Weekly News From Iona-Hope
March 21st, 2025

HOLY SEASON OF
LENT

The Third Weekend Of Lent

Watch Our Services Online!

Week of 3/24 through 3/30

Monday, March 24th, 2025
4:30 P.M.-Lectio Divina (Office/ Library)

Tuesday, March 25th 2025
2:30 P.M.-**Vestry Meeting** (Adler Gathering Place)
6:30 P.M.-**AA Meeting** (Adler Gathering Place)

Wednesday, March 26th, 2025
10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist with Healing** (Office/Library)

Thursday, March 27th 2025
8:30 A.M.-**Breakfast Group**-(Sunflower Café)
9:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.-**Lenten Quiet Day** (Church Sanctuary)

Friday, March 28th, 2025
10:00 A.M.-**Prayer Shawl Ministry**-(Office/Library)
6:00 P.M.-**Eye On Hope** (AA-Open) (Adler Gathering Place)
6:00 P.M.-**Al-Anon** (Office/Library)

Saturday, March 29th, 2025 (Fourth Saturday In Lent)
8:00 A.M.-Steps to Awakening (Closed Group) (Adler Gathering Place)

5:00 P.M. -**Holy Eucharist & Healing**

Sunday, March 30th, 2025 (Fourth Sunday In Lent)
8:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist Rite I** (with the Book of Common Prayer)
9:30 A.M.- **Holy Eucharist with Healing Rite II**
10:45 A.M.-**Church Fun-Raiser Auction!**

Happy Birthday!

March 25th Chase Lawton
March 26th Rev. John Swift
March 27th Marcia Sushko
March 30th Michele Shepherd

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Iona-Hope Lenten Schedule

Join us for our planned activities during Lenten season. The theme for Lent will be:**Reconciliation**.

Movie Nights
Movie and discussion nights start at **5:30pm:**
4/2 - Fiddler on the Roof
4/9 - The Color Purple (2023)

Lenten Quiet Day: 3/27 9:30am-2pm– Held in the church sanctuary, where we will have times of group reflection and individual contemplation.

Mother Jenny's Sermon Series will be based on the book: The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Desmond Tutu and Mph Tutu.

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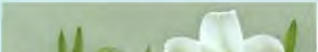


EASTER FLOWERS

It’s time to order your Easter flowers to decorate the church. Flowers are $20.00 each. The forms and envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the church. You can also click on the link below and fill out the form.

The flowers may be picked up after the 9:30 A.M. service on Easter Sunday. Please submit all requests by Friday, April 11th.

Be sure to complete the section marked “In Thanksgiving For” or “In Memory of” and print clearly. You may drop them off in the church office or put them in the offering plate. Thank you for your support!

Easter Flowers Order Form

2025 Thrift Store Grants

Applications are now available for the **2025 Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store Grants.**
If you know of a local organization that could benefit from one of these grant awards, please have them submit the application **no later than May 15th, 2025.**

The form can be picked up directly from the Iona-Hope Thrift Store, the church office, or you can access it directly on our Iona-Hope website by clicking on the link below.

Download Thrift Store Grant Application

Play Mahjong!

The **Mahjong** group meets next this **Monday April 7th at 1:00 P.M.** in the **Adler Gathering Place.**

They meet every month on the first and third Mondays from **1:00 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.**

They welcome players of all levels! If you're interested in learning to play, they will teach you!

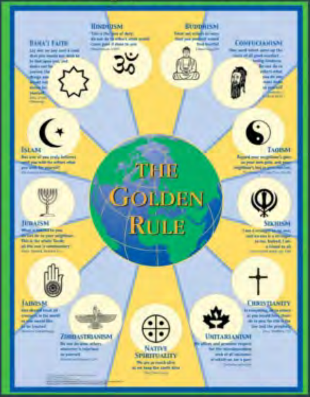
Any questions please contact Teresa Hufnagel by text or phone at **847-840-5515!**

Interfaith Study & Discussion at Iona Hope Episcopal Church

Monday, April 7th 6:30pm

Dessert reception to follow

Topic: "The Golden Rule" in Christianity, Islam & Judaism



Sponsored by: Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, Iona Hope Episcopal Church, Muslim Women Council of SWFL, Temple Beth El, Temple Judea &

Thomas A. Edison Congregational Church

Iona Hope 9650 Gladiolus Dr. Fort Myers 33908

Lectio
Divina
Spirit of Life

The **Lectio Divina Group** meets every **Monday at 4:30 P.M.** in the office library.

This is a small group committed to the practice of sacred reading and contemplation of Scripture as well as other inspirational texts, music and art. It's a quiet, meditative practice that invites participants into stillness and personal reflection.

No previous experience is needed, and no preparation is required. All are invited and welcome to join in this weekly time of slowing down and savoring the joy and wonder all around us.

To learn more, contact:
Sandy Blaine at sdblaine1014@gmail.com or
Vicky Dawson at vickyseaglass@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week are dedicated in the memory of **Michael Hicks**, a long time dedicated volunteer of the **Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store**, donated by all of the volunteers at the thrift Store.

