Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
Iona-Hope is a Believe OUTLOUD Episcopal Congregation

September 25th, 2026

THIS WEEK AT IONA-HOPE

Monday, September 28th, 2026
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.-**Mahjong Group** (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026
6:00 P.M.-**AA Meeting** (Open-Adler Gathering Place)

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026
10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist Rite II** (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 1st, 2026
8:30 A.M.-**Breakfast Group** (Sunflower Cafe)

Friday, October 2nd, 2026
6:00 P.M.-**Eye On Hope** (AA Open) (Adler Gathering Place)
6:00 P.M.-**Al-Anon** (Office/Library)

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
8:00 A.M.-**Steps to Awakening** (AA Closed)(Adler Gathering Place)
5:00 P.M.-**Rite II-Holy Eucharist with Healing**
6:15 P.M.-**Animal Ministry Supper** (Adler Gathering Place)

Sunday, October 4th, 2026
8:00 A.M.-**Rite I Holy Eucharist**
9:30 A.M.-**Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing**
1:00 P.M.-**Blessing Of the Animals** (Sanctuary)

If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please call or text Mother Jenny at 239-980-3994

pastoral care

Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone special, there is a sign up sheet in the sanctuary.

The cost is $50.00, which is donated directly to the Hunger Ministry because we utilize 100% silk flower arrangements.

Please note that multiple dedications on the same weekend are welcomed. Any date that is important to you is just as important to us.

We'd Love Your Feedback!

Would you be interested in attending a Celtic Festival in 2027?

Iona-Hope is exploring the possibility of hosting another Celtic Festival, and we'd love to hear from you!
We're hoping to bring our community together for a celebration of Celtic music, traditions, food, and fellowship.
Before we begin planning, we'd like to know how many people would be interested in attending.

Please take a moment to share your interest by clicking the survey link below. Your feedback will help us decide whether to move forward with this exciting event.

Click Here to Take the Survey

ALL ARE WELCOME

Animal Ministry Dinners Resume!

Get ready for dinner! Our Animal Ministry dinners will resume on **October 3rd** after the 5:00 P.M. service.

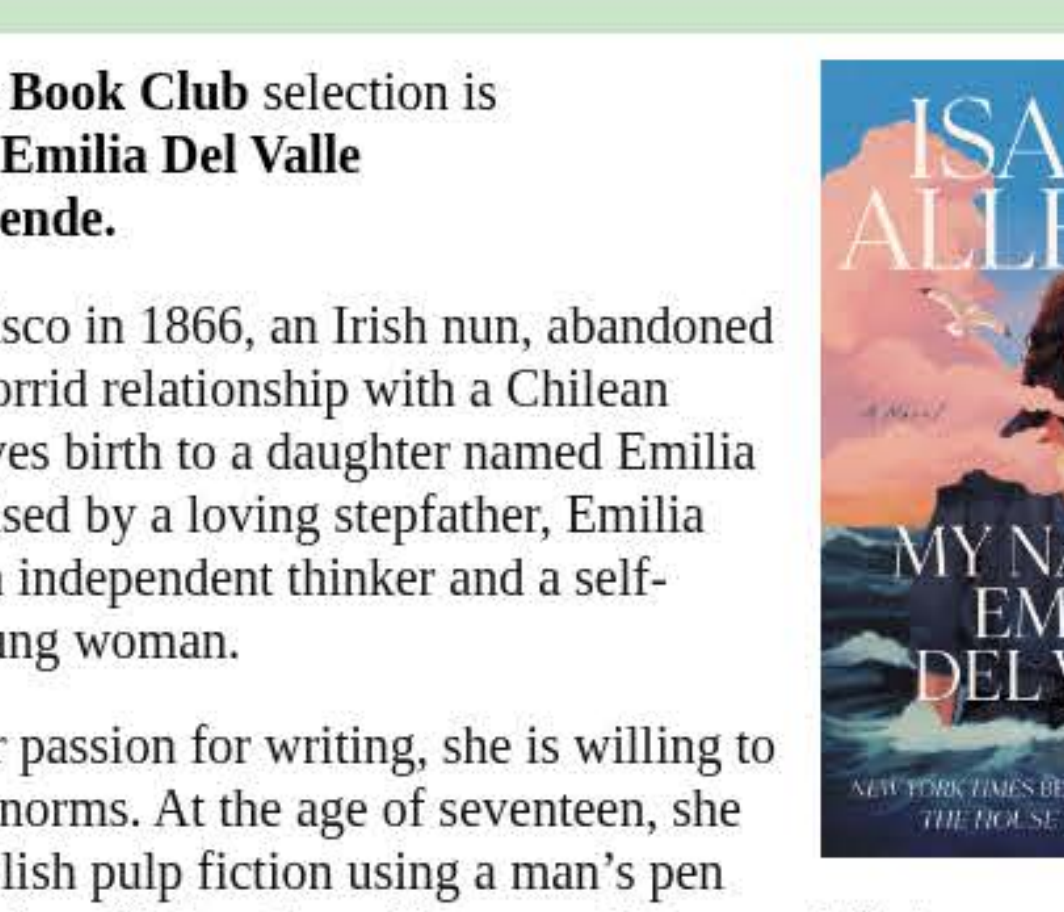
If you attend one of our Sunday services, we would love for you to join us. Dinner starts about 6:15 P.M.

