

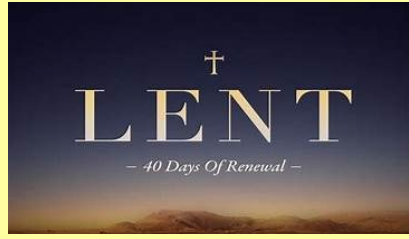
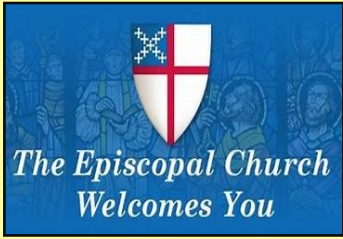


Iona-Hope Episcopal Church



Third Weekend Of Lent

March 22nd & 23rd, 2025



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!

EASTER FLOWERS 2025

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 in our weekly email and fill out the form there.



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

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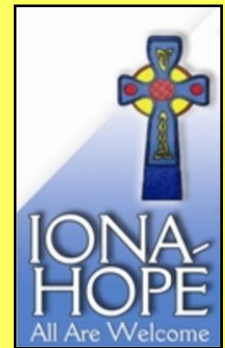
Rector's Telephone (239) 980-3994

Web: www.ionahope.org

Office email: finance@ionahope.org

Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store

8750 Gladiolus Dr #9C Fort Myers, FL 33908
(239) 437-5333



STAFF

The ministry of the people at Iona-Hope is supported by the church staff:

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, **Rector**
Mr. Loren J. Strickland, **Music Director**
Ms. Christine Shirley, **Musician**
Mrs. Marnie Ike, **Parish Administrator**
Mrs. Eileen Carrara, **Thrift Store Manager**
Ms. Julie Vergin, **Parish Nurse**
Ms. Margaret Carr, **Media Director**

Ms. Paula Paquette - **Senior Warden**
Ms. Alison Kinch - **Junior Warden**

Vestry Members

Mr. Rob Ricca, Mr. Steve Walsh, Linda Griffin
Mr. John Hufnagel, Ms. Debbie Prather
Mrs. Marcia Leidig, and Mr Neil Tousley



Mr. Joe Mulino -**Treasurer**
Mr. Thom Price - **Assistant to the Treasurer**
Ms. Victoria Lines - **Clerk of the Vestry**

Many thanks to our group of dedicated office volunteers:

Wanda Adler **Susan Crawford**
Lorraine Holley **Andi Jerger**
Sue Ryan **Vicky Dawson**



During **Lent** we will be offering those who choose to kneel during communion, the opportunity to do so.

Please line up on the left side if you prefer to kneel.



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:

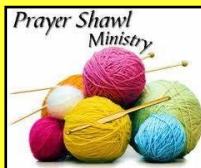
4/2 - Fiddler on the Roof

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**

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Friday at **10:00 A.M.** in the **Church Office/Library.**



If you have a loved one, a friend, or know of someone in the congregation who is sick or in the hospital, who you think would find comfort in one of these beautiful prayer shawls, they are available for taking in the rear of the sanctuary next to the welcome desk or you may contact the office at 239-454-4778 to make your request.

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.

<https://www.ionahope.org/one-more-time-thrift-store>



**Next Weekend! March 30th at 10:45 AM
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 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, 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.

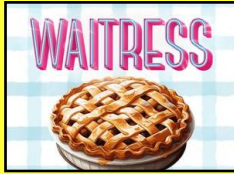
PALM SUNDAY



“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.

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.

*All reservations and money are due by **Tuesday April 15th.***

*Please see **Wanda Adler** for additional information.*

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

If you, a loved one, or a church friend are physically unable to attend worship, or are having a health emergency, please reach out to our Parish Nurse Julie Vergin and Rev. Jenny by phone, email or text.



