



The New Hope

The Newsletter of IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH June & July 2019

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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

From the Rector

 Greetings.
 Where ever you are, I hope that your summer is going well. We will be busy at Iona-Hope. We have submitted our civil drawings to Lee County and are awaiting permits based on these. The architect has submitted the final drawings and we have approved them. They are being submitted to Lee County for permits. These submissions are on-time to receive the permits and start our demolition and construction by July 1. He is submitting the final drawings to Homecoming, the company that is manufacturing the niches for the columbarium.
 We have been working on scheduling and timing issues. At this time, I will move into Mother Suzy's old office space for a few months until my new office is completed. We plan to have the new gathering place ready for occupancy before we remove the existing gathering place. The hope is that we will not have any time that we do not have larger meeting space.
 There will likely be a couple of times that the office will be closed. At one time, we will need to change our main electrical feed. On another, they will be cutting a doorway for the new library and installing the door for my office. We will keep you up to date on any closings. We hope to complete the phase of our project by the end of November.
 On another note, I will go on vacation on July 15 and return to the office on August 12. During my vacation, Mother Suzy is in charge of liturgical and pastoral services and Joe Mulino is over administrative functions. I will be moving my office and addressing other issues prior to July 15. It is an exciting time at Iona-Hope. We pray that all goes well in our project and in your lives.
 Peace, Ray+



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, June 6th, 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. We will publish the July date as soon as possible seeing as it falls on the 4th of July this year.



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 July 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

Beauty and The Beast

“Be Our Guest” as we step into the enchanted world of Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*! The classic “tale as old as time” tells of Belle, a young woman in a small town, and a Beast, who is really a young prince under a spell. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. Time is running out and if the Beast doesn’t learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed forever. The spirited, headstrong Belle enters the Beast’s castle after he imprisons her father and with the help of his enchanted servants, Belle begins to draw the cold-hearted Beast out of his isolation.

2019–2020 Upcoming Shows

Once

Finding Neverland

Sounds of Christmas

Grumpy Old Men

Kinky Boots

Something Rotten

Swing

The Sound of Music

Dates to be arranged

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.



PENTECOST WEEKEND—June 8th & 9th.

Iona-Hope will be celebrating Pentecost the weekend of **June 8th & 9th.** To help in this celebration we are looking for volunteers who can read and speak a language other than English to proclaim the Gospel for that weekend in as many tongues as possible. Volunteers are needed for all three services. A translated copy of the Gospel reading will be provided in each language requested prior to that weekend. Please contact the church office (office@ionahope.org) or Mother Suzy suzypost@ionahope.org to let us know which language you would like to read and what service you will be attending. Thank you for helping



us make this weekend special. Please remember to wear an item of red clothing or red accessories at all services on this weekend.

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

June 1	Rob Lowder	June 14	Liz Flesh
June 1	Mary Jane Buster	June 17	Joanie Youngquist
June 2	Joyce Cunningham	June 19	Kathy Jones
June 5	Trudy DeRemo	June 21	Judy Rubens
June 5	Ken Thomas	June 23	Chuck Gauger
June 5	Peggy Richmond	June 23	Bob Thomas
June 6	Virginia Craft	June 23	Ian Pulley
June 6	June Lockhart	June 25	Pam Lowder
June 11	Barbara Bowman	June 26	Eileen Carrara
June 12	John Morley	June 27	Susan Crawford
June 12	Janet Brooks	June 28	Madison Ike
June 14	Irene Anderson	June 29	Ken Galyean

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken & Donna Owens	June 3rd
Roger & Kate Ruth	June 3rd
Tom & Carole Utz	June 10th
David & Ann Cherie Dye	June 11th
Marshall & Judi Hughes	June 14th
Robin & Jan Mills	June 14th
Jim & Pat DeArmond	June 16th
Steve & Barbara Calabro	June 24th

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

July 1	Mary Jane Dunn	July 19	Peggy Adams
July 3	Roger Walker	July 20	Joanna Hogan
July 4	Mariann Jones	July 20	Kelly Trotter
July 4	Ron Pilgrim	July 22	Barbara McIntosh
July 4	Barb Pastorius	July 23	Claire Bolger
July 5	Loren Strickland	July 24	John Law
July 6	Mike Houle	July 24	Lynne Pilgrim
July 8	Deborah Studybaker	July 26	Ray Farrara
July 10	Bill Hurst	July 27	David Dye
July 11	Patrick Hunt	July 27	Lindsay Pulley
July 12	Neil Tousley	July 27	Tom Young
July 13	Judi Hughes	July 29	Marshall Hughes
July 14	Lee Anne Caswell		
July 14	Robert Hunt		
July 17	Tom Utz		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tom & Mary Jean Ross

July 23

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IONA-HOPE'S ONE MORE TIME THRIFT STORE

We are asking parishioners, families and friends in our community to continue to donate gently used furniture to our thrift store.