Our menu that evening will be **pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, twice baked potatoes, and coleslaw, with iced tea and dessert.**

Our suggested donation is $10.00 per person. Profits from these dinners go to help with vet bills when needed, help with food and pet supplies as needed, whether for an individual or an animal facility.

We will continue collecting both dog and cat supplies every weekend, and when we have a full load we will deliver to the appropriate facility.

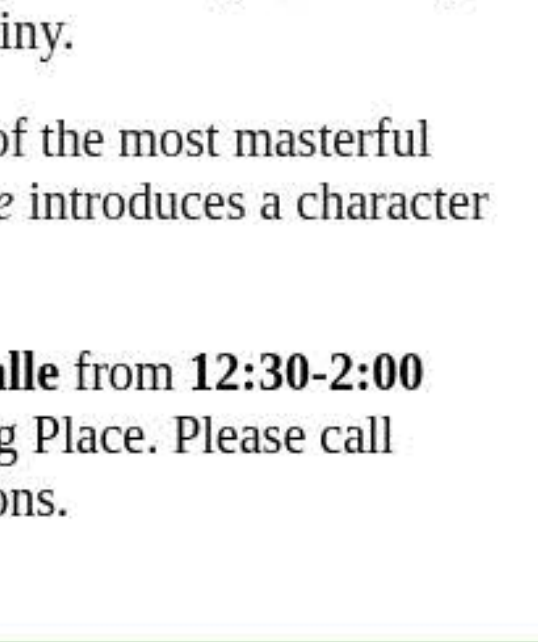
Thank you for caring for All God's Creatures. See you at dinner!



It's time once again for our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4th, at 1:00 P.M.!

Bring your dog, cat (if you dare), chicken, or whatever pet God has blessed you with. Mother Jenny will lead a prayer for them, and bless each one present. If you are not able to bring your pet in person, bring a picture (or pull one up on your phone) and she will still get the job done.

This is one of the most joyous events of the year, so don't miss it!



The **October Book Club** selection is
My Name is Emilia Del Valle
by Isabel Allende.