If you wish to donate flowers in memory or in thanks of someone special, there is a sign up sheet located on the rear table in the back of the sanctuary.

The cost is $50.00, which is donated

directly to the Hunger Ministry because we utilize 100% silk flower arrangements.

Bridge Club

The **Bridge Club** meets next on **March 27th at 1:00 P.M.** in the **Adler Gathering Place**.

Please contact Charlie Champlin for additional information at 239-208-3401.

SILENT Auction

MYSTERY
BOX

Save the Date: Sunday, March 30th at 10:45 A.M. for an Engaging Fun Event!

We are pleased to announce that **Iona-Hope** will be hosting a **Mystery Silent Auction** to support our budgetary goals for 2025.

Iona-Hope is currently facing a $100,000 shortfall for the 2025

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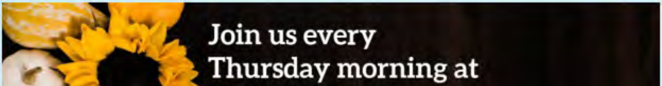
budget. All proceeds from this auction will contribute directly to closing this gap. This event features a unique twist. Typically, in silent auctions, participants bid on traditional items such as "One Night at the Tween Waters Inn," with bids reflecting the value of such prizes. However, in this auction, you will bid on specific items from the 2025 Iona Budget, like one month of "Office Supplies" valued at $58.00. The true worth of these items represents the ongoing success and prosperity of Iona-Hope, which we all cherish and aim to support. The excitement lies in the mystery box placed above each bid sheet; the highest bidder for "Office Supplies" will receive the corresponding mystery box.

The event will feature music, mimosas (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), various foods served on sticks, and opportunities for fellowship.

Additionally, there may be an opportunity to trade the contents of the mystery boxes among winners during the dessert portion of the event.

We look forward to your participation and support in making this fundraiser a success.



8:30 A.M. for
breakfast &
fellowship at

The Sunflower Cafe
11410 Summerlin
Square Dr
Fort Myers Beach

AUTHOR OF
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES
SUE MONK
KIDD
A NOVEL
THE
BOOK of
LONGINGS
"An epic masterpiece that is a triumph of insight and storytelling." —ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

APRIL BOOK CLUB

The April Book Club selection is **The Book of Longings**. In 2012 National Geographic published a story about a papyrus fragment containing a reference to the wife of Jesus. The fragment was later declared fraudulent, but author Sue Monk Kidd had started thinking about the possibility of Jesus having a wife. Who would she be? How would she think and feel? Her name would be Ana. She would come from a wealthy Jewish family, speak four languages and be a talented writer. She would have a controlling mother, father obsessed with wealth, brilliant aunt and adoptive brother named Judas who became a Zealot. When Jesus leaves home to become a follower of John the Baptizer his young wife will be left with Mary in Nazareth then sent to live with her uncle in Alexandria; thus missing the years of Jesus' active ministry. This book is written as though it is Ana's memoir. As such, it looks at Jesus through her perspective and includes only what she experiences or about which she hears.

Kidd spent five years doing meticulous historical research on the daily lives of Jews in first century Galilee and Egypt. Ana's story is an inspiring account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her longings.
We will meet to discuss **The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd** from **12:30 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on April 11th** in the church office/library. This is a long book; don't wait until the last minute to start reading! **Please call Trish Kyser 239 220-1510 if you have any questions.**

PALM SUNDAY

"A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' "

We ask that on Palm Sunday you bring a cloak (a coat) to donate and lay down at the procession of the palms. After the service they will all be donated to the Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store for redistribution to those in need.

Monthly Animal Ministry Supper

The next monthly Animal Ministry Supper will take place on **Saturday April 5th at 6:15 P.M.** in the Adler Gathering Place. All are welcome!

BROADWAY PALM

April Broadway Palm!

Join us on Thursday April 24th at Broadway Palm for "Waitress".

Tickets are $65.00 and include dinner & the show!
Dinner starts at 5:30 P.M. and the performance starts at 7:30 P.M.

The heartwarming musical of Jenna, a small-town waitress with a talent for baking pies. Trapped in a loveless marriage, Jenna finds solace and strength in her pies and dreams of a better life. When she unexpectedly becomes pregnant, Jenna embarks on a journey of self-discovery, supported by her quirky coworkers and a new doctor in town. With a stirring score by Sara Bareilles, Waitress serves up a story of resilience, friendship, and the pursuit of happiness.

All reservations and money are due by Tuesday April 15th.
Please see Wanda Adler for additional information.

Sign up sheets are located on the back table in the rear of the sanctuary as well as in the Adler Gathering Place.

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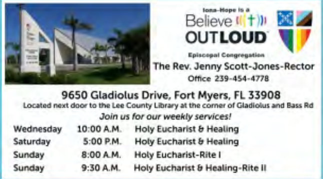

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Join us for our weekly services!

Wednesday	10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist & Healing
Saturday	5:00 P.M.	Holy Eucharist & Healing
Sunday	8:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist-Rite I
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	Holy Eucharist & Healing-Rite II

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