Requested furniture items include... • Dining sets, • Bedroom sets • Tables • Dressers • Bookshelves

If you're moving, remodeling your house or heading back up North and need to donate some of your furniture, feel free to call our thrift store at 239-437-5333 and we can pick it up for you!

Quick note: We do not accept mattresses. Also, gently used furniture is always preferred. We greatly appreciate your furniture donations as the proceeds help and 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.)

June 21 - *Florida* by Lauren Groff - 275 pgs. (short story fiction) - Trish Kyser

July 19 - *The Woman in the Window* by A. J. Finn - 449 pgs. (fiction)- John & Sherry Winters

August 16 - *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

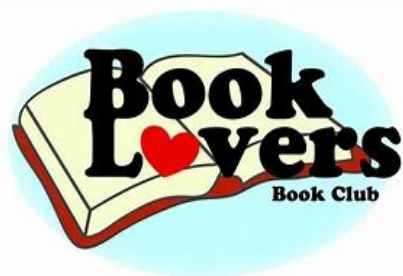
November 15 - Vote on books for the next year

December 20 - Holiday luncheon

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To Read

Iona-Hope Book Club – June 2019

The next book club meeting will be **Friday, June 21st** at 1:15 p.m. at the church. The book for June is “*Florida*” by *Lauren Groff*, 275 pgs. (short story fiction). Trish Kyser will be our discussion leader.



The Book:

In her thrilling new book, Lauren Groff brings the reader into a physical world that is at once domestic and wild—a place where the hazards of the natural world lie waiting to pounce, yet the greatest threats and mysteries are still of an emotional, psychological nature.

The stories in this collection span characters, towns, decades, even centuries, but *Florida*—its landscape, climate, history, and state of mind—becomes its gravitational center: an energy, a mood, as much as a place of residence. Groff transports the reader, then jolts us alert with a crackle of wit, a wave of sadness, a flash of cruelty, as she writes about loneliness, rage, family, and the passage of time. With shocking accuracy and effect, she pinpoints the moments and decisions and connections behind human pleasure and pain, hope and despair, love and fury—the moments that make us alive. Startling, precise, and affecting, *Florida* is a magnificent achievement. (Goodreads)

FINALIST FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER OF THE 2019 STORY PRIZE ONE OF NPR'S BEST BOOKS OF 2018

The Author:

Lauren Groff is a New York Times bestselling author of three novels. She has been a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Kirkus Prize, and the LA Times Book Prize. Her work has been featured in *The New Yorker*, along with five Best American Short Stories anthologies, and she was named one of 2017 Best Young American Novelists.

She lives in Gainesville, Florida, with her husband, Clay, two sons and her dog, Cooper.

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.





KATHY AND MIKE DONLAN
WILL BE HOSTING SUPPER
CLUB AT HER HOME IN FORT
MYERS

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019
@ 6:30PM.

Attendee's are asked
to bring an appetizer and/or
dessert of their choice and a
beverage for you to
drink. Kathy and Mike
would like the food theme to
be "Americana" and they will
be cookin up the hot dogs.

Please email ONLY Ardis
your reservation
at ardisub@gmail.com
The minimum donation to
the Hunger Ministry is
\$10.00 per person. Please
inform me if you've signed
up and can't attend, since
we wait until everyone
arrives before saying the
prayer.

DIRECTIONS WILL BE
PROVIDED AS WE GET
CLOSER TO THE DATE.

