

The New Hope



The Newsletter of IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH August & September 2019

**August &
September 2019**

**WORSHIP
SERVICES:**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Relaxed worship service with an emphasis on Healing including Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Traditional Book of Common Prayer Holy Eucharist Rite I

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate God's grace, goodness and gifts.

Our principal Sunday service is offered with joyful music.

(childcare, church school, healing)

Tuesdays—9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer in Spanish

Wednesdays

9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist and Healing

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Who Are We?

Iona-Hope was established as a mission in 1998 by the Fort Myers Deanery under The Very Rev. Bill Dodd, and eventually located on land donated by St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers. The Rev. John S. Adler was selected as the church planter, Vicar and Pastor.

Our first office was on Kelly Road and then moved to the shopping center where the McGregor Point Bridge Club is located. The Bridge Club was the site of our Sunday worship from January 10, 1999 until Maundy Thursday (April 20, 2000). Since that time our present site has been home.

The "Miracle of Lent, 2000" refers to the period in which the manufactured buildings, that are our original home, were completely erected, landscaped, and furnished. These buildings have proven remarkably adaptable to our present needs but we continue to view the vacant site next to us as our future home while our growth continues unabated.

The name, Iona-Hope Episcopal Church, was chosen because we are located in the Iona district of the Fort Myers area and the hope is in the promises of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ. The original Iona is an island off the west coast of Scotland upon which the Scottish missionary Columba established a monastery in the sixth century. With twelve followers, he proceeded to Christianize Scotland. The monastery continues to exist as a focal point of spirituality to this day. The current resident wood carver carved both our altar cross and processional cross.

What Are Our Beliefs?

We live out our faith in the teachings and fellowship of the original apostles as passed to us through the centuries and reflected in the scripture, the Book Of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal. Other material that enables us to stay current with our times supplements each of these documents. In addition, at Iona-Hope, a set of "Core Values" defines how we live out our beliefs in Christ's Body.

Caregivers Connect

Caregiving for a family member either short or long term brings both challenges and rewards. Join with us as we explore how to support one another on this journey. *Caregivers Connect* will meet again on Thursday, August 1st, from 9:30-11:00am and the **first Thursday of the month thereafter**. We look forward to this being an upbeat and supportive group for all. Group meets in the multi-purpose room.



Please visit our website

www.ionahope.org

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



BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATER

Thursday August 29th @ 5:30 p.m.

ONCE



From the very first note, *Once* pulls you in and doesn't let you go. Featuring magical songs from the critically acclaimed film, including the Oscar-winning *Falling Slowly*, this gorgeous and uplifting show strikes an unforgettable chord. Set in Dublin, an Irish musician ready to give up on his career is drawn to a Czech immigrant that helps encourage him to keep writing and performing. Through their shared love of music, an unexpected friendship and collaboration quickly evolves into a powerful, but complicated, love story. *Once* won eight Tony Awards and the 2013 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album.

2019–2020 Upcoming Shows

Once
Finding Neverland
Sounds of Christmas
Grumpy Old Men

Kinky Boots
Something Rotten
Swing
The Sound of Music

To sign up for any of these performances please contact the church office during normal business hours (239) 454 4778, or by email at office@ionahope.org. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and payment is due when you call. Please do not put checks in the plate and expect to have a seat.

You are not guaranteed a seat until you speak with someone in the office or send an email and you have received a response back. Thank you.

It is a good thing to review our first 6 months of 2019. We are \$17,436 behind in revenue compared to the same time in 2018. Our expenses are \$8,495 less than in 2018 meaning we have a \$8,941 net deficit compared to the same time last year.

We have lost contributors due to death and re-location and some have reduced their pledges and these pledges have not been replaced. The bottom line is we are short revenue.

Our goal for the next 6 months is to ensure we have sufficient funds to cover all the expenses due upon completion of our Phase One construction project. We will be billed in increments tied to the percentage of the work completed.

Our audit of 2018 will be completed and submitted before the due date of September 1. The 2020 Stewardship campaign will be conducted this fall.

Thank you for all your help.