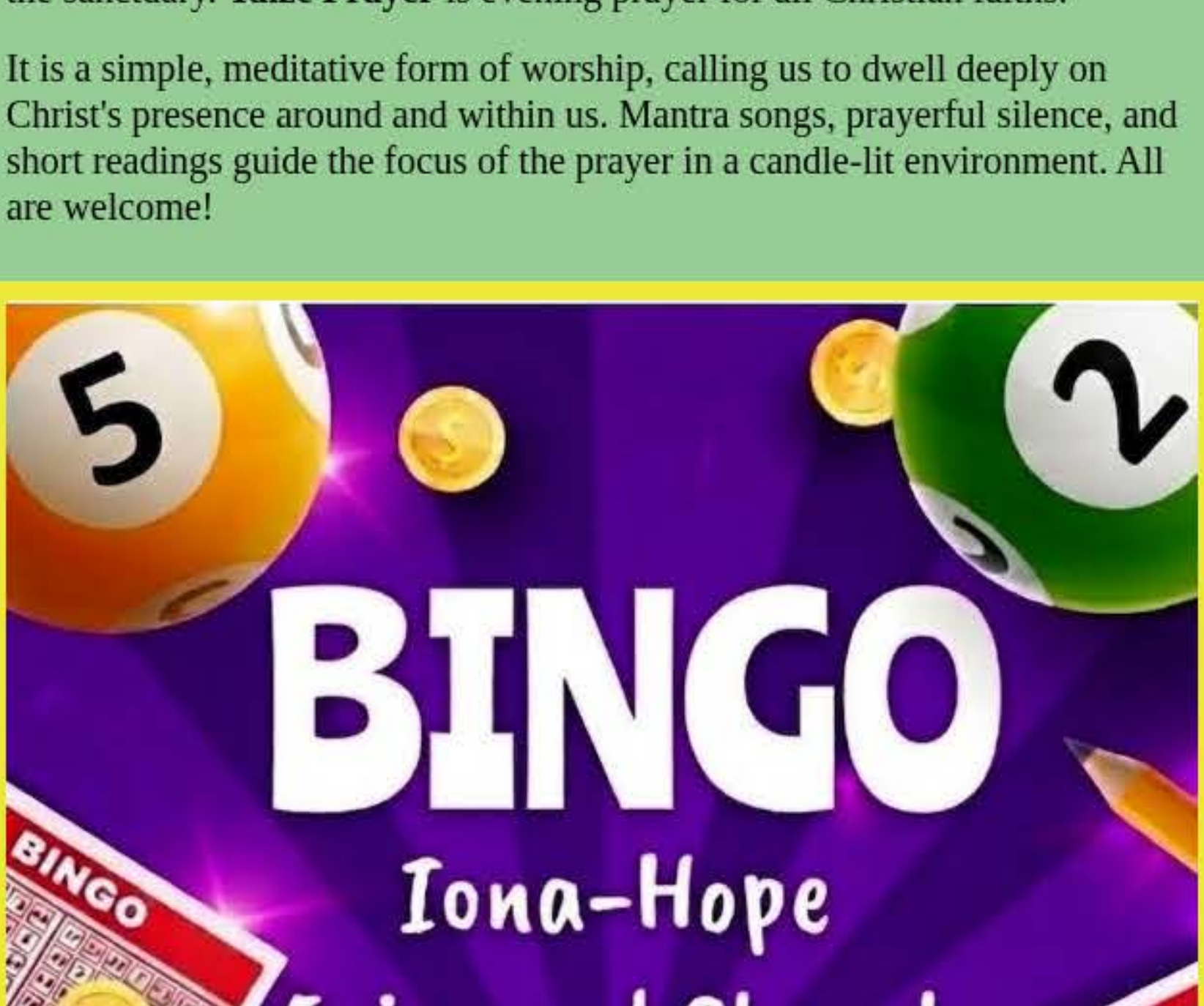
In San Francisco in 1866, an Irish nun, abandoned following a torrid relationship with a Chilean aristocrat, gives birth to a daughter named Emilia del Valle. Raised by a loving stepfather, Emilia grows into an independent thinker and a self-sufficient young woman.

To pursue her passion for writing, she is willing to defy societal norms. At the age of seventeen, she begins to publish pulp fiction using a man's pen name. When these fictional worlds can no longer satisfy her sense of adventure, she turns to journalism, convincing an editor at *The Daily Examiner* to hire her. There she is paired with another talented reporter, Eric Whelan.

As she proves herself, her restlessness returns, until an opportunity arises to cover a brewing civil war in Chile. She seizes it, as does Eric, and while there, she meets her estranged father and delves into the violent confrontation in the country where her roots lie. As she and Eric discover love, the war escalates and Emilia finds herself in extreme danger, fearing for her life and questioning her identity and her destiny.

