

Weekly News & Updates from Iona-Hope

April 19th, 2024

FourthWeekend of Easter



Watch Our Services Online!



This Weeks Schedule of Services

Monday, April 22nd, 2024

1:00 p.m. -1:45 p.m. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

4:30 p.m Lectio Divina Small Group

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

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

Saturday, April 27th, 2024

5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist with Healing

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

8:00 A.M. - Rite I Holy Eucharist

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



Celebration of Mother Coleen Tully this Sunday April 21st!

You are cordially invited to a Celebration event for Mother Coleen Tully. Her time of service to Iona-Hope as our most wonderful Interim Rector is drawing to a close, and we look forward to thanking her for her outstanding ministry, love, care, and concern for us. Please join us for a celebration luncheon this Sunday, April 21st at 11:00 AM (Immediately following the 9:30 AM service in The Gathering Place)

Brunch, beverages, and cake will be served. There will be an open mic opportunity for you to express your thanks to her. We are also celebrating the baptisms of our confirmands **Rowan, Sally & Jordan** on that day. What a wonderful celebration!

All of us at Iona-Hope cannot thank Mother Coleen enough for her love and kindness, her encouragement, her good direction, and her wonderful sense of fun, humor, love, and optimism. You will be missed. You have laid a solid foundation for our transition to the next places we go as a parish proclaiming the Gospel to the world.

Our love will always be with you & Steve!





Altar flowers are donated this week in honor of the baptisms of Sally Thomson, Jordan Thomson & Rowan Hart.



2024 Thrift Store Grants

Applications are now available for the 2024 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, 2024. The form can be picked up directly from the Iona-Hope Thrift Store, the church office, or on our Iona-Hope website by clicking the link below.

[Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store](#)

CLERGY UPDATE

From Your Vestry

Iona-Hope Friends,

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Bruce White will be our supply clergy for the entire month of May. He will be celebrant at our weekend services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, and Sunday 9:30 am. (Our Wednesday 10:00 am service will be lay-led Morning Prayer until the arrival of a Rector.)

A little about himself from Father White:

Married to Pam (50 years this November). Five sons living in Iowa (two), North Dakota, North Carolina and Florida. Thirteen grandkids. After 20+ years in corporate data processing, Pam and I



moved to Sewanee, TN to attend seminary. After graduation, I served three years as assistant to the Rector at Christ Church in Bowling Green, KY and Chaplain to Western Kentucky University. In 2001, I accepted a call to be Rector at a family-sized parish, St. Michael and All Angels, in Anniston, AL. Then, in 2011, to be Rector of a large program-sized parish, St Alban's, in Tucson, AZ. I retired in January of 2023, and in September, we moved to Southwest Florida. Enjoying golf, living close to at least some of our family, and rooting on the Iowa Hawkeyes (I grew up just south of Iowa City) every chance we get.

We extend our warmest welcome and thanks to Father White for his time with us for the month of May.

**In joyful gratitude,
Your Vestry**



Hope Garden

Do you enjoy digging in the dirt and nurturing plants? Would you like to be part of a community-building project that brings together all ages and those from different socio-economic and racial/ethnic backgrounds?

Do you want to find ways to lessen our carbon foot print and be good stewards of the land we have been given?

Hope Garden intends to do just that. By creating raised-bed gardens at the back of our church property and inviting our neighbors to grow nourishing food with us, Hope Garden can help build bridges within our community and be a sign of God's abundant grace that is available to all. Intrigued?

If interested, there's a sign up sheet on the table located in the rear of the sanctuary. Contact Kathie Hart for more details: kphart85@hotmail.com.





Prayer for Our Search Committee and Vestry

In our search for a new rector, we've come this far by faith, Lord, trusting in your guidance. Thank you for the good progress that has been made. Now we lift to you our Search Committee and our Vestry as they choose from among the applicants the best one for Iona-Hope. Please save them from distractions that would hinder their judgement. May they stay healthy and clear-headed. Grant them the grace to ask what you would have them do, that your Spirit of wisdom will lead them to the best choice. We give you thanks and praise for all your gifts to our parish. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



Thank you to our Seasonal Parishioners! Wishing all of you a safe trip back to your northern homes & looking forward to your return in the fall!

We also ask that seasonal Ministry leaders turn their facility keys back into the church office prior to returning north for the season. Thank you for all you do for our Iona-Hope family!

See you again soon!



Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for the many ways Iona-Hope staff and members stepped up to support our family as we began to deal with the death of our 47-year-old son Bruce. We received words of support in person, as well as online and in cards. We received more hugs than we can count. Mother Coleen, members of the staff and other lay members of the parish all provided us with so much help as we planned and held his Memorial Service. Our family felt so loved and supported!

Theresa of Avila once said, "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands and feet but yours." Thank you for being the hands of Christ for the Bradbury-Danner-Davis-Rose family in this most difficult time!

Blessings,

John Danner and Linda Bradbury-Danner



We are in the process of updating our Church Directory!

If you don't currently have a photo in our church directory and would like one, our Media Director Margaret Carr would love to take your photo! She is available after the 8:00 A.M. service, as well as before and after the 9:30 A.M. Service. We will also make arrangements for those attending the 5:00 P.M. service on Saturday evening ahead of time at your convenience.

If you do not currently have a Realm account, you may register using the link below. With Realm, you are also able to modify or schedule your annual pledge, add your birthday, update your mailing address, as well as look up contact information for fellow parishioners if needed.

If you have any questions, would like to schedule the taking of your photo, or would prefer sending your own picture for us to add to the directory, please email Margaret **at** **MediaDirector@lonaHope.org**.

[Click Here to register or sign in to Realm](#)

Join AAASWFL for a Free Exercise Program



Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

March 4, 2024 - June 24, 2024 | Mondays
1:00 p.m. -1:45 p.m.

Iona Hope Episcopal Church
9650 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33908
Open to Public.

For People Living with Arthritis Stiffness and Pain

AFEP classes are designed for adults age 60 and over to reduce arthritis pain and stiffness, build muscle around your joints, increase your energy, and prevent other health problems. These gentle exercises can be done either sitting or standing.

Call Gloria Lappost at (239) 652-6914 to register!



Iona-Hope Breakfast Group

Please join us every
Thursday Morning @ 8:30 am
Sunflower Café
11410 Summerlin Square Dr.
Ft Myers Beach
Please join us for prayer, fellowship, and food.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



This Weeks Hymns

Hymn # 671 Amazing Grace

Hymn # 488 Be Thou My Vision

Hymn # 645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn # 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

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KEEP US UPDATED

Please remember to keep the church office updated on any change of address, phone number, or e-mail address. Contact the Church office at 239-454-4778 or by e-mail at office@ionahope.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April 21st Sheryl Winters
April 23rd Alison Kinch
April 24th Norma Eveland
April 27th Haley Morales
April 27th Mollie Treadway
April 27th Beverly Bisor-Richards

Birthdays, Church Directory & Emails

If you would like to have your birthday in the Bulletin, Weekly Email, and pre-service slides, please contact the office @ 239-254-4778 or email us at MediaDirector@ionahope.org. Also, if you would like to opt into our Church Directory, please contact the office.

Please visit our website
www.ionahope.org

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Calendars, Weekly Readings, Daily Devotionals and Parishioner Resources are all available at the click of a button.

How we converse with one another...

Confidentiality^ Discuss issues, not people^ Equal time (this includes listening, not debating)^ Freedom not to participate in conversation^ Speak for yourself using "I" statements ^One person will talk at a time/No side conversations^ We will begin and end on time^ No personal attacks/Respect for each other^ Amnesty/No reprisal/Forgiveness^ No one will dominate^ Okay to disagree but not be disagreeable^ Take care of your own creature comforts^ Name tags will be at all gatherings



Ms. Paula Paquette - **Senior Warden**



Iona-Hope Prayer Team

If you have a situation that needs prayer, the Prayer Team will be glad to help. Send us the particulars and all of us will stop what we are doing and pray together for you. Your information will be kept in confidence. Prayer is powerful; we know it can make a difference.

Send your request to us at mooremarilynw@gmail.com

Ms. Alison Kinch - **Junior Warden**

Vestry Members

Ms. Paula Paquette, Mr. Rob Ricca, Ms. Alison Kinch, Mr. Steve Walsh, Ms. Patty Ingram, Mr. John Mitchell, Mrs. Marcia Leidig, Ms. Debbie Prather and Ms. Linda Griffin.

Victoria Lines - **Clerk of the Vestry**

Mr. Joe Mulino - **Treasurer**
Mr. Thom Price- **Asst. to the Treasurer**

Church Staff

Mrs. Eileen Carrara-**Thrift Store Manager**
Ms. Julie Vergin -**Parish Nurse**
Ms. Margaret Carr-**Media Director**

Please note that any financial related questions for Marnie should be sent to ionahopeguest@ionahope.org.

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