Debbie Prather
Treasurer



COME TO THE CABARET—October 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Kathy and Mike Donlan will be hosting an intimate "Night at the Cabaret" in their home featuring Suzy Post dazzling us with her singing and Loren Strickland entertaining us with his mastery at the piano. There will be wine, beer, water and sodas included. There will be mingling time with munchies before the entertainment and with cookies during break.

We are asking for a \$20 donation per person to be fully donated to Iona-Hope - split between Suzy's discretionary fund and the music program. There will be raffles with a chance to win Broadway Palm tickets donated by Tom and Debbie Prather.

Reservations are required as there is limited space. Please contact the Donlans (not the church) by email at kathydonlan@cs.com or as soon as possible to guarantee an opportunity for a fun evening at the Cabaret. We are located one mile away from Iona-Hope. Address will be provided at time of reservation.



In order to ensure the safety of our office staff and volunteers during the summer months, the doors to the office buildings may be locked at certain times of the day.

Also, with clergy, staff and office volunteer vacations, it would be advisable if you know you are going to the church office and do not have a key, to call the church office before you get there @ 239 454 4778.

Please contact Marnie if you will need regular access and she will assign you a key.

Our summer office hours starting June 1st will be 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th
in observance of Independence Day**

GIFTS TO HONOR

A very meaningful way to thank or recognize a colleague or loved one is by permanently naming a chair in the sanctuary for them. For a cost of \$125.00 which benefits Iona Hope's ongoing facilities and other needs, you can give the gift of a chair, in memory, in celebration, in thanksgiving or to the Glory of God. In acknowledgement for your gift, a card will be sent to the appropriate person(s). For additional information, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 454-4778.

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 worn at all gatherings.

Altar Flowers

Please support our method of stewardship in our congregation through the Altar Flower Program. The suggested cost for sponsoring weekend flowers is \$50.00. We now utilize beautiful silk arrangements at the altar and your cash gift is now used 100% to help the hungry.

We have many vacancies.

Please pick a weekend!

Please use the flower sign up sheet in The Adler Gathering Place.



Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida

collects pop tabs instead of the entire aluminum can because the tabs are pure, high quality aluminum and are easier to store. Pull tabs are a simple way to recycle and help the House. Some interesting facts about the program:

- We receive the going rate for aluminum, which changes as the demand changes - varying from rates of 23 to 52 cents per pound on any given period.
- We average about 450 pounds every 10 days, or approximately \$234.
- Every penny helps families stay at the House -- \$10 pays for one family for one night!
- Approximately one million pull tabs = 800 pounds
- Approximately 1,430 pull tabs = one pound
- Approximately 63,360 pull tabs = 1 mile

Please pass the word to friends, neighbors, business, etc. Please remember to drop the tabs in the designated receptacles in the church and Adler Gathering Place. For more information please call 239 437-0202 or stop by the House at 16100 Roserush Ct, Ft. Myers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1	Barbara Besosa	August 19	Carole Utz
August 2	Evelyn Reynolds	August 20	The Rev. Everett Keith
August 2	Carol Sinks	August 21	Barbara Diettrich
August 8	Michael Hanson	August 21	Bob Sutherland
August 13	Bee Bentley	August 22	Shirley Cutler
August 14	Ken Owens	August 23	Peggy Spradlin
August 16	Mary Bradshaw	August 27	Chari Mooradian
August 18	Richard Hogan	August 31	Paula Paquette
August 19	Pat DeArmond		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 2	Tom & Emily Young
August 5	David & Jean Charley
August 8	Tim & Cyndi Capel
August 10	Ron & Lorraine Holley
August 14	Jeffrey Rosemann & Susan Crawford
August 14	Bob & Gloria Thomas
August 16	Gordon & Barb McIntosh
August 20	Ray & Nancy Zentis
August 28	Craig & Karen Reitan

