



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.

November, 2026



Prayer and Ordinance Service

On Sunday evening, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. we will have our Prayer and Ordinance Service of Holy Communion and Feet Washing, which is held yearly on the first Sunday of November. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Congregational Meeting

Our yearly Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Room. This meeting is to approve the 2027 proposed budget, have election of Ad Council members, and any other church business.



Sunday, November 29

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

9:00 a.m. - Combined Sunday School gathering in the Sanctuary.

The program will be the Youth Christmas Program.

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Meal in the Social Room.

Provided will be ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and drink. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



November 29 is also Penny Pile Sunday. This is an extra offering taken during Sunday School, on any given fifth Sunday, for Camp Sonrise Mountain. There will be a container in the back of the Sanctuary for Penny Pile offerings.

At any time, there are containers beneath the podiums in both foyers that you can put money in for Camp Sonrise Mountain.



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.



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 VBS.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!



The Men's Ministry Group meet will not have a regular meeting in November, but are asked to help with the Shoebox Collection Week night on Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



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

For family and friends of Bonnie Kimmel, wife of Jim Kimmel and mother of Jimmy (Allison) Kimmel and Michele (Guillermo) Reyes.

To the family of Beryl Younkin, grandmother of Heath (JoLee) Younkin.

To the family of Dorothy Johnson, mother of Ken (Michele) Johnson.

To the family of Merle Dwayne Ankney, brother of Tammy (Rich) Naugle.

"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 14:8



Kathy Foor is having a Bible Study on Ephesians. It is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Let Kathy know if you are interested so she can have materials for you. Dates: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16.



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 for all the many prayers, cards and beautiful hanging baskets we received during the recent passing of Glenn Tinkey, Sr. We are so blessed to have this amazing church family.

With Love and Gratitude,
Glenn, Missy, Hannah and Sarah Tinkey

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards following the loss of my brother Dwayne. Your expression of sympathy brought me great comfort. Your thoughtfulness during this time will always be remembered.

With Gratitude,
Tammy Naugle

*Thank you for the beautiful butterfly lantern in memory of Ken's mother. Also, thank you for all your prayers, cards, and kind words that comforted and lifted us during this time. Your love and support blessed us and our family,

Love,
Ken and Michele Johnson



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2:00 a.m.



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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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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.



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.



The **Youth Group** is still needing a
male leader to help Becky Ritenour.
If you are interested in knowing
more, please talk to Becky.



Camp Sonrise Mountain Senior High Fall Retreat:

***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,
as the church will pay \$75 of the
fee and each youth will pay \$40.

Register at:
[campsonrisemountain.org/
retreats](http://campsonrisemountain.org/retreats)

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



ICV Food Pantry Collection

The item being collected in for the
food pantry in November is Salt.
There is a container for all items
in the Indian Head side foyer.



The Journey of the Church Year

Advent begins this year on Sunday,
November 29. In many Christian
traditions, Advent also marks the
beginning of the church year. Rather
than starting with a new calendar,
the church begins by preparing to
celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent leads to Christmas, followed
by Epiphany, traditionally observed on
January 6, 2027, to remember the
revelation of Christ to the nations and
the visit of the wise men. Lent begins
on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and
guides believers toward Holy Week
and Easter Sunday, March 28.

Forty days after Easter, Christians
observe Ascension Day on May 6,
remembering how Jesus "was lifted
up, and a cloud took him out of their
sight" (Acts 1:9, ESV). Pentecost
follows on May 16, 50 days after
Easter. On that day, the Holy Spirit
empowered Christ's followers and
united them for the church's mission.

The season after Pentecost continues
until Advent arrives once more, invit-
ing the church to begin the sacred
journey again.



Ad Council notes from Oct. 19

*Pastor Ben will be starting a
Spiritual Gifts class in January.

*There will soon be a 5th Sunday
Survey in the bulletin.

*Hoagie Sale will be Nov. 22.
This fundraiser is for shoebox
shipping.

*Turkey vouchers will be available
on Nov. 1 thru Nov. 29. This is
money that is donated to the ICSV
Food Pantry for meat vouchers for
Christmas.

*Christmas gift tags will be put on
the bulletin board by Nov. 21 for
Eicher's Nursing Home residents.

*Nov. 1, at 7:00 p.m., is our
yearly Ordinance Service with
Communion and Feet Washing.

*The Greeter Ministry will soon be
starting again.

*The 2027 proposed budget was
approved to go to the Congrega-
tional Meeting for final approval,
November 10, 7:00 p.m. in the
Social Room.

*We will be going to Woodcrest
Senior Living, in Scottdale, on
December 6 for Christmas
Caroling. Be there by 3:00 p.m.



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.



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.



Special Dates for November 2026

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2026*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 1, 2026*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2026*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 22, 2026*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 26, 2026*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 29, 2026*



The Compassion Team

will meet on

Tuesday, November 3
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 Social Room

WHEN: Thursday, November 12

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.



Helping others
may not change the world,
but it can change a life.





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!



Meat Vouchers



We will be continuing with the **Meat Vouchers** for the ICV Food Pantry for Christmas. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards this need, there will be special envelopes soon in the back of the Sanctuary, by the turkey, beginning Sunday, November 1 thru Sunday, November 29. Please make checks out to ICV Food Pantry.

Nursing Home Christmas Gifts



We will be doing Christmas gifts for Eicher's Nursing Home residents. Tags will be posted on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side Foyer by November 21, and the gifts are to be returned by December 20. Please attach your tag to the gift.



November 29th



The OCC shoebox processing center in Baltimore, MD, will be processing shoeboxes on November 27, 1-5 p.m., and on November 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Denise Pritts if you are interested in going.



All Church



Christmas Caroling

Our annual Woodcrest Christmas Caroling will be on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to brighten the day of those in our assisted living facility. Please plan on joining for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. You will be blessed!

To meet us there, the address is
Woodcrest Senior Living
1 Woodcrest Circle, Scottdale, Pa.

If you have any questions, please see Susan Shepler.



Abide With Me

Autumn is my favorite season. I've always loved the cool air, the beautiful flaming colors of the forests, and the smell of woodsmoke in their air as people resume using their fireplaces and wood stoves. I love flannel shirts, chili, and football.

I'm not a fan of the shorter days, especially when it starts getting dark at 5pm! And neither am I a fan of what autumn signifies: death and the approach of winter. This autumn is particularly painful, as death has touched numerous families in our fellowship in recent weeks. I think of the tears that have been shed and the love expressed as families gather to remember our mourn in the presence of the God whose peace surpasses understanding, and whose is sufficient for every need.

Henry Francis Lyte was a Scottish pastor in the early 1800s, and he suffered from tuberculosis, finally at the age of 54 in 1847. Before his death, he reflected on Luke 24:29, when two disciples walking to Emmaus encountered the risen Savior on the road. After they had walked and talked with Him, they invited Him to their home, saying, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." Rev. Lyte composed this now famous hymn in response to his own mortality:

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine thro' the gloom and point me to the
skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee: In life, in death, O Lord, abide
with me!*

For all who feels the poignant sorrow of this season, look to the One who has conquered death, and Who walks with us in the darkest valley. He will abide with us, and invites us to abide with Him.

Pastor Ben

