The Reminder
Indian Head Church of God



December, 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, in a loving fellowship.

Fifth Sunday Combined Sunday School & Worship Service On

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.



Christmas Caroling

Our annual *Woodcrest Senior Living* Christmas Caroling will be

Sunday, December 6
3:00 p.m.

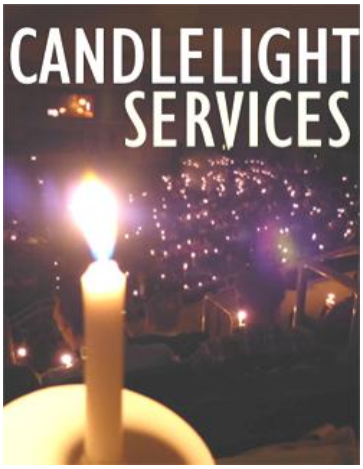
This is a wonderful way to brighten the day of those in our assisted living facility. Please plan on joining for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. You will be blessed!

To meet us there, the address is **Woodcrest Senior Living, 1 Woodcrest Circle, Scottdale, Pa.** If you have any questions, please see Susan Shepler.



We are doing Christmas gifts for Eicher's Nursing Home residents. Tags will be posted by Sunday, Nov. 22 on the bulletin board in the Indian Head side Foyer, and the gifts are to be returned by Dec. 20. Please attach your tag to the gift.

Christmas Eve



Thursday, December 24

4:00 and 7:00 p.m.





The Men's Ministry group will meet on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families…

For the family of Brody Kimmel, son of Jimmy and Allison Kimmel, and grandson of Jim Kimmel and the late Bonnie Kimmel.

"*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*"

2 Corinthians 1:3-4



Cindi Andrus is going to start up the Soup Ministry. There will be a meeting in the Library on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help with this ministry, you are welcome to attend the meeting.



Meat Vouchers

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



Dear Indian Head Church of God,
*To our brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for the prayers, delicious meals, gift cards, donations, and encouragement over the last 4 month. You have truly shown God's love in your heart. Thank you for blessing us.

All Our Love,
Jim and Beronica Hall

***THANK YOU!!** We, Pastor Ben and Sherri, wish to thank you all for your MANY cards and gifts this past October, making a beautiful month even better! You are a wonderful blessing from God, and it's our pleasure and privilege to serve the Lord alongside you. The Indian Head Church of God is an ever-growing family, and we thank God for you all!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ben and Sherri

*Our family would like to sincerely thank the church for all of the prayers, support, faith and the beautiful floral arrangement. We are blessed.

Sincerely,
The Kimmel Families

*We want to thank you for being a part of such an incredible year for Gamerco Church of God! This year 5 people were baptized, we took our own mission trip to Michigan, and several people completed their first seminary class! The Lord is at work and continues to bless us and the ministry here in Gamerco. Thank you again for your financial and prayer support. We couldn't do this without you!

Blessings,
Jacob, Haley, & Samuel Day



Wednesday evening Bible Study continues in the Social Room at 6:30 p.m. thru December 16 with Kathy Foor leading the study.



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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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Our special Christmas White Gift Offering will be received on Saturday and Sunday, December 19 and 20. However, we will accept this offering at any time. You will find the Christmas letter and White Gift offering envelope in this newsletter.

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.

*****PLEASE NOTE: Beginning December 16, there will be NO Kids' Club or Youth Group until January 6.*****

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

Notes from Congregational meeting, Nov. 10

*The proposed 2027 budget was approved.

*The following were elected to the listed Commissions:

- *Shepherding: K*evin Miller
- *Worship:* Tammy Naugle
- *Property:* Seth Bruner
- *Stewardship:* Debra McMillen
- *Discipleship:* Becky Ritenour
- *Fellowship:* April Linnell
- *Mission:* Mary Bowser

- Susan Shepler was elected as Clerk.

COMING SOON:
CHURCH 201

Beginning January 3, 2027, Pastor Ben will be teaching a NEW Sunday School elective class focusing on Spiritual Gifts. In 1 Cor. 12:1, St. Paul writes: "Now about spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant." Knowing your giftedness is vital for your relationship with God, and so please let Pastor Ben know if you would like to be involved in this new study.

End of Year Giving

Any gifts received by Dec. 31, 2026 may be included with 2026 giving. Any mailed gifts received and post-marked on or before Dec. 31, 2026 may be included with 2026 giving.

Important Notice:
To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2026 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.

Ad Council notes from Nov. 16

*Pastor Ben will have a Sunday School elective class on Spiritual Gifts, *Church 201*, beginning in January.

*Cindi Andrus will be leading our 2027 VBS program.

*Cindi Andrus will start up Soup Ministry sometime in the beginning of the new year.

*Nov. 29 is our next combined Sunday School and Worship Service. The next one after that will be on January 31, 2027.

*With the collection of our shoe box gifts throughout the past year, we were able to put together over 1,000 shoeboxes!

*At our Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31, there were 25 cars decorated, 302 kids, and 5 churches participating.