If we're missing your birthday or anniversary here, let us know!
Call the church office 239 454-4778 or e-mail office@ionahope.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 2	Robert Earl	September 22	Alpha Williams
September 2	John Winters	September 23	Corey Chamness
September 5	Kyle Eckert	September 23	Christopher Hogan (Chris)
September 7	Joseph Mulino (Joe)	September 23	Elsie Thomas
September 8	Emily Farrara	September 24	Andrean Jerger (Andi)
September 8	Evelyn Metzgar	September 24	Matthew Eckert
September 9	Ardeth Westrope	September 27	Deborah Prather (Debbie)
September 10	Margaret Farrara (Margo)	September 28	Walt Lewis
September 12	Florence Lang (Flo)	September 30	Grace Pulley
September 15	Donna Owens		
September 15	William Buster (Bill)		
September 15	Delia Frederickson (Dee)		
September 18	J. Michael Metzgar (Mike)		
September 19	Michael Cunningham		
September 19	Marty Smilan		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 2	Arne & Irene Anderson
September 5	Jim & Ardeth Westrope
September 9	John & Elsie Thomas
September 23	Ken & Pamela Galyean

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IONA-HOPE'S ONE MORE TIME THRIFT STORE

Our Thrift Store continues to thrive in the heat of summer. Please remember us when you have items to donate. We accept all clothes, household goods, furniture and miscellaneous items at the back of the store Monday through Saturday from 10:00 until 3:30. Remember we cannot accept mattresses, TVs, or computer equipment.

Check out our Facebook page to be aware of special sales. We always need people to volunteer helping to sort and price. Call Cindy at 239-489-3910 to volunteer for a 3 hour shift, either 10:00 to 1:00 or 1:00 to 4:00.

We thank you very much for your donations as the proceeds help to support our community outreach goals.

Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!

Here is the list of the books we voted to read during 2019 and the discussion leaders:

(This is subject to change depending on discussion leader's schedules.)

August 23 - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann - 359 pgs. (nonfiction) - to be determined

September 20 - *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig - 345 pgs. (fiction) - Joe Harper

October 18 - *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver - 480 pgs. (fiction) - Trish Kyser

November 15 - Vote on books for the next year

I ♥
To Read

Searching for Sponsors!!

All God's Creatures Animal Ministry is looking for sponsors for our pet carnival to be held in October. Sponsorships are \$50 and \$100 and include advertising.

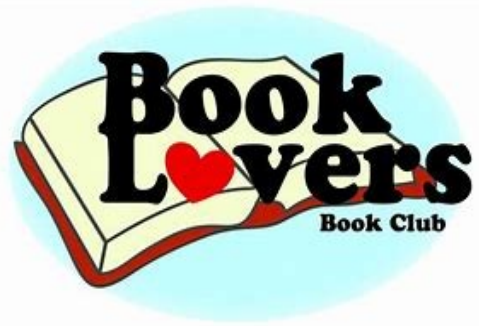
If you would like to sponsor or know of a Business that might be interested, please contact Nancy Buchanan or Evelyn Reynolds or email us at

AllGodsCreaturesIonaHope@gmail.com



Iona-Hope Book Club – August 2019

The next meeting of the Iona-Hope Book Club will be **Friday, August 23rd at 1:15 p.m.** (please note this is the 4th Friday of the month and we usually meet on the 3rd Friday but there are 5 Fridays in the month of August 2019 so we elected to do the 23rd). Mary Beth Harper has agreed to lead the discussion of "[Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI](#)" by David Grann (359 pages – non-fiction).



The Book:

A true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. Author David Grann describes a series of murders that came to be known as the Osage Reign of Terror. In the early 1900s, dozens of members of the Osage Native American tribe were murdered in a vast conspiracy. These murders were motivated by the Osage's considerable wealth, a result of their relocation above major oil fields in northern Oklahoma. Over a period of many years, white members of the community orchestrated the killings and an elaborate cover-up to gain control of Osage head-rights, which would entitle them to a share of the oil leases. Intervention by the nascent Bureau of Investigation, the predecessor of the modern FBI, solved some of the murders and led to conviction of several conspirators, but many crimes remain formally unsolved to this day. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of our most sinister and racial conspiracies.