Pastoral Care

Julie Vergin (612) 296-8202 Ridgeroll@hotmail.com

Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones (239) 980-3994 Clergy@IonaHope.org

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.**

Lectio Divina



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

WEEKLY EMAIL

Every Friday we send out a weekly email with upcoming events and information about Iona-Hope.

If you would like to receive our weekly email, please contact the church office. (239) 454-4778 or email Margaret at MediaDirector@IonaHope.org

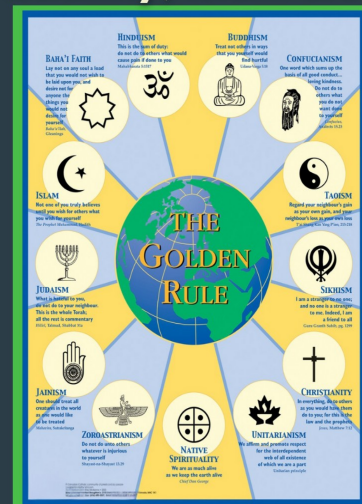
Interfaith Study & Discussion

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

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IONA-HOPE WEEKLY PRAYERS & PETITIONS

We pray for all of the ministries & groups at Iona Hope, especially for the **The Justice Ministry**.

We pray for all members of our congregation, especially **The Caillier Family, The Carrara Family, The Carr-Cerniglia Family, The Caswell Family, The Champlin Family, and The Chaney Family**.

We pray especially for **Gladiolus Food Pantry**.

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers, especially **Mariann, Michael, Ray, Sue, Teresa, Cindy, Sheryl, Linda, Barbara, Patrick, Evelyn, John, Bee, Marian, Robyn, Maggie, Joy, Mike, Gerry, Ben, Jason, Gail, Angela, the Chance Family and Margie**.

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially **Michael Hicks, a long time dedicated volunteer at the Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store**.

We pray for our pets: especially **Sammy, Rookwood, Milo, Samantha and Gracey, Ginger, Harry and Deacon**.



Saturday April 12th 5:00 P.M. Palm Sunday Service

Sunday April 12th 8:00 A.M. Palm Sunday Service

9:30 A.M. Palm Sunday Service

Special Preacher for all three services: Andrew Shepherd, Ph.D, from New Zealand

Tuesday April 15th 6:00 P.M. Vigil of the Gospel of Luke

Wednesday April 16th 6:00 P.M. Tenebrae service with Taizé music

Thursday April 17th 6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

Friday April 18th 12:00-3:00 P.M. Self Guided Stations of the Cross

Friday April 18th 6:00 P.M. Good Friday Service with Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross



Saturday April 19th 5:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

A big thank you to all of our Lay Readers this week:

8:00 A.M. **Bruce George & Frank Brown**

5:00 P.M. **Vicky Dawson & Andi Jerger**

9:30 A.M. **Ruth Ann North & Wanda Adler**



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.

March 25th Chase Lawton

March 26th Rev. John Swift

March 27th Marcia Sushko

March 30th Michele Shepherd



Bridge Club

The Bridge Club will meet on **Thursday March 27th at 1:00 P.M.** in the Adler Gathering Place. For more information, contact **Charlie Champlin at (239) 208-3401**.



There is a healing station by the Baptismal Font during Communion.

During the 9:30 A.M. service you can receive healing prior to heading up the aisle to receive communion.



You may seek physical, emotional, spiritual healing or any kind of prayers or blessings for yourself or for another. You may request specific prayer or receive a general prayer or blessing.

IONA-HOPE ATTENDANCE

March 10th– March 16th

			In Person	Online
Wednesday	10:00	A.M.	7	N/A
Saturday	5:00	P.M.	35	40
Sunday	8:00	A.M.	9	N/A
Sunday	9:30	A.M.	77	52

This Week's Service Music

Hymn 529 In Christ No East or West

Celebration 138 Holy Ground-Geron Davis

Hymn 448 O Love How Deep

Hymn 362 Holy, Holy, Holy

