. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 13.



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



Kathy Foor is starting a **Bible Study on Ephesians**. It will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Let Kathy know if you are interested so we can have materials for you.

Dates are Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16.



We are in need of a VBS Director as well as a Scenery Coordinator for VBS 2027. We need to have these positions filled by early 2027 for planning purposes. If these positions are not filled by January 1, 2027, we will be forced to cancel Vacation Bible School.



Warm Coats Ministry Fund Name Change...

At the Ad Council meeting on Sept. 21, motion was passed to change *The Warm Coats Ministry Fund* name to **The Caring Closet Fund**. This allows for needed items, other than just coats, to be purchased for our local children.



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.

Join Gloop!



The Church Office is using a service **Gloop** 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 October is Crackers. There is a container for all items in the Indian Head side foyer.



We WELCOME our new church members who were received into our church family...

Sunday, Sept. 6

Aiden Dull
Alaina Hall
Daniel Hall
Dylan Hall
Hunter Walters
Karen Weyandt

Saturday, Sept. 12

Deanna Moximchalk
David McClain

Sunday, Sept. 13

Harley Alma
George Harhai
Sydney Harhai
David Ott
Michelle Ott

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27



Ad Council notes from Sept. 21

*Pastor Benn is planning a new Sunday School class, focused on Spiritual Gifts, to begin in October or November.

*Goals for Youth Programs include a Director of Youth Programs, an Intermediate Youth Leader for the Jr. High students, and an Activities Coordinator for the youth Group.

*A survey will be presented to the congregation regarding possible topics for future combined Sunday School programs.

*A Hoagie Sale will be on Nov. 22, with all profits going to shoebox shipping costs.

*Mission Commission will provide snacks in October to our volunteer fire departments of Saltlick & Springfield Townships.

*Community Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 31, 12-2 p.m. at Resh's Park with the following partnering churches: Indian Head Church of God, Calvary on the Mountain, Critchfield Christian & Missionary Alliance, and the County Line Church of the Brethren. We need decorated cars to participate. (There are sign up sheets in both foyers.)

*Pastor Ben will be preaching from Isaiah during Advent, and preach from the Gospels from Epiphany to Lent.

*Will possibly be decorating the church for Christmas during Shoebox Dropoff Week as time permits.

*A coordinator is needed for the Greeter Ministry.

*The new Social Room doors have arrived and are being stored until they can be installed.

*Elevator pin pad and new operations was installed on Sept. 4.

*Fall Clean Up Day is Oct. 24, with rain dates of Nov. 14 or 21. All help will be appreciated.

*A backup generator system was approved to be purchased from Backup Power, LLC, for use in the Parsonage and Social Room.

*Will be leasing an AED system for the church from *Cintas*.



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.

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.



The Compassion Team

will meet on

Tuesday, October 6
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, October 8

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.



OCT 31
12 Noon to 2 p.m.

C.W. Resh's Park
Indian Head, PA

Sponsored by the following Churches:

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



There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers. Those who are currently caregivers. Those who will be caregivers, and those who will need a caregiver

-Rosalyn Carter





The Missions Commission will again be sponsoring a BASKET AUCTION for shoebox postage. The auction will be held in the Social Room, **October 2-9**, ending at 6:00 p.m. on the 9th.

The Format: The items will be on display in the Social Room the week of October 2 - 9, 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 on Facebook to the **Indian Head Church of God's Live Auction 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 9 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.

Any questions, please contact Denise Pritts.





If you are packing your own shoebox,
please have it to the church by

Sunday, November 15.

Please be sure to include \$10.00 for shipping in
the shoebox, or you may pay your donation
online and you can track your shoebox.



**Join us for our Shoebox Packing
Parties! Please make note of the
DATES & TIMES:**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Packing for 2-4 year olds.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

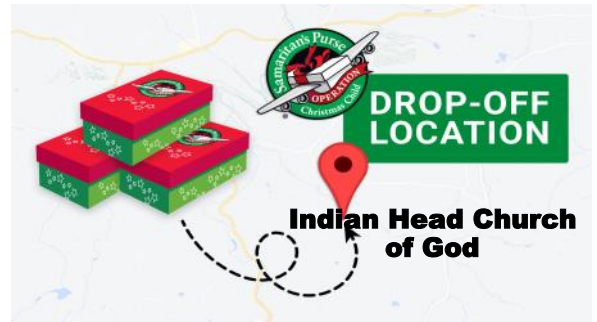
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Packing for 10-14 year olds.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Packing for 5-9 year olds.



**National OCC Shoebox
Collection Week is
November 16-23, 2026**

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. We would love to have your
help in spreading the love of Jesus in our
community and around the world with this
AMAZING ministry!

If you have additional questions, please
contact Susan Shepler.

Monday, Nov. 16- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Friday, Nov. 20 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21 - 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Sunday, Nov. 22 - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23 - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

LOVE in a shoebox!



A pastor friend of mine shared this on Facebook, and I whole-heartedly agree with it.

"Friends, please be aware of our policy regarding children in church:

If your kids are loud, please still come to church.

If you're running late because getting everyone out the door was a battle, please still come to church.

If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to church.

If your baby needs to eat, please still come to church.

If your child asks questions at the least convenient time, please still come to church.

If someone cries, drops a toy, needs a snack, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to church.

If your child doesn't know all the words, all the prayers, or exactly when to sit and stand, please still come to church.

If you feel like you spent the entire service managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the sermon, please still come to church.

If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to church.

If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to church.

Because children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying home until they can sit quietly.

If your child has a disability, please still come to church.

They learn by being here.

They learn the hymns by hearing us sing them.

They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.

They learn to worship by watching us worship.

They learn that church is home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, dropped crayons, crying babies, and little voices are not interruptions to the life of the Church.

They are evidence that the Church is alive.

So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Come late. Sit in the back. Sit in the front.

Step out when you need to and come right back in. Just come.

Children are not simply the future of the Church. They are part of the Church right now."