The Author:

David Grann is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and an award-winning staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine. His book was a finalist for the National Book Award and a winner of the Edgar Allen Poe Award for best true crime book, a Spur Award for best work of historical nonfiction, and an Indies Choice Award for best adult nonfiction book of the year. A #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Killers of the Flower Moon* was named one of the best books of the year by the *Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Entertainment* and numerous other publications. Amazon named *Killers of the Flower Moon* the single best book of the year, and so did Shelf Awareness. The book is being adapted into a major motion picture, with Martin Scorsese slated to direct and Leonardo DiCaprio to play a role.

Health News

A note from our parish nurse, Julie Vergin

We are grateful for each of you that serve and assist with our worship services, we depend on your participation. That being said, there are days when the baton should be passed.

If you have a scratchy throat, cough, or other overt “flu and cold like” symptoms we ask that you hand off your responsibility for that service. Many are willing and you will not be letting anyone down by stepping back for the day.

Our goal is to minimize everyone's exposure to communicable illness as best we can. Thank you, and good health!

Women’s Breakfast Group—

We would love to have you join us at Eggcetera on 16230 Summerlin Road Tuesday mornings at 8:30 A.M. We have such a wonderful time, good conversation and great fellowship. It’s a great way to start the day. Please join us. Just come, no need for a reservation or any preparation. If you like, read the day’s Forward Day by Day selection. We look forward to having you.

Men’s Breakfast Club

Just a reminder: The Men’s Breakfast Club is still meeting every single Thursday at 7:30 A.M.. at Perkins on Summerlin at San Carlos - solving the problems of the world and having a few laughs. We are eating breakfasts our wives and significant others won’t allow us to have at home.



SAVE THE DATE

MARDI GRAS-

FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Our goal for the 5th Annual Mardi-Gras Fundraiser is to have Sponsorships pay for the entire cost of the Mardi Gras. This will enable Iona-Hope Episcopal Church to donate to a local outreach recipient the net proceeds of our fundraiser.

Prior to sending out requests for Sponsorships, we will need to determine which charity or organization will be the Beneficiary of our Fundraiser. Please submit the name of the Organization or Charity that you would like to recommend for consideration to Joe Mulino, Senior Warden. Once all names are received a decision will be made by the Vestry as to who will be the Beneficiary of our Fundraiser.

All names must be received prior to September 1, 2019 so that a decision can be made by the Vestry at their September meeting.



My Heartfelt Plea

When people are members and worship regularly at Iona Hope and participate in activities, they become part of the body of Christ at Iona Hope. When they die and Jesus comes for them and their family decides not to have a service at Iona Hope or nearby, we cannot properly say goodbye to our friend and celebrate their life among us. Please convey to your loved ones the need to do this and put it in your letter of instruction at the time of your death.

Please! It makes me so sad not to be able to say goodbye to my friends and to bid them to welcome me when I join them. When phase one of our capital campaign is completed, we will offer a choice of internment opportunities and of remembering.

Debbie Prather



Core Values

All are welcome

Openness to risk,
change and growth

Jesus is model

Strong, real, personal
relationship with

Jesus

Disciples making
disciples

Mission doing mission



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

Touchy Topics

For many people the idea of talking about and/or dealing with the fact that we are all going to die from this life at some point or another is downright impossible. At the very least some folks tend to avoid such discussion at all costs. Please allow me to encourage you to reconsider your position on this matter.

We have a very short form here entitled “Post Death Instructions.”

This form provides a number of things. First, once they are completed, it tells us who your immediate family is and how to get in touch with them if necessary. Second, it gives us a very good idea of what your wishes and desires are regarding disposition following your death. This means we can spend time talking about what kind of service you might like to have, what the readings might be, and what music might be played. You may or may not care about any of the fine details but unless you express yourself we are left trying to figure these matters out for you. If there are family members involved, we will have to abide by their decisions. However, if you decide to express yourself by completing our very simple form and expressing your preferences. We can make it even easier on you. Just make an appointment, come to the office, and I will help you complete the form. Even if you don't want to do that then make an appointment and one of our clergy members will help you fill out the form.