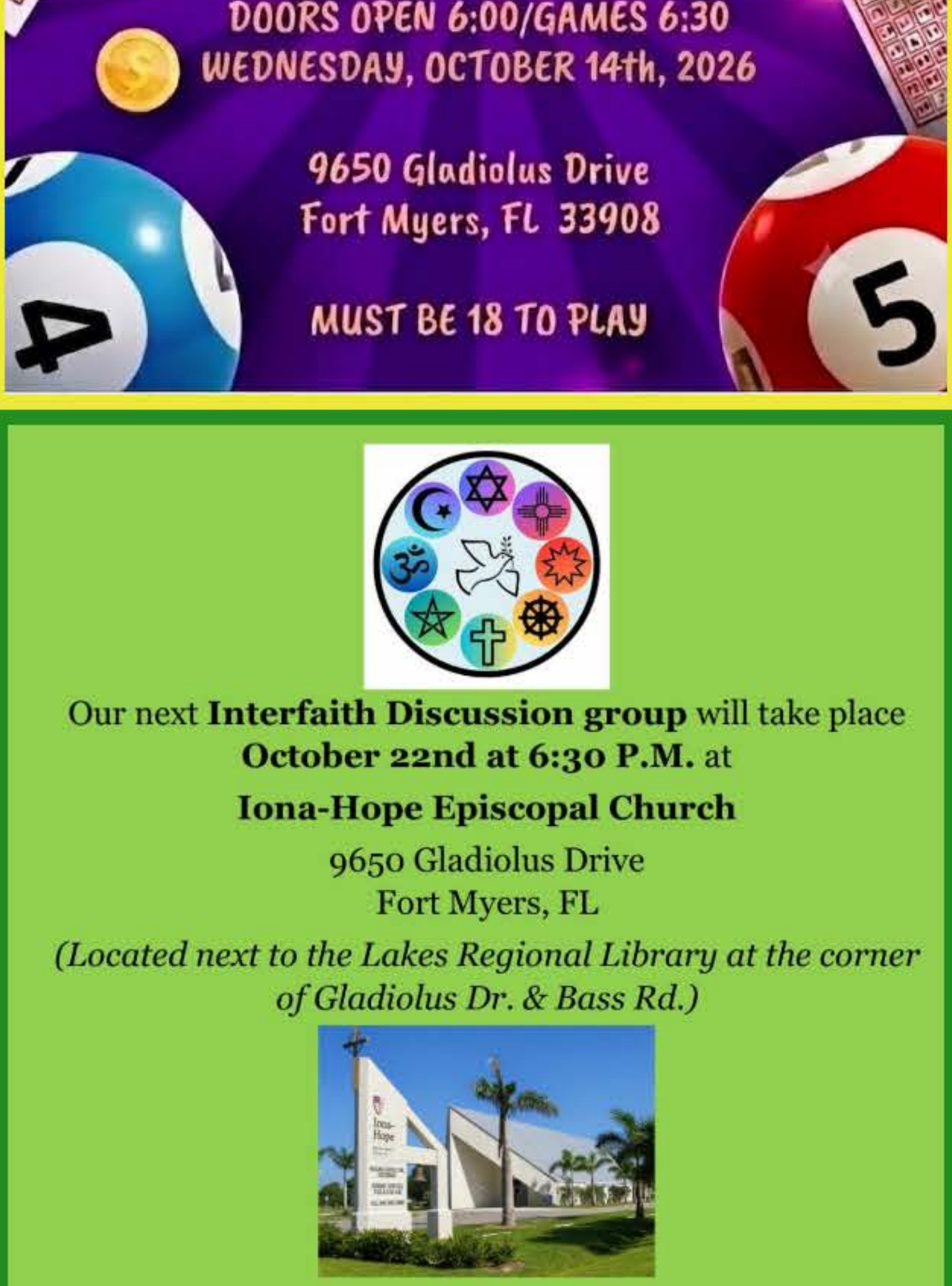
A riveting tale of self-discovery and love from one of the most masterful storytellers of our time, *My Name Is Emilia del Valle* introduces a character who will never let hold of your heart.

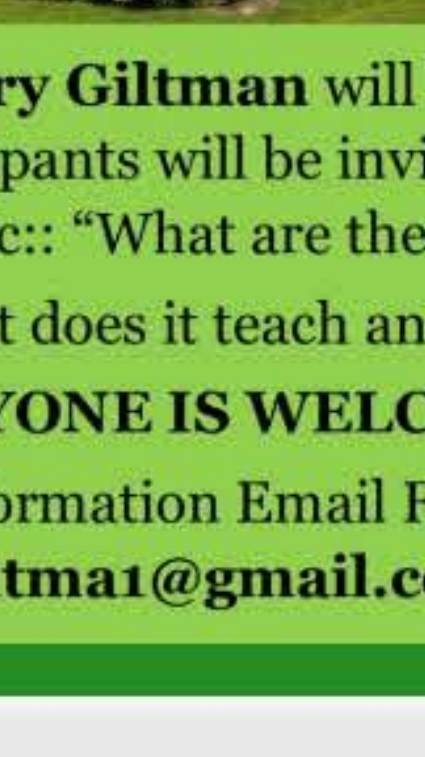
We will meet to discuss **My Name is Emilia Del Valle** from **12:30-2:00 P.M. on Friday, October 9th** in the Adler Gathering Place. Please call **Helen Sadler 239-218-5466** if you have any questions.



