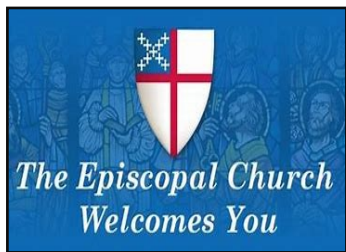


Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Second Weekend in Lent

February 28th & March 1st, 2026



Week of 3/2 through 3/8

Monday, March 2nd, 2026

10:30 A.M.-**Arthritis Exercise Program**

1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M. **Mahjong**

4:30 P.M.-**Lectio Divina**

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

9:30 A.M.-**Morning Prayer** (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 4th, 2026

5:00 P.M.-**HOA Meeting**

10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist Rite I**

6:30 P.M.-**Faith 250 Interfaith Meeting**

Edison Congregational Church 1619 Llewellyn Dr. Ft Myers

8:00 P.M.-Evening Prayer (Compline) (On Zoom only-Meeting ID 831 8753 0969 Passcode 029208)

Thursday, March 5th, 2026

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

3:00 P.M.-**Meditation Group** (Sanctuary)

Friday, March 6th, 2026

10:00 A.M.-**Shawl Ministry**

1:00 P.M.-**Tide Marsh HOA Meeting**

3:30 P.M.-**Evening Prayer**-In person (Sanctuary)

6:00 P.M.-**Eye On Hope** (AA-open)

Saturday March 7th, 2026

8:00 A.M.-**Steps to Awakening** (AA Open)

5:00 P.M.-**Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing**

Sunday, March 8th, 2026 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

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

9:30 A.M.-**Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing**

8:00 P.M.-**Compline with Bishop Scharf**

Meeting ID 889 8928 7750 Passcode Lent

Upcoming Birthdays

March 1st Robin Mills

March 6th Gordon McIntosh

March 6th Marcia Leidig

March 7th Nick Carrara



Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

9650 Gladiolus Drive Fort Myers, Florida 33908

Office Telephone: (239) 454-4778

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Rector's Telephone: (239) 980-3994

Rector's Email: Clergy@IonaHope.org

Web: www.ionahope.org

Office Email: office@ionahope.org

Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store

8750 Gladiolus Dr. #9C

Fort Myers, FL 33908 (239) 437-5333

Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.



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

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**

Many thanks to our group of dedicated office volunteers:

Susan Crawford, Vicky Dawson,

Lorraine Holley & Patty Ingram

Mrs. Marcia Leidig - **Senior Warden**

Mrs. Patty Ingram- **Junior Warden**

Mr. John Hufnagel, Ms. Debbie Prather,

Mrs. Marcia Leidig, Ms. Susan Crawford &

Mrs. Margo Farrara

Mrs. Helen Gierke -**Finance Committee Chair**

Mrs. Teresa Hufnagel-Clerk Of The Vestry



Daylight Saving Time 2026

Spring Forward!

Sunday, March 8, 2026

At 2:00 am, set your clocks forward 1 hour to...



2:00 AM

3:00 AM
Daylight Time

Clocks move forward 1 hour!



2nd Annual Mystery Auction This Sunday after the 9:30 A.M service!

For those of you who weren't here last year and those who need a refresher on all the fun – here is how it works. Music begins and our MC Larry invites you to start reviewing the bid sheets laid out on tables at the back of the church. Each bid sheet has a portion of a line item from the Iona-Hope 2026 budget. For instance, "One day of Utilities is \$49.00" The minimum bid for that item is \$49.00. Then, the bidding begins. Above each bid sheet is a mystery box. If you win the bid, you win the contents of the mystery box – like a gift card to a restaurant or a boat ride or tickets to the Broadway Palm.