Please give this topic some thought and let us know how we can be helpful to you.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**August 11, 2019 during the
9:30 a.m. service**

We are sending our students back to school with our prayers and blessings. All kids, preschool through college, are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join us for this special time of blessing as they prepare for an exciting new school year.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR **You Tube** CHANNEL

As most of you are aware we recently upgraded our Audio/Visual system in the church. The new system enables us to stream our weekend services live. We are in the process of testing this out.

In order to watch the services online you have to subscribe to Iona-Hope's you tube channel. To do this, please visit our website and click on the link on the bottom of our homepage for more instructions.

You can also follow the instructions from our Friday email.

Once you have subscribed and enabled the notifications you will then receive alerts when the services start.



Have you always wanted to learn to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you. We will supply the yarn and needles and patterns!

Everyone is welcome. We have members who are not members of our church, and members who can not attend the meetings, but send us their completed projects.

We meet every Friday from 10-12 (except Summer time) here at Iona Hope and we'd love to have you join us.

May God's grace be upon this shawl...

warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven...

A sacred place of security and well-being...

sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.

Thank you to all the volunteers who took the time to help pack the Multi-Purpose Room, closets, Library and Sunday School room. We appreciate your help.

Joe Mulino, Senior Warden



Do you wonder, “What the heck is ALF?”

When looking over the list of volunteer opportunities at Iona Hope, how many of us think of the 1980’s sitcom based on the misadventures of a misshapen alien stranded in Middle America when we see the listing for ALF? For a number of years Iona Hope has not provided outreach to Alien Life Forms; it has, however, been serving Christ in the community by hosting worship opportunities in two near-by Adult Living Facilities. Our service is an abbreviated Sunday Eucharist presented in the chapels of Brookdale on College and Brookdale at Cypress Lake, both Continuing Care Retirement Communities. For our brothers and sisters at these locations this their Sunday worship service and they dress for the occasion. Almost from the beginning they insisted that we collect an offering and several are pledging members of Iona Hope. Music is an important part of this service and everyone’s pleasure in singing old, familiar hymns is one of the many joys experienced by our volunteers. Iona Hope prepared service books for worshippers which contain the words to these hymns and our “Service of Prayer, Praise and Holy Communion.” During the service we have a brief message based on the Bible lessons for the day and pray responsive Prayers of the People. There is time for prayers for loved ones and thanks for blessings received as well as healing. After the confession, passing of the peace, and the Lord’s Prayer, the sacrament of Eucharist is administered to all who wish to receive it.

All of us involved in ALF agree that this is a ministry that gives back to us much more that we give to it. We go out in pairs and every team brings its own unique flavor to the structured service. Each person brings different gifts to this ministry, but we all share a desire to communicate our faith in God and the love shown to us by Jesus Christ. Our goals include the wish to bring comfort and hope to our congregants but also to encourage them to continue to grow in their faith journeys. In doing this our own faith and growth is strengthened and expanded. Some of us have the gift of always remembering people’s names. Others enjoy interpreting the Bible readings for the day. Several have a healing touch which physically communicates God’s love and compassion. Those blessed with lovely voices are quick to raise a glad song. For all of us the act of sharing the Eucharist in this intimate way is both blessed and blessing

You, too, are a part of our ALF services. The Eucharistic Elements we use were blessed at our altar at Iona Hope. In our services we petition God, just as our congregation does in the nave at Iona Hope: “We pray for your church throughout the world...Unite us in your truth and love....” If you would be interested in joining us in this ministry, contact Father Ray. If you have further questions about ALF call Trish Kyser .

IONA-HOPE WEBSITE www.ionahope.org



Screen capture of what the bottom right of our home page on our website looks like.



We would like to share with you what part of the home page on our website looks like. Above is a screen capture of all the information that can be found on our website by clicking on each individual link. We will continue using newsletter and weekly bulletins for all information but we are also making it available online.

This time of year mail can get lost in the shuffle, especially when people are travelling to and from summer and winter homes. All mailings that go out will be available on our website, including stewardship letters, pledge cards, volunteer forms. We encourage you to use our website for any information or you can contact the church office if you feel that something needs to be added to the website. You can also contact Marnie in the church office if you would like her to show you how to navigate around the website to make it easier on you.

