September 4th, 2026

Weekly Email From Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

THIS WEEK AT IONA-HOPE

Monday, September 7th, 2026 (Labor Day)
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. **Mahjong** (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026
6:00 P.M.-**AA Meeting** (Open-Adler Gathering Place)

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026
10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist Rite II** (Sanctuary)
6:30 P.M.-**BINGO** (Adler Gathering Place)

Thursday, September 10th, 2026
8:30 A.M. -**Breakfast Group** (Sunflower Cafe)

Friday, September 11th, 2026(Patriot Day)
6:00 P.M.-**Eye On Hope** (AA Open) (Adler Gathering Place)
6:00 P.M.-**Al-Anon** (Office/Library)

Saturday, September 12th, 2026
8:00 A.M. -**Steps to Awakening** (AA Closed)
(Adler Gathering Place)
5:00 P.M.-**Rite II-Holy Eucharist with Healing**

Sunday, September 13th, 2026
8:00 A.M.-**Rite I Holy Eucharist**
9:30 A.M.-**Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing**

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

Altar Flowers

This week's Altar Flowers are donated by Steve & Deb Studybaker in celebration of their Anniversary.

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.

Earlier this week, Iona-Hope hosted The Southern Deanery Convocation to learn more about the 58th Annual Diocesan Convention scheduled for this October at the Charlotte Harbor Convention Center.

Welcome
ONE
Witness

Diocese of Southwest Florida Convocation: Together as ONE !!!

ONE Witness
Tell Me Something Good
Updates and Announcements
ONE

OPENING PRAYER
ONE

Convention

ONE

Diocese *of* Southwest Florida

Join Our 2026 Convention Service Project

With many of our neighbors traveling north for the summer, local food pantries are struggling to keep their shelves stocked to meet the ongoing need in our community.

To help bridge this gap, we are joining with other Episcopal churches across our diocese for the 2026 Convention Service Project to support our local food pantries. The goal is simple: collect food, feed our neighbors, and show what we can accomplish anything when we work together as "**One Diocese**".

How You Can Help:
Please bring non-perishable food items to the church. Food donation baskets are located in the rear of the sanctuary. Food may also be dropped off Tuesday thru Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Please see Margaret in the church office.

High-Priority Items Needed:
Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
Canned soups, stews, and vegetables
Peanut butter and jelly
Pasta and pasta sauce
Rice and dry beans
Breakfast cereals and oatmeal

Every item collected directly supports local families facing food insecurity during these critical summer months.

Thank you for your generosity and for living out our shared mission to serve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 7th	Joe Mulino
September 8th	Emily Farrara
September 8th	Evelyn Metzger
September 9th	Elsie Thomas
September 9th	Ardeth Westrope
September 10th	Margo Farrara

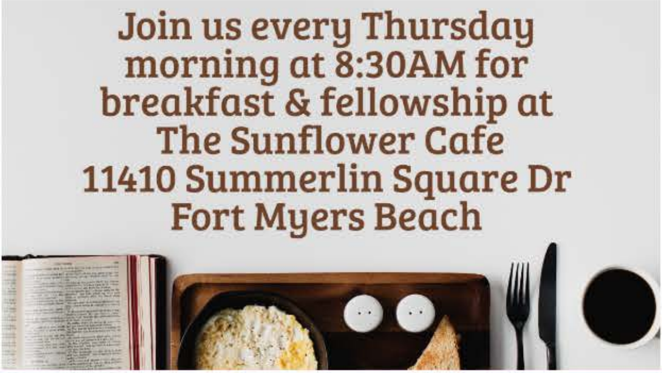
Make A Difference

This Weekend's Iona-Hope's Ministry Team

Altar Guild & MC's: Bob Hunt, and Cyndi Farmer.
Healers: Char Nelson and Lorraine Holley.
Lay Readers: Margaret Carr, Margo Farrara, Neil Tousley and Helen Sadler.
Audio/Visual: Margaret Carr, Margo Farrara, Thom Price,
Gary Stewart and Liam Gavin
Welcome Ministry: Patty Ingram, Margaret Carr,
Kurt DeChristopher and Ella Gavin.
Music Ministry: Karen Jarboe (Saturday Evening Guitarist)

If you would like to become part of any of these ministries, please contact the following group Leaders.

