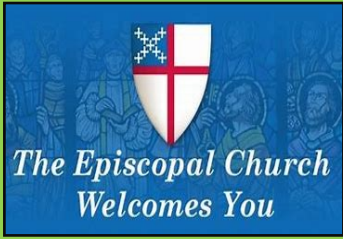




# Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

## First Weekend Of Lent

### March 8th & 9th, 2025



### **This Week's Schedule**

Week of 3/10 through 3/16

#### **Monday, March 10th, 2025**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 11th 2025**

12:00 P.M.-**Arthritis Program** (Church Sanctuary)  
3:00 P.M.-**Pastoral Care Meeting** (Office/Library)  
4:15 P.M.- **Taizé Service** (Sanctuary)  
6:30 P.M.-**AA Meeting** (Adler Gathering Place)

#### **Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)**

10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist with Healing** (Office/Library)  
5:30 P.M - **Lenten Movie Night-The Forgiven** (Sanctuary)

#### **Thursday, March 13th 2025**

8:30 A.M.-**Breakfast Group**-(Sunflower Café)

#### **Friday, March 14th, 2025**

12:30 P.M.-**Book Club**-(Office/Library)  
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 15th, 2025**

8:00 A.M.-**Steps to Awakening** (Closed Group) (Adler Gathering Place)  
5:00 P.M. -**Holy Eucharist & Healing**



Many thanks to our group of dedicated office volunteers:

Wanda Adler

Susan Crawford

Lorraine Holley

Andi Jerger

Sue Ryan

Vicky Dawson



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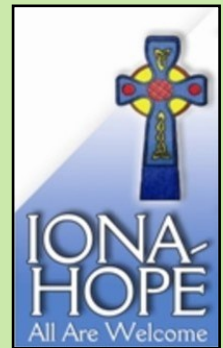
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Web: [www.ionahope.org](http://www.ionahope.org)

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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, 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**



# God loves you. No exceptions.



**The Episcopal Church welcomes you.**

During **Holy Week** 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:**

**3/12 - The Forgiven**

**3/19 - Joy Luck Club**

**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.**

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18085474-the-book-of-forgiving>.

## ***WEEKLY EMAIL***

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

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**Save the Date: Sunday, 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.

### **Bridge Club Rescheduled**

Please be advised that the Bridge Club has been rescheduled from Thursday February 27th at 1:00 P.M., and will meet instead on **Thursday March 27th at 1:00 P.M. in the Adler Gathering Place.**



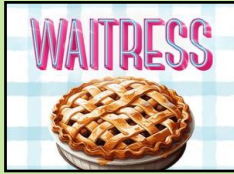
### **March Taizé**

Please join us this Tuesday **March 11th at 4:15 P.M.** in the sanctuary for our Taizé service.

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.



## 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.



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

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

Clergy@IonaHope.org

## INTERFAITH DISCUSSION GROUP MEETING at Temple Beth El

# MARCH 19th 7:00 PM

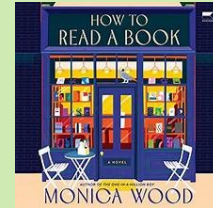
### Guest Speaker: Rabbi Luna

### Rabbi Luna will take us on a tour of the Temple sanctuary.

**Interfaith Discussion Group meets monthly at different houses of worship to provide a forum for fostering understanding, respect, and acceptance among all faith communities and spiritual traditions.**

**Temple Beth El**  
16225 Winkler Rd. Fort Myers, FL 33908

## March Book Club



**The Iona Hope Book Club** will discuss **How to Read a Book** by **Monica Wood** in March. This book is an unsparingly honest and hopeful story about letting go of guilt, seizing second chances and the power of books to change our lives. It is told in three distinctly different voices. Harriett is a retired English teacher who fills her long days by leading a book club in the women's prison near her home in Portland, Maine. Soon her boarder, a much loved niece, will move away, leaving her days even more empty. Violet is 22 years old, from a small town, and being released from prison after serving her sentence for the drunk driving accident which killed a popular teacher. She is shunned at home and must make a new life for herself in a city milieu which is completely foreign to her. Frank is a retired machinist who hasn't yet come to grips with the complications of his marriage to the woman Violet accidentally killed. He is now the handyman at the bookstore where Harriet selects books for her prison book club. On the day the three of them meet, each is forced to begin facing their past demons and their lives are never the same. There is a fourth voice, that of a talented parrot, which adds humor and grace in unexpected ways to How to Read a Book. Eventually, along with Harriett's book club, we learn how to read a book.

We will discuss How to Read a Book from **12:30 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Friday, March 14. The Book Club will meet in the church library/conference room.** If you have any questions, please call **Trish Kyser at 239-220-1510.**

### This Week's Hymns

Hymnal 143 The glory of these forty days

ELW 787 On Eagle's Wings

LEVASII 146 Break thou the bread of life

Hymnal 671 Amazing Grace



Please join us for coffee hour after the Sunday services in the Adler Gathering Place.





### IONA-HOPE WEEKLY PRAYERS & PETITIONS

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

We pray for all members of our congregation, especially **The Belmont Family, The Belmonte Family, The Bisor-Richards Family, The Bittner Family, The Blaine Family, and The Bloomer 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, Sheryl, Linda, Barbara, Barbara, Patrick, Evelyn Metzger, John, Karen, Bee, Marian, Robyn and Maggie.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died.

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

**March 11th Sue Ryan**

**March 14th Joslynn Wright**

**March 15th Barbara Moden**



**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.*



Prayer Shawl Ministry

May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness  
come through your door.

**HAVE A**  
Make the World a Better Place  
**GREAT WEEK**

### **Altar Flowers**



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.**



**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.**

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### **Be Part Of Our Welcome Ministry!**

We are in need of volunteers for our Welcome 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](mailto:jingram05@gmail.com).



#### IONA-HOPE ATTENDANCE

February 24th – March 3rd

			In Person	Online
Wednesday	10:00	A.M.	3	N/A
Saturday	5:00	P.M.	37	2
Sunday	8:00	A.M.	13	N/A
Sunday	9:30	A.M.	69	11