Please be reminded all schedules, bulletins, newsletters and weekly readings are also available on the website.

Fats, Oils & Sweets

- Jelly and jam, Honey
- Sugar
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable oil
- Syrup
- Salad dressing

Milk, Yogurt & Cheese

- Infant formula
- Powdered milk
- Instant breakfast drinks
- Canned and boxed pudding

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans & Nuts

- Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew
- Bean soups
- Canned or dried beans, Baked beans
- Canned Chili
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Nuts

Vegetables

- Canned Vegetables, Vegetable Soup
- Canned Tomato products
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baby Food Vegetables
- V-8 Juice

Fruits

- Canned Fruit, Raisins, Applesauce
- Dried Fruits
- Baby Food Fruit
- Fruit Leather (100% fruit)
- Canned & Boxed 100% Juice

Bread, Cereal, Rice & Pasta

- Rice and rice mixes
- Canned Pastas
- Noodle mixes, Dry noodles and pastas
- Macaroni and Cheese Mix
- Cold Cereals
- Bran Cereal Shredded Wheat
- Infant Cereal
- Hot Cereal Mixes, Oatmeal
- Bread & Muffin Mixes
- Pancake Mix
- Whole-Grain Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Graham Crackers
- Flour



Midweek Service

From Mother Suzy

Wednesday mornings

Please remember our Wednesday morning service of healing and communion continues each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the back of the Church by the River Jordan.

This is a smaller, quieter more intimate service that offers healing prayers and communion.



Prayer Group meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9 - 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

Everyone is welcome. If you have a prayer request that you would like the group to include in their prayers, please let the office know or Mother Suzy.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Transforming Generosity – August-September 2019

“God of all good things, open our hearts to fresh ways of serving you and your world; open our minds to new ways of sharing all that you have given to us; open our souls so that we may be filled with your overflowing love. Amen.”

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Our generosity can transform our community and it can also transform us. Our theme of “Transforming Generosity” invites us to thoughtful action informed by spiritual reflection.

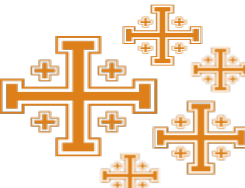
Outwardly, we are called to examine our ability to give of ourselves to support our church’s ministries – worship, operations, “in-reach” to our fellow parishioners, and outreach to people in the world beyond. We understand that the soundness of Iona – Hope’s financial ability to carry out its ministries depends on our collective generosity; at whatever level we are personally comfortable.

Inwardly, as we reflect on how and why we serve, we realize we have been blessed – perhaps transformed – by our experiences. We recognize that when we give of ourselves, our generosity of heart transforms us: in the way we welcome newcomers, help a stranger, care for someone in need, forgive those who have offended us, care for our planet, live our loves of empathy. Transforming generosity as such expands our ability to love and be compassionate towards others, and with God’s help multiplies our capacity to transform the wider community in which we live.

Our efforts continue throughout the year and the needs are many

Please join us as we give and grow together, sowing generosity in our church, our community and in our lives.

Faithfully yours, The Stewardship Team

transforming  *generosity*

THE TOWEL

A kitchen towel may be a welcomed gift if your old ones are stained or getting worn out. But have you ever stopped to consider that throughout history the towel has had many significant uses?

A mother tenderly wipes the tears of a small child; loved ones are comforted with a cool, wet towel on a fevered forehead; the physician binds the wounds of a patient to stop the bleeding so that healing may begin; homemakers wipe their hands as they move about from task to task; laborers wipe the sweat from their brow.

Adventurous pioneers wrapped what precious few items they had in towels with hopes of bringing them to a brighter future. From the elegance of a “proper” tea, to the shenanigans of towel Snapping, many fond memories have been built around this simple piece of cloth.

Almost two thousand years ago, in a single, selfless act, a King took an ordinary towel and dried the feet of his disciples only hours before His crucifixion. Many of life’s most powerful lessons come through simplicity. May you use it for acts of kindness, giving of your heart, talents, and passions. The difference between a common towel and a loving tool lies in the heart of the one who possesses it.

