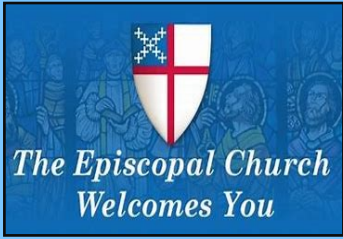




Iona-Hope Episcopal Church



Celebrating Epiphany January 11th & 12th, 2025



This Week's Schedule Week of 1/13 through 1/19

Monday, January 13th, 2025

4:30 P.M.-Lectio Divina (Office Library)

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

12:00 P.M. Arthritis Program-(Church Sanctuary)

6:30 P.M.-AA Meeting (Adler Gathering Place)

Wednesday, January 15th, 2025

10:00 A.M.-Holy Eucharist with Healing

Thursday, January 16th, 2025

8:30 A.M.-Breakfast Group-Sunflower Café

10:00 A.M.-Moving Forward Group (Adler Gathering Place)

Friday, January 17th, 2025

10:00 A.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry-Adler Gathering Place

6:00 P.M.-Eye On Hope (AA-Open) (Office Library/Office)

Saturday, January 18th, 2025

8:00 A.M.-Steps to Awakening (Closed Group)

12:00 P.M.-Cerniglia-Ruiz Wedding

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

Sunday, January 19th, 2025

8:00 A.M.-Holy Eucharist Rite I (*with the Book of Common Prayer*)

9:30 A.M.- Holy Eucharist with Healing Rite II



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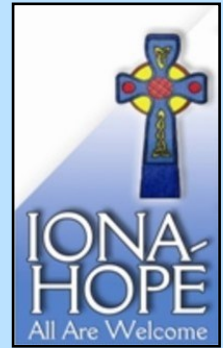
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Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store

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

Mr. John Mitchell, Ms. Debbie Prather

Mrs. Marcia Leidig and Ms. Linda Griffin

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



God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you.

Happy Birthday

January 11th Michael Maruzzi
January 11th Muriel Butler
January 14th Richie Worthen
January 17th Rowan Hart



Moving Forward Support Group



The next gathering of the Moving Forward Support Group will be held on **Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 A.M.** in the Adler Gathering Place.

If you are in need of support due to caregiving or grieving, please feel free to attend and invite anyone you know who you feel would benefit from our meetings. Attendees do not need to be members of Iona Hope. **All are welcome.**

2025 Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Annual Church Meeting



Please join us for **Iona-Hope's Annual Meeting** on **Sunday January 26th** following the 9:30 A.M. service.

At the meeting we will elect vestry members, vestry officers and give thanks to all those who have given their time and served on the Vestry. The budget of the parish will also be presented. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

A great big thanks to all those who volunteered to help remove and pack the Christmas trees and garland from the church this past Sunday.

Alison Kinch
Narrie Magturo
Linda Osborne
Eileen Carrara
Nick Carrara
Joe Mulino
Rob Ricca
Steve Walsh
Julio Morales
Margo Farrara



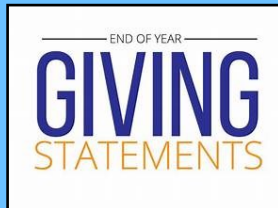
YEAR END STATEMENTS

Earlier this week, your **2024** year end financial statement was either emailed or mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

If you did not receive one by email, you should be receiving it in your mailbox shortly.

Please make sure to check your statement carefully and let Marnie know if there are any changes to be made by **January 15th**.

If you did not receive one at all, please email Marnie at finance@ionahope.org and she will send one out to you by your preferred delivery method. Please be sure to include the correct mailing address and/or email address.



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

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

2025 Broadway Palm Dinner Theater Series



Join us on Thursday March 6th at The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre for "Crazy For You"



Tickets are \$75 and include dinner and the show!

Dinner starts at 5:30 P.M. & the performance starts at 7:30 P.M.
(All Reservations & Money Are Due By Tuesday February 25th.)

This Tony Award-winning musical comedy follows Bobby Child, a young banker who dreams of being a star. Sent to foreclose on a failing theater, Bobby falls for the theater owner's daughter. To win her heart and save the theater, Bobby disguises himself as a famous Broadway producer, but confusion and hilarity ensue when the real producer shows up, along with Bobby's fiancée. Gershwin's hits include I Got Rhythm, Embraceable You, Someone to Watch Over Me and more! Other upcoming 2025 Thursday evening performances include:

"Waitress" April 24th \$65

"Legally Blonde" June 12th \$65

"Annie" July 17th \$65

If you're interested in any of the 2025 shows listed above, please reach out to Wanda Adler in advance for securing your reservation!