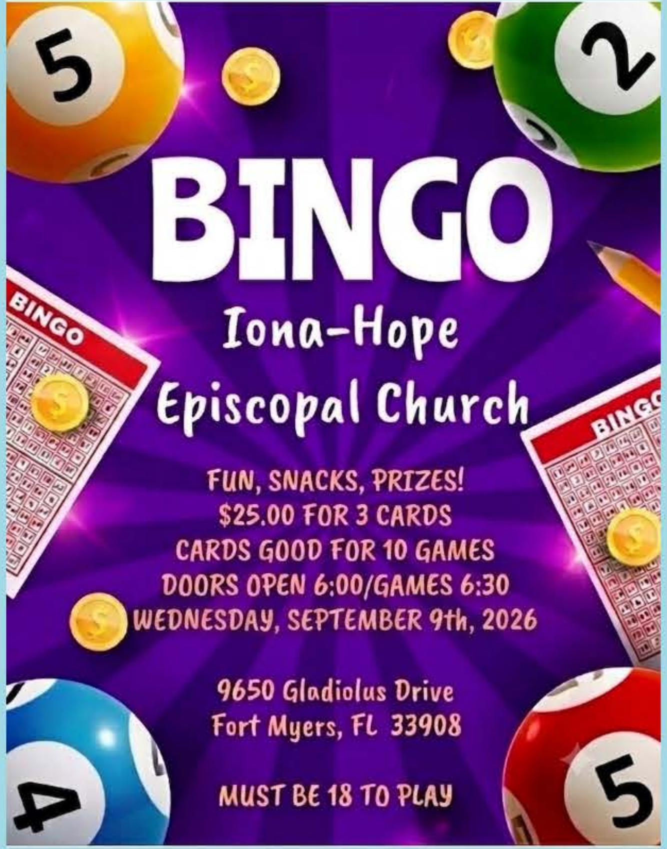
Altar Guild & MC'S: email **Bob Hunt** at **bobhunt56@msn.com**
Healers: email **Jackie Renner** at **jackierenner88@gmail.com**
Lay Readers: email **Sandy Blaine** at **sdblaine1014@gmail.com**
Audio/Visual: email **Margaret Carr** at **MediaDirector@IonaHope.org**
Welcome Ministry: email **Ken Ingram** at **jingram05@gmail.com**



Join us every Thursday
morning at 8:30AM for
breakfast & fellowship at
The Sunflower Cafe
11410 Summerlin Square Dr
Fort Myers Beach

JOIN US WEEKLY FOR GAMES & FELLOWSHIP

Every Monday from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M. is game day at Iona-Hope! Join us for **Mahjong** every Monday except for the 2nd Monday of the month when we play Mexican Train Dominoes! If you have any questions please reach out to Teresa Hufnagel at 847-840-5515.



BINGO

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

FUN, SNACKS, PRIZES!
$25.00 FOR 3 CARDS
CARDS GOOD FOR 10 GAMES
DOORS OPEN 6:00/GAMES 6:30
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 2026

9650 Gladiolus Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33908

MUST BE 18 TO PLAY

The **September Book Club** selection is **When the Cranes Fly South by Lisa Ridzen.**

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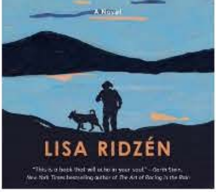
THE RUNAWAY INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER
WHEN THE CRANES FLY SOUTH


A Novel
LISA RIDZÉN
"This is a book that will echo in your soul." —Garth Stein, New York Times bestselling author of The Art of Racing in the Rain

AWARD • A profoundly moving debut novel that follows an elderly man's attempts to mend his relationship with his son before it's too late: an emotional story of love, friendship, fatherhood, dogs, and atonement that is already an international sensation. Bo is running out of time. Yet time is one of the few things he's got left. These days, his quiet existence is broken up only by daily visits from his home care team. Fortunately, he still has his beloved elkhound Sixten to keep him company … though now his son, with whom Bo has had a rocky relationship, insists upon taking the dog away, claiming that Bo has grown too old to properly care for him. The threat of losing Sixten stirs up a whirlwind of emotion, leading Bo to take stock of his life, his relationships, and the imperfect way he's expressed his love over the years. We will meet to discuss When the Cranes Fly South from 12:30-2:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 11th** in the Gathering Place. Please call Helen Sadler 239-218-5466 if you have any questions.

The next gathering of the Moving Forward Support Group will be held Thursday, September 17th at 10:00 A.M. in the Adler Gathering Place. If you're in need of support after suffering a loss of a loved one or any other loss, please feel free to attend a meeting. Attendees do not need to be members of Iona-Hope.

MOVING
FORWARD

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!**

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Upcoming Broadway Palm Shows

9-5 Thursday **November 12th**
Evening Show 5:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Show $70.00

9 to 5
THE MUSICAL

White Christmas Wednesday **December 9th**
Matinee Show 11:30am Lunch
1:00pm Show $65.00

Irving Berlin's
WHITE
CHRISTMAS

Oklahoma Thursday **January 21st**
Evening Show 5:30pm
Dinner/7:30pm Show $70.00

Grease Thursday **February 25th**
Matinee Show 11:30am
Lunch /1:00pm Show $65.00

Come From Away Thursday **April 15th**
Matinee Show 11:30am
Lunch /1:00pm Show $70.00

COME FROM AWAY

OUR 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:

Values
Core
Ethics
Integrity

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.

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www.ionahope.org

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Located next door to the Lee County Library at the corner of Gladiolus and Bass Rd

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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