Join us for our next **Taizé Service** on **Tuesday October 13th at 4:00 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!





Our next **Interfaith Discussion group** will take place **October 22nd at 6:30 P.M.** at
Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
9650 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers, FL
(Located next to the Lakes Regional Library at the corner of Gladiolus Dr. & Bass Rd.)

Bill Zeeb and **Larry Giltman** will lead the discussion. However, all participants will be invited to contribute to our dialogue. Topic:: "What are the core beliefs of our religion- and what does it teach and require of us? "
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!
For More Information Email Flo Giltman at **lgiltma1@gmail.com**

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat with Gladiolus Food Pantry
The Gladiolus Food Pantry is starting a new Halloween tradition for the Harlem Heights Neighborhood this fall: A Trunk or Treat event. Trunk or Treat is an alternative way for children to go trick-or-treating, providing a more safe and secure location. A number of vehicles will park in the GFP parking lot, decorate their trunks, and distribute candy as the kids go from vehicle to vehicle collecting an unhealthy amount of sugar and other lovely treats on Halloween.

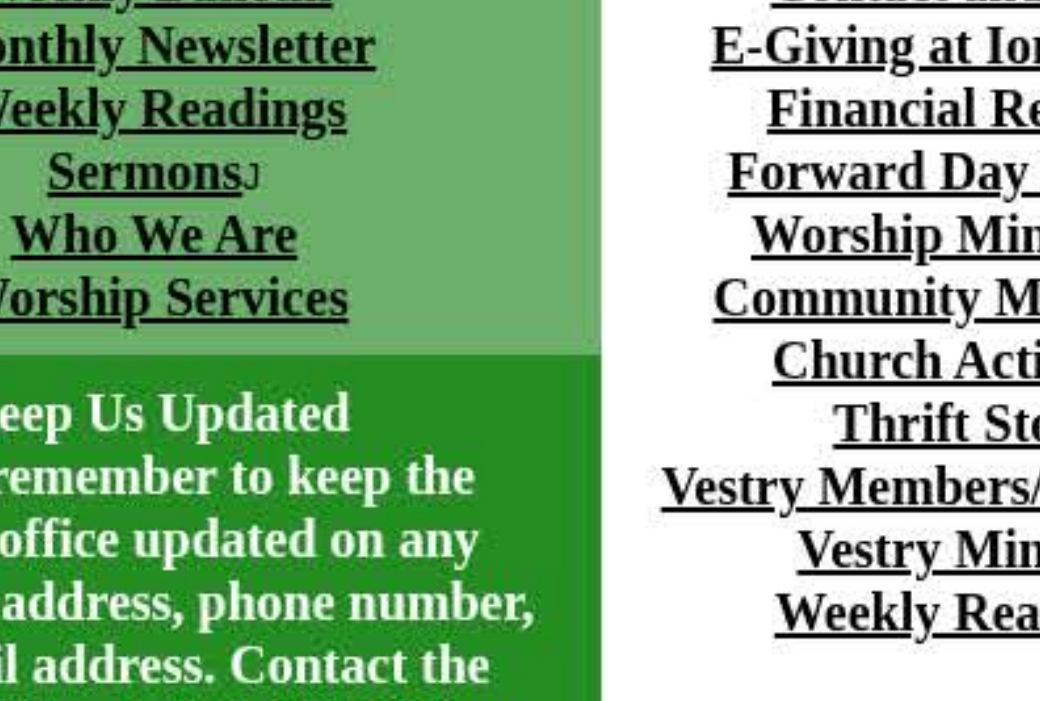
Iona-Hope is looking for three vehicles, preferably with hatchbacks, a few creative decorators, 10+ volunteers, and donated candy (collected before the event). Please share your interest with Mother Jenny and email her at **clergy@ionahope.org** if you're available on Halloween **October 31st!**

GLADIOLUS Food Pantry INC.

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Season!