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.

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

Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones (239) 980-3994

Clergy@IonaHope.org



The next Taizé service will be held **Tuesday January 14th at 4:15 P.M.** in the sanctuary. Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. All are welcome!



Iona-Hope Breakfast Group

Join us every Thursday morning at 8:30 A.M. at

The Sunflower Café
11410 Summerlin Square Dr.
Ft Myers Beach

Please join us for prayer, fellowship, and food!



We welcome children and babies and all their accompanying movement and sounds in our worship. We have a space especially designed for them on a rug at the front right side of our worship space. It has quiet toys and activities available for them to use while they are here.



Bridge Club Resumes This Month!

Bridge Club returns on January 23rd at 1:00 P.M. in the Adler Gathering Place. Please contact Charlie Champlin for additional information at 239-208-3401.



12 Step Recovery Service

Join us next Thursday January 16th at Noon for our 12 Step Recovery Service. Please join us if you practice, or are interested in any form of 12 Step Recovery. All are welcome!



Join AAASWFL for a Free Exercise Program



Instructor: Gloria Lappost

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

January 14, 2025 - March 11, 2025

Tuesdays 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Iona Hope Episcopal Church
9650 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33908

This is a FREE program designed to relieve pain, improve balance, and significantly reduce falls available to adults age 60+. Designed by a team of medical professionals and tai chi experts, the Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention program is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as an exercise to prevent falls and is supported by arthritis foundations worldwide.

Open to Public

Call (239) 652-6914 or email

Clorivel.Lappost@aaaswfl.org to register!



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE–JAN 11th & 12th

We pray for all the ministries and small groups at Iona-Hope, especially the Altar Guild.

We offer our thanksgivings for the many blessings of this day and all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

We pray for those in the armed services, and pray for unity in our country and the world, and all victims of war and violence. We pray for peace.

We pray for the LGBTQ Community, and all those marginalized in our country and the world.

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Don Reynolds, Martin Ayrovanien and Jim Tully, Father of The Rev. Coleen Tully.

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers, especially:

Mariann, Dr. Brian, Michael Maruzzi, Bill Kyser, Ray Z., Sue R., Teresa H, Lorilyn, Sheryl Winters, Marilyn Schutte, Jennifer Knutson, Bryce Christensen, Linda B., Patty S., Cindy Havlichek, Jacob Tucker, Gordon & Barbara McIntosh, Bob Thompson, Nancy Pearson, Jean G., Howard, and Eddie.

We pray for our pets: Sammy, Rookwood, Milo, Samantha and Gracey and for those pets that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge, especially Dudley and Leo.

In our congregation we pray for:

The Smilan family, The Smith family, The Snyder family, The Stewart family, The Strickland family, The Studybaker family and The Sullivan family.

Are there others for whom we should pray, and blessings for which we give thanks?

IONA–HOPE ATTENDANCE

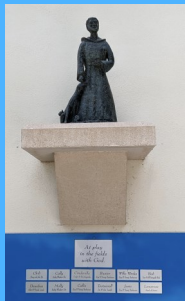
December 30th - January 5th

			In Person	Online
Saturday	5:00	P.M	44	12
Sunday	8:00	A.M	6	N/A
Sunday	9:30	A.M.	62	8

Pet Memorial Wall

“At play in the fields with God”

We now have plaques available for the Pet memorial wall. If you are interested in adding your pet’s name to the wall, please contact the office at office@ionahope.org with the name of the pet and the name(s) of the pet owner. The cost is \$35.00 per plaque. The form is also available on our website at <https://www.ionahope.org/parishioner-forms>.



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.

There is a healing station by the Baptismal Font during Communion at the 9:30 A.M. Sunday service, and During the 5 o'clock service on Saturday evening, simply come forward when invited up in front of the altar by clergy and laity.



During the 9:30 A.M. service you may receive the prayer prior to or after receiving 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.

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

5:00 P.M.	9:00 A.M.
Nick Drakos	Steve Walsh
Andi Jerger	Neil Tousley



If you would like to become part of our Lay Readers Ministry, please email Sandy Blaine at sdblaine1014@gmail.com.



Be Part Of Our Welcoming Ministry!

We are in need of volunteers for our Welcoming Ministry. Volunteers in this ministry welcome parishioners and visitors to services on Saturday evenings and Sunday Mornings, handing out bulletins, providing newcomer information, and conducting the collection of the offertory as well as bringing the weekly food basket donations up to the altar for blessings. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please email Ken Ingram at jingram05@gmail.com