



# Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

## Fourth Weekend of Easter

April 20th & 21st, 2024



Celebrating 25 YEARS



### CALENDAR

Week of 4/22 through 4/28

#### Monday 4/22

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program  
4:30 p.m. Lectio Divina Small Group

#### Tuesday 4/23

3:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Gathering Place)  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

#### Wednesday 4/24

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

#### Thursday 4/25

8:30 a.m. Iona-Hope Breakfast Group (Sunflower Café)

#### Friday 4/26

6:00 p.m. Eye on Hope (AA-Open)

#### Saturday 4/27

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

#### Sunday 4/28

8:00 a.m. Rite 1 Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing

### Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

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### Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store

8750 Gladiolus Dr #9C, Fort Myers, FL 33908

(239) 437- 5333 - Store Manager—Mrs. Eileen Carrara



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

The Rev. Coleen Tully, *Interim Rector*  
Mr. Loren J. Strickland, *Music Director*  
Ms. Christine Shirley, *Musician*  
Mrs. Eileen Carrara, *Thrift Store Manager*  
Ms. Julie Vergin, *Parish Nurse*  
Ms. Margaret Carr, *Media Director*

Ms. Paula Paquette – **Senior Warden**  
Ms. Alison Kinch - **Junior Warden**



### Vestry Members

Ms. Paula Paquette, Mr. Rob Ricca, Ms. Alison Kinch, Mr. Steve Walsh, Ms. Patty Ingram, Mr. John Mitchell, Ms. Debbie Prather, Ms. Marcia Leidig, and Ms. Linda Griffin

Mr. Joe Mulino - **Treasurer**  
Mr. Thom Price— **Assistant to the Treasurer**  
Victoria Lines— **Clerk of the Vestry**





If you're currently not receiving our weekly email with the latest happenings at Iona-Hope, please email your request to be added to Margaret Carr at [MediaDirector@IonaHope.org](mailto:MediaDirector@IonaHope.org).

### 2024 Thrift Store Grants

Applications are now available for the 2024 Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store Grants. If you know of a local organization that could benefit from one of these grant awards, please have them submit the application no later than May 15th, 2024. The form can be picked up directly from the Iona-Hope Thrift Store, the church office, or on our Iona-Hope website under the thrift store tab.



To our seasonal visitors! Thanks so much for joining us this season! We look forward to seeing you again soon, and wish you safe travels back home! Stay in touch while you're away. If you're not receiving our weekly email please email Margaret at [MediaDirector@IonaHope.org](mailto:MediaDirector@IonaHope.org) to be added to our mailing list. You can also visit our website at [IonaHope.org](http://IonaHope.org) to watch our services live.



The May selection for Iona Hope's Book Club, *Go As A River* by Shelley Read, is set amid the beauty and wilderness of the Colorado mountains and is the unforgettable and deeply moving story of a young woman who follows her heart. Inspired by true events surrounding the purposeful destruction of the town of Iola in the 1960's, this is a story of deeply held love in the midst of hardship and loss, but also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and home. This debut novel was on many "best" book lists in the US, Canada and Europe. The Book Club will meet on May 10th from 12:30 until 2:00 in the Adler Gathering Place. Some of us bring a lunch at 12:00 for fellowship before the meeting begins. If you have questions please call Trish Kyser at 239 220-1510.



### Hope Garden ☺✌✝

Do you enjoy digging in the dirt and nurturing plants? Would you like to be part of a community-building project that brings together all ages and those from different socio-economic and racial/ethnic backgrounds?

Do you want to find ways to lessen our carbon foot print and be good stewards of the land we have been given?

Hope Garden intends to do just that. By creating raised-bed gardens at the back of our church property and inviting our neighbors to grow nourishing food with us, Hope Garden can help build bridges within our community and be a sign of God's abundant grace that is available to all. Intrigued?

If interested, there's a sign up sheet on the table located in the rear of the sanctuary. Contact Kathie Hart for more details: [kphart85@hotmail.com](mailto:kphart85@hotmail.com).

We ask that seasonal Ministry leaders turn their facility keys back into the church office prior to returning north for the season. Thank you for all you do for our Iona-Hope family! See you in the fall!





Altar flowers are donated  
this week in honor of the  
baptisms of:

Sally Thomson,  
Jordan Thomson and  
Rowan Hart.



**A BIG Thank You to all of our Lay Readers  
this week:**

**Nick Drakos**

**Andi Jerger**

**Sally Thomson**

**Jordan Thomson**

**Rowan Hart**



**We are in the process of updating our Church Directory!**

If you don't currently have a photo in our church directory and would like one, our Media Director Margaret Carr would love to take your photo! She is available after the 8:00 A.M. service, as well as before and after the 9:30 A.M. Service. We will also make arrangements for those attending the 5:00 P.M. service on Saturday evening ahead of time at your convenience.

If you do not currently have a Realm account, you may register at the web address :

<https://onrealm.org/IonaHope/Account/Start>

With Realm, you are also able to modify or schedule your annual pledge, add your birthday, update your mailing address, as well as look up contact information for