BROADWAY PALM
9 to 5
the MUSICAL

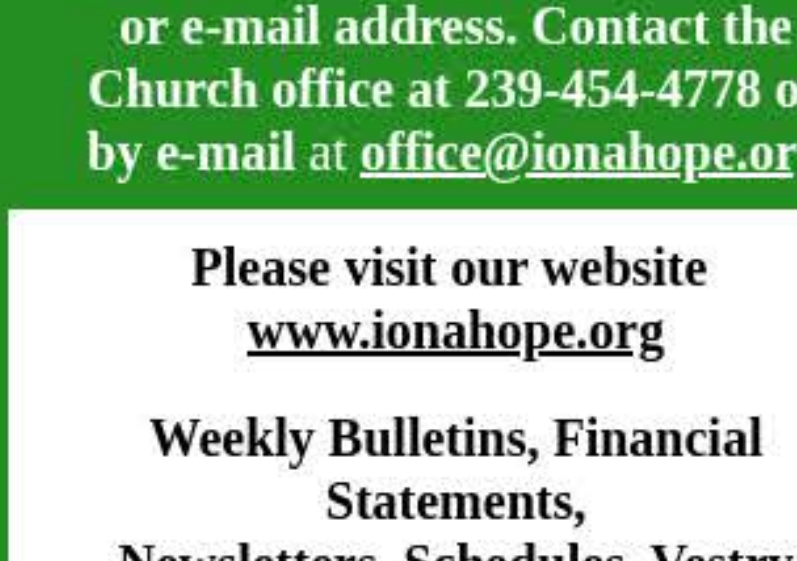
9-5 Thursday November 12th
5:30pm Dinner 7:30pm
Dinner & the Show are only $70.00.
Sign-up sheets are located in both the sanctuary & in the Adler Gathering Place.
PAYMENT IS DUE AT SIGNUP
All Reservations due by October 25th



OUR VISION

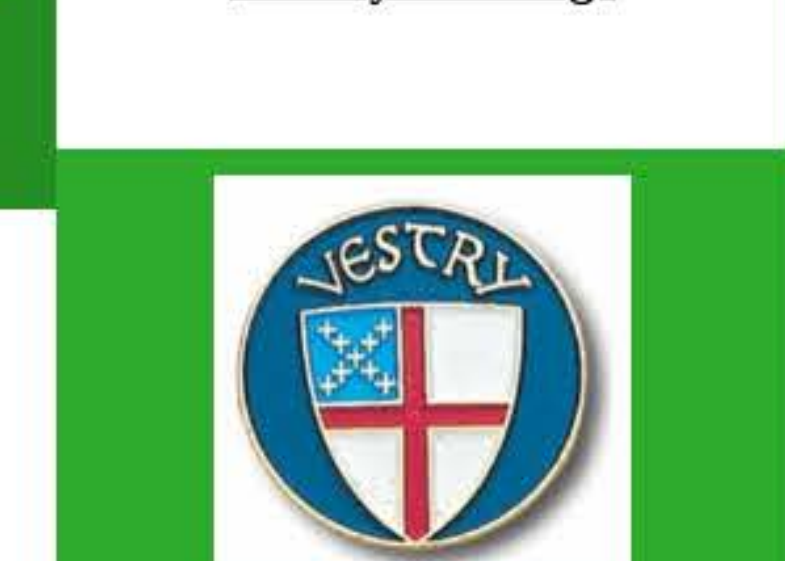
VISION

We are an inclusive community committed to spiritual growth, offering hope and healing for a wounded world through ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.



OUR MISSION:

We say YES to God through Growth, Outreach and Diversity



CORE VALUES:

All are Welcome. Openness to risk, change and growth. Jesus is our model. A strong, real, personal relationship with Jesus. Disciples making disciples. Mission doing mission.

- Monthly Newsletter
- Complete Services
- Facebook
- Prayers of the People
- Weekly Bulletin
- Monthly Newsletter
- Weekly Readings
- Sermons
- Who We Are
- Worship Services

- Parishioner Forms, Schedules and Resources
- Iona-Hope Calendar
- Columbarium Information
- Contact and Map
- E-Giving at Iona-Hope
- Financial Reports
- Forward Day By Day
- Worship Ministries
- Community Ministries
- Church Activities
- Thrift Store
- Vestry Members/Staff Page
- Vestry Minutes
- Weekly Readings

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

Please visit our website
www.ionahope.org

Weekly Bulletins, Financial Statements, Newsletters, Schedules, Vestry Minutes Calendars, Weekly Readings, Daily Devotionals and Parishioner Resources are all available at the click of a button.

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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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