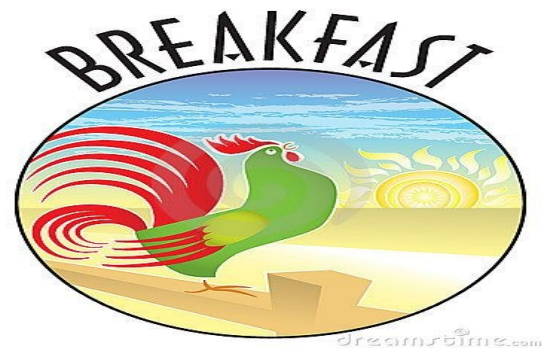
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Women's Breakfast Group—

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 selec-
tion. 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.



The Christian holy day of **Pentecost**, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after [Easter](#), commemorates the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) upon the [Apostles](#) and other followers of [Jesus Christ](#) while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the [Feast of Weeks](#), as described in the [Acts of the Apostles](#) ([Acts 2:1–31](#)). In [Christian tradition](#), this event represents the birth of the early Church.

In [Eastern Christianity](#), Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of [Easter](#) through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts is called the "[Pentecostarion](#)". Since its date depends on the [date of Easter](#), Pentecost is a [moveable feast](#).

The holy day is also called "White Sunday" or "[Whitsunday](#)", especially in the [United Kingdom](#), where traditionally the next day, [Whit Monday](#), was also a public holiday (now fixed by statute on the last Monday in May). In Germany Pentecost is called "[Pfingsten](#)" and often coincides with scholastic holidays and the beginning of many outdoor and springtime activities, such as festivals and organized outdoor activities by youth organizations. The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European nations.



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.

We are looking for someone to help with doing an inventory for the kitchen supplies. This would be bi-weekly in our slow months and weekly in our seasonal months. Marnie will order all supplies. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Marnie in the church office 239-454-4778 or

office@ionahope.org





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.



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.



**HOME OF
THE FREE
BECAUSE OF
THE BRAVE**

A trip to “Second Chances” and how it has evolved

**Second
Chances**

For many years we have been fans of the Iona-Hope visits to the Broadway Palm Dinner theater and we have watched with great pleasure the evolution of Tom Prather’s “Second Chances- the Thrift Shop Musical”.

We first saw it in the small theater and then as Tom explained it went through a rewrite which is typical for any play or musical. A new version appeared some years later in Naples at the 5th Avenue Theater and it had improved dramatically with the introduction of a narrator role for Wally. This major change really brought the idea that all the characters in the play were having “Second Chances” and made the production complete. We realized we were dealing with characters with experiences and second chances in illness, crime and all sorts of human issues.

Plays and Shows make it to the Broadway or London stages after many reiterations and even trial runs in cities like Buffalo or Manchester. Same for “Second Chances” and who knows where it will end up.

We have been fans of Victor Lagretta, who played Kleinbauer, the tight fisted landlord, with such verve. It is always fun to watch him with his fantastic moves. Oh, by the way, all the orchestration for the music and songs was done by our very own Loren Strickland and what great music it was! Several years ago, Tom explained he had more work to do but he was hoping to bring it to the main stage at Broadway Palm.

As you know we have been away for some time but on arriving home we found it was playing its finale on our first night home! So off we went.

What a joy to see the current play; we enjoyed the ribbing of Episcopalians, the music and the great cast. It is always good to be able to laugh at yourselves, specially nowadays!

We just want to say well done Tom and thanks for the stories and lots of fun

Robin and Jan Mills

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 – Summer 2019

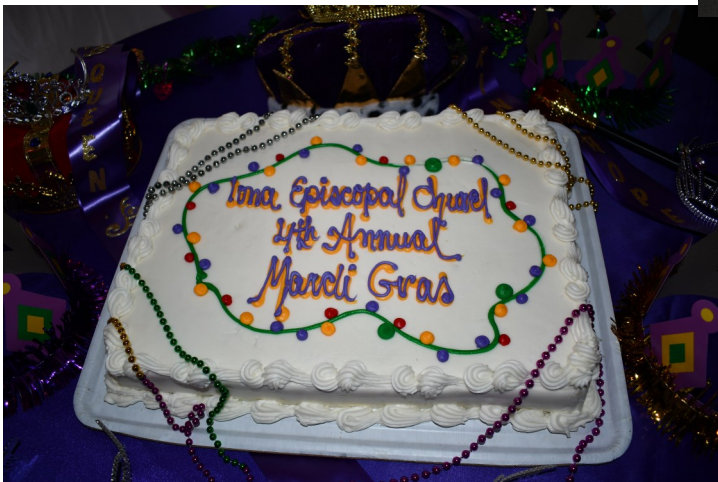
Generosity is the most natural expression of an inner attitude of compassion.