Just a carpenter, just a supper, just a towel.



What Service do you go to?

Typically, this is one of the most frequent sayings when you meet someone at church for the first time.

Iona-Hope is in the process of updating our parishioner records and we would like this information to be part of our published directory.

Please contact the church office or email office@ionahope.org with your name and the service time you attend and we can begin updating our records.

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Assisted Living Facility.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS...

Are you ready?

Hurricane Season In Florida Has Begun!

If you are staying in town when a hurricane is approaching and you live alone, please let the church office know so we can make sure all our parishioners are safe when its over. You can

call the church at 239-454-4778 and leave a message with your name, phone number, departure date, expected return date, and an emergency contact number.



School starts back in Lee County on August 12th. Please be mindful of our local children at bus stops and street crossings. Slow Down.

PRAYER SHAWLS IN NEED OF SHOULDERS



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your ongoing help!

We want to gift a beautiful and Blessed prayer shawl to ANYONE you know who is struggling, facing major surgery, grieving, suffering, lonely or dying. They do not need to worship with us or live nearby. Our only request is that the shawl be given by a member of our Iona Hope Church representing all of us. Please contact Mother Suzy, Father Ray, Connie Walsh, or any member of our Shawl Ministry or Pastoral Care Team. We'd love your help in selecting a shawl from our large and beautiful inventory. We also have Blessed lap robes and pocket prayer shawls available. Please share in our loving and confidential outreach. Thank you! Connie Walsh.



COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a structure that is comprised of a group of compartments (known as “niches”) designed to repose cremation urns. Each niche can accommodate two urns.

The columbarium is retained within a wall (known as a housing structure) that is constructed of building materials complementary to the existing architecture of the church, allowing the project to look as if it is an intended part of the physical plant.

What are the benefits of a church columbarium?

Creating a columbarium ministry at Iona-Hope will allow us to fulfill the centuries-old obligation of serving from baptism to death. As the rite of baptism welcomed members into the church community, the centuries-old rite of Christian burial offered congregants a final homecoming and provided comfort to the living, with the knowledge their loved ones were near their spiritual gathering place. A columbarium will revive this churchyard tradition.

- It is a visible sign that the church cares for its members.
- It provides comfort to the family having a memorial to their deceased loved ones at the church.
- It provides a more favorable option as compared to other methods – it is economical, theologically sound and environmentally friendly.
- Offers a convenient way to handle pre-need concerns, relieving the surviving family of difficult decisions.

In addition to meeting these needs a columbarium ministry will strengthen ties between church and family. Family members are more likely to maintain their connection to the church, as visitations are now made easier. No longer will they have to pack up the station wagon and drive to a secular, often distant cemetery to visit a loved one’s final resting place. The family can visit and reflect before or after service.

This ministry unites the church, both past and present. Those who have come before us are once again part of the church and the entire community of faith can join in celebrating Christmas service, Easter sunrise service, weekly Sabbath services as well as weddings and other significant events.

We WILL be offering a pre-construction sale of niches beginning between 9/15 and 9/30 and ending on 12/31/19. More information and pricing will be announced in future bulletins and newsletters.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Where can you accomplish all of the below? Recruiting is underway!

Where else can you spend time with family?

Where else can you do community service together?

Where else can you be with many of your friends and family all at the same time?

Where else can you be appreciated immensely for your service?

Small Group members and Lay Pastors are a significant part of who we are at Iona-Hope. As our sojourners start leaving, we are in need of more volunteers.

Please look carefully at the volunteer list below and try to help out in at least one area.

Welcomers / Newcomers Desk

Welcomers play an essential part in making worshipers feel welcome in our church, and in making them comfortable in attending our services again. Our Newcomer ministry provides name tags and a gift package for our guests' at all three services.

Coffee Hour Volunteers

Volunteers for coffee hour after all services on Sundays. Duties include, setting up tables, making coffee and putting food and refreshments out on center table, clean up, emptying garbage, loading and unloading dishwasher etc. etc.