While perusing the tables you can sip on a mimosa, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, your choice. As the bidding winds down, a light lunch will be offered. And then it is time to announce the winners and award the boxes. There will be an opportunity to have a Yankee Trade led by our own Yankee Trader, Steve Walsh. As you leave, take your winning bid sheet to the teller and pay by check, cash or credit card. If you forget, we know where you live. Come one and all and bring your friends for a fun time to help Iona-Hope. Let's beat last year's auction of \$20,000!

Ushers & Greeters



JOIN OUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Welcoming Ministry at all of our services! If you are able to greet people before services, be a welcoming face at our help desk for new attendees, or be able to present the food donations and offerings, please contact **Ken Ingram** at jingram05@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 22ND

Iona-Hope will have a **Celtic Fest** in the afternoon of March 22nd.



This is essentially an open house membership drive. The goal is to have many people attend and experience Iona-Hope's welcoming atmosphere.

This event is for all ages. We will have free entertainment starting with Irish dancers and a bagpiper in the Sanctuary and then an Irish band will play outside while children do crafts and have fun playing in the bouncy houses.

The **FK Your Diet food truck** will be here (FK stands for Foster Kids). And we will have a vendor or two – one of whom will sell Celtic crosses and jewelry.

We ask that parishioners bring friends/neighbors with them. If you know of someone who you always thought would enjoy Iona-Hope and possibly make Iona-Hope their spiritual home, this is the event to bring them. Next weekend, we will have postcards in the Sanctuary with all of the details. Please give these to your friends and neighbors. We will be marketing this event, but nothing beats a personal invitation.

We will need volunteers to help with greeting attendees, crafts and watching the bouncy houses. Please email hufnageljohn@yahoo.com if you are willing to volunteer. Thank you!

MARCH BOOK CLUB

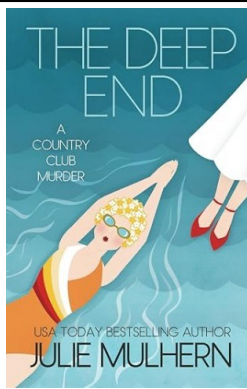
The March Book Club selection is
The Deep End: A Country Club Murder by **Julie Mulhern**

Swimming into the lifeless body of her husband's mistress tends to ruin a woman's day, but becoming a murder suspect can ruin her whole life.

It's 1974 and Ellison Russell's life revolves around her daughter and her art. She's long since stopped caring about her cheating husband, Henry, and the women with whom he entertains himself. That is, until she becomes a suspect in Madeline Harper's death.

The murder forces Ellison to confront her husband's proclivities and his crimes—kinky sex, petty cruelties and blackmail. As the body count approaches par on the seventh hole, Ellison knows she has to catch a killer. But with an interfering mother, an adoring father, a teenage daughter, and a cadre of well-meaning friends demanding her attention, can Ellison find the killer before he finds her?

We will meet to discuss **The Deep End** from 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 13th** in the meeting area in the Iona-Hope Sanctuary. Please call **Helen Sadler** 239-218-5466 if you have any questions.



Lenten Practices

In addition to the variety of prayer and worship service that we have, the Daily Offices will be offered twice a at Iona-Hope. Please join us for **Morning Prayer on Tuesdays at 9:30 A.M. and Evening Prayer Fridays at 3:30 P.M.**

Lenten Adult Formation - Sundays at **10:45 A.M.** during Lent.

Celtic Spirituality: Deep Roots for a Modern Faith by the **Reverend Chris Hardman.**

February 22nd – Who were the ancient Celts and what was their life and spirituality like before becoming Christians?

March 1st- How did their conversion to Christianity take place and how did their way differ from the Roman Catholic way?

March 8th- Why are Iona and Lindisfarne so sacred and so important?

March 15th- How does this form of Christianity compare with the Christian mystics of the Middle Ages?

March 22nd-What Celtic practices can deepen our modern faith.