From the celebration of our 4th Annual Mardi Gras in March to the daily acts of compassion that we present to the world, Iona-Hope Episcopal Church is a very special place. Our Prayers, Ministries and Outreach enable us to support our expanding community.

As the Summer begins and our members depart for and return from various activities, let us remember that Iona-Hope continues as a vital and vibrant part of Southwest Florida. Our contributions in support of our Mission are as needed now as ever.

As construction begins on our next phase of our physical being, let us remember that our efforts in supporting the various outreach opportunities do not start and stop with “The Season”. Needs within our community are even greater during the slower summertime. Many thanks to all who work so hard to make Iona-Hope such a beacon in a sometimes-troubled world. We do make a difference.

What an amazing time!



2019 Thrift Store Outreach Distributions

The Iona-Hope One More time Thrift Store provides affordable quality clothing, shoes and accessories, housewares, furniture, knick knacks, books, works of art and much much more. Proceeds from the store benefit many organizations in our local area.

Because of your generous donations, listed below are the organizations that will receive an Outreach Grant from the Thrift Store in 2019.

The Thrift Store is run by an active group of dedicated volunteers and we are always seeking new volunteers. Training for all positions will be provided.

We could not have done it without you.

- ◆ LIFE
- ◆ Our Mothers Home
- ◆ Eva's Closet & Foundation
- ◆ Valerie's House
- ◆ ECHO
- ◆ Doghouse Rescue Academy
- ◆ Paws Crossed
- ◆ Salus Care
- ◆ El Hogar
- ◆ Harlem Heights Improvement Association
- ◆ Hope Clubhouse
- ◆ Gulf Coast Symphony



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.



In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates its Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.



June 14th, 2019



June 16th, 2019

Father's Day is observed annually on the third Sunday in June. This day is set aside to honor the role that fathers play in the family structure and society.

After the success of Mother's Day, Father's Day observations began to appear. The road to this national observance was not easy.

The first recorded celebration of Father's Day happened after the Monograph Mining Disaster, which killed 361 men and left around 1,000 children fatherless in December 1907. Grace Golden Clayton suggested to her pastor Robert Thomas Webb a day honoring all those fathers. On July 5th, 1908, a gathering in honor of these men took place at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as Central United Methodist Church, in Fairmont, West Virginia.

NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY

Every year employees across the country bring their dogs to work the Friday after Father's Day.

It's National Take Your Dog to Work Day.

A celebration of the companionship between canine and human, National Take Your Dog to Work Day hopes to inspire others to adopt from shelters and humane societies.



June 21st, 2019

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Each year on July 4, The United States celebrates Independence Day.

This day is a federal holiday which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Political speeches and ceremonies along with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, baseball games, class reunions and family reunions take place all across the country celebrating our independence.



NATIONAL MOON DAY

National Moon Day is observed annually on July 20 and commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in 1969. NASA reported the moon landing as being “...the single greatest technological achievement of all time.”

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 landed the first humans, Americans Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, on the moon. Armstrong stepped first onto the lunar surface, six hours after landing and spent two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. Aldrin spent slightly less time but together they collected 47.5 pounds of lunar material to bring back to Earth. Michael Collins piloted Apollo 11 and remained alone in orbit until Armstrong and Aldrin returned.

Watched by millions, the event was broadcast on live TV to a world-wide audience and all witnessed as Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface and described the event as “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

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.



Treasurer's CORNER

Our pledged and non-pledged income is down compared to last year and our expenses are up. This does not look good as we enter the slower months of the year.

We have opened a money market account at Midwest One Bank with capital campaign monies to earn interest until we need to use these funds beginning in July when construction will begin.

We have also completed the opening of an Endowment Account with the diocese. This gives us one more channel for giving to Iona-Hope.

Our tasks for the next several months will be to gather the capital campaign monies to meet our contractual commitment to the building contractor. It is important for all to keep their capital campaign pledges up to date.

Thank you all for your generosity to Iona-Hope.

Debbie Prather, Treasurer

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

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, June 11

@ 5:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Finance Team Meeting will be on

Tuesday, June 11

@ 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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