Audio/Visual Coordinators (Booth)

We need AV people every week to help out with the sound and projection systems. Training will be provided so if this interests you, please call the church office. This would require a commitment of not more than two services per month.

Readers

Two lessons are read at each worship service by one reader, and the Prayers of the People are read by another reader. The lessons reader and the POP reader are asked to come forward and read the lessons/POP from the lectern. The full texts of the lessons are provided to the reader weeks before the worship service. Periodic practice sessions will be held.

Quad Squad

Do you like working on the computer? Are you comfortable with Microsoft Word & Power Point? Would you like to learn to program the services at Iona-Hope that are projected on the big screens? Come join the Quad Squad! All your questions answered and one-on-one tutoring for as long as you think you need it. Please call Nancy Martins.

Training for service opportunities

We will provide training for you if you are interested in serving in any of these opportunities. We can also provide written job descriptions. Please call the church office at 239 454 4778.

Did you know????

Iona Hope's One More Time Thrift Store, is one of the larger contributors to Iona-Hope yearly income.

- ◆ The thrift store contributes \$600.00 monthly toward the building fund.
- ◆ They also donated \$20,000.00 to 12 different charitable organizations. You can find a list of these on our web site at www.ionahope.org and click on the One More Time Thrift Store link.
- ◆ This can be found on the what we do heading on the main menu at the top of page.

Now you can see how important the thrift store is to the church and our community

We are now halfway through another successful year. Please continue supporting us with your prayers, donations and business.

Give the gift of giving.
Contribute to the changing of
a kid, a family, a classroom, a community.



A Smile

**A smile costs nothing, but gives much-
It takes but a moment, but the
memory of it usually lasts forever.**

**None are so rich that can get along
without it-
And none are so poor but that can be
made rich by it.**

**It enriches those who receive,
without making poor those who give-
It creates sunshine in the home,
Fosters good will in business,
And is the best antidote for trouble-
And yet it cannot be begged,
borrowed, or stolen,
for it is of no value
Unless it is given away.**

**Some people are too busy to give you a
smile-
Give them one of yours-
For the good Lord knows that no one
needs a smile so badly
As he or she who has no more smiles
left to give.**

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



Vestry

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith,

Bishop

The Rev. Ray Buchanan

Rector

The Rev. Suzy Post

Associate Priest

Mr. Loren J. Strickland,

Music Director

Ms. Marnie Ike, Office

Cyndi Farmer, Office

Mr. Joseph Mulino - Senior Warden

Mr. Ray Zentis—Junior Warden

Mrs. Evelyn Reynolds, Ms. Andi Jerger

Mr. Bob Earl, Mr. Robin Mills,

Mrs. Margo Farrara and

Mr. Steve Walsh and Mrs. Debbie Prather

Mrs. Debbie Prather - **Treasurer**

Mr. John Thomas— **Assistant Treasurer.**

Ms. Patty Ingram- **Clerk of the Vestry**

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next meeting of the
Vestry will be

Tuesday, August 20th

@ 5:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Finance Team Meeting will be on

Tuesday, August 20th

@ 11:30 a.m.

Small Groups:

Acolytes
Al-Anon
Alcoholics Anonymous
Adult Living Facilities
Altar Guild
Book Club
Bridge Club
Bridge Club
Choir
Children's Ministries
Friday Faithful
Greeters
Habitat for Humanity
Harlem Heights Hunger Ministry
Hospitality
Justice Ministry
Men's Breakfast Club
Newcomer Ministry
Office Angels
Parish Nurse
Pastoral Ministry
Quad Squad
Readers
Shawl Ministry
Spanish Class
Spirituality
Supper Club
Technology
Thrift Shop
Welcoming Ministry
Women's Breakfast
Wonderful Wednesday-Adults

Leaders:

Margo Farrara

Trish Kyser
Robert Hunt
Sheryl Winters
Diane Shorey
Charlie Champlin
Loren Strickland
Barbra Bowman
David Rauppius
Ken Ingram
Bruce Moden
Deb Studybaker
Ardis Uberti
Steve Walsh
Ray Zentis

Bill Shaw
Julie Vergin
RuthAnn North
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