Forty Days – Forty Items

Lent has begun and here is a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or home that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! Donations can be dropped off at:

Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store
8750 Gladiolus Dr. #9C
Fort Myers, FL 33908 (239) 437-5333
Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

faith250 Sacred Bonds, Shared Hopes Interfaith Event

Thursday, March 5
6:30-8:00pm

Edison Congregational Church
1619 Llewellyn Dr. Fort Myers, 33901

Join our interfaith community for a communal reading of Emma Lazarus's poem *The New Colossus* on the Statue of Liberty. We'll reflect on our shared humanity and America as the land of freedom and opportunity.

Sponsored by: Cypress Lake United Methodist Church, Edison Congregational Church, Iona-Hope Episcopal Church, Temple Beth El & Temple Judea

Part of Faith 250- a national interfaith project to come together in fellowship, meaningful conversation, and local rituals that celebrate our shared civic story.

MONTHLY ANIMAL MINISTRY SUPPER

Please join us on **MARCH 7th at 6:00 P.M.** following our 5:00 P.M. Service for our monthly Animal Ministry supper.

This month's supper will include:

All Are Welcome! All donations benefit the Iona-Hope Animal Ministry.

Animal Ministry



IONA-HOPE WEEKLY PRAYERS & PETITIONS

We pray for all of the ministries & small groups at Iona Hope especially the **Alter Guild**.

We pray for all members of our congregation especially the **Reif family, the Renner family, the Ricca family, the Riss family and the Rosemann family**.

We pray especially for **Gladiolus Food Pantry**.

We pray for the world, where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

We pray for those in the armed services and pray for unity in our country and the world, and all victims of war and violence. We pray for peace.

We pray for our President, Governor, and all who serve our government that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers especially; **Mariann, Dr. Brian, Cindy, Teresa, Ray, Lorilyn, Maggie, Hazel, Sue, Donna, Craig, Anissa, John, Lynn, Thom, Lucia, Vinni, Lisa, Lucas, Glenn, Eddie, Tracy, Ava, Sue, the Parrilli Family, Brad, Sabrina, Tyler, Ann, Jamie & Peter**.

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

We pray for our pets: especially **Toby, Sammie, Calvin Keiko and Nola**.

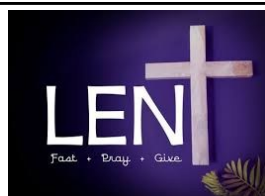
We pray for our pets who have recently died.

A big thank you to our Lay Readers this week: Vicky Dawson, Julie Vergin, Steve Walsh, Valerie Gavin and Jackie Renner.

If you would like to become part of our Lay Readers Ministry, please email Sandy Blaine at sdblaine1014@gmail.com.



Lent is a season of preparing one's heart and mind for Holy Week and Easter. For this reason there are changes to our worship services: in the order of service, in the prayers and songs we sing, and in the Holy Silence kept for personal reflection before the service. While change can sometimes be jarring at first, please know they are intentionally done to help aid in our communal worship during this Lenten season. If you're curious about any of the changes please feel free to ask Mtr. Jenny or a member of the Liturgy Team.



If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact **Mother Jenny at 239-980-3994 or Julie Vergin at 612-296-8202**.

If you have a situation that needs prayer, the **Prayer Team** will be glad to help. Prayer is powerful; we know it can make a difference. Send your request to us at **mooremarilynw@gmail.com**

For the monthly **“Prayers Of the People”** list, please email **Margaret** with your request to **MediaDirector@IonaHope.org** or call us in the office at **239-454-4778**.

WEEKLY EMAIL

If you would like to receive our weekly email, please contact the church office. (239) 454-4778 or email Margaret at MediaDirector@IonaHope.org

If you wish to donate flowers in memory or in thanksgiving of someone special, there is a sign up sheet located next to the Coffee Hour table in the sanctuary. Look for the sign that says “Sign-up sheets”.



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.

IONA-HOPE ATTENDANCE

February 18th thru February 22nd

		In Person	Online
Wednesday	10:00 A.M		
Saturday	5:00 P.M		
Sunday	8:00 A.M		N/A
Sunday	9:30 A.M		