*Coming in 2027:
*March 21, Easter Egg Hunt
*May 15, Ice Cream for Breakfast
*June 26, Yard Sale & Boutique
*August 7, Back to School Carnival
*Oct. 30, Trunk or Treat

*Beginning in January, we will be having Communion monthly.

Worship Cancellation Policy

There will be Sunday morning services and Saturday evening services unless there is:

**No electricity in the church*

**No Heat in the church*

**A state mandated Tier 5 warning for roads (emergency vehicles only on roads).*

**A State or Township mandated State of Emergency.*

However, the church advises the use of caution and care when coming to church during times of winter weather.

Any uncertainty, please contact the church office, or Pastor Ben.

The Indian Head Church of God

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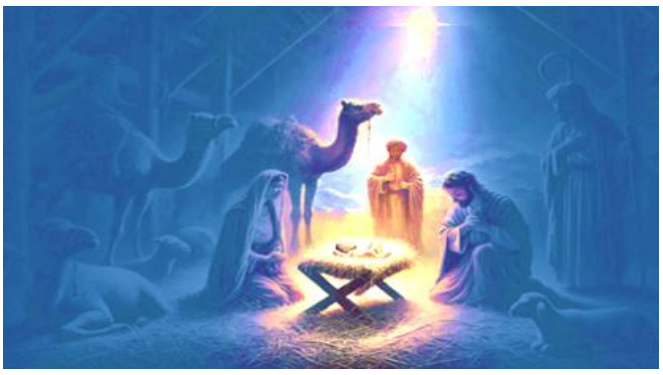
There's a Song In the Air

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 20

7:00 p.m.



INTERCESSOR PRAYER LIST

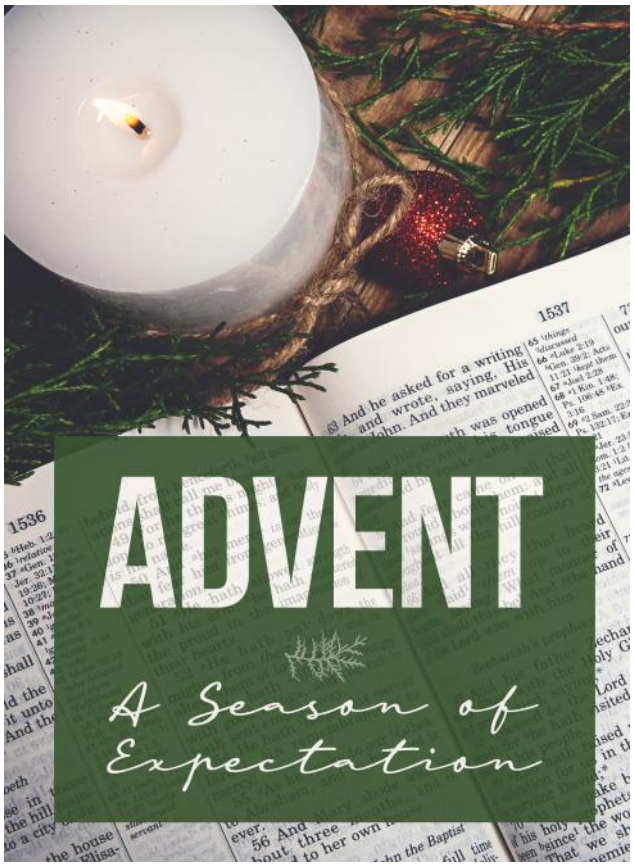
Please note that prayer requests under the headings of Illness, Recovery, Cancer, and Extended Care will remain on the Intercessor Prayer list for four weeks. If you would like to continue to have someone on the list beyond the four weeks, please let Kathleen know.

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.

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.



The Compassion Team

will meet on
Tuesday, December 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

For the December 10th meeting, there will be a special Christmas Tea.
Please see the other side of this page for more information!

ABOUT THE REGULAR MEETINGS:
The regular monthly support group meetings are 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.

> Caregiving teaches you something unexpected...Love is stronger than frustration. Grace is stronger than exhaustion.

Happy New Year

Yes, I know it's December, and that we're still a month away from New Year's Day. But just as September is the beginning of the academic year, **Advent marks the beginning of the Church year.**

So as we often do on New Year's Day, we take a moment to reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's coming. We have much to be thankful for. We've seen the beginning of new ministries, such as "Joyful Noise," the Hymn Sing, the 5th Sunday Combined Worship, and Care-givers Support Group. We've seen the addition of 13 new members and 4 baptisms. And we've seen the new Constitution and leadership structure take root. The Worship and Fellowship Commissions are both new and are off to a great start, as the other five commissions (Shepherding, Mission, Discipleship, Property, and Finance) continue to develop and thrive. Praise the Lord!

So what's ahead for this new year? We'll continue to follow the Lord's guidance as He directs our efforts to "multiply as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ" (our current vision statement) in our ongoing ministries to children and adults of all ages. We're looking at resuming ministries – e.g. the monthly soup distribution – as well as beginning new ones – e.g. Fellowship Groups. Our goal is to continue living out the heart of servant leadership as we carry out the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us! God is doing great things in and through us, and we pray for every person to discover and utilize their spiritual gifts in ministry for God's glory and the building up of His Church.

God bless you and yours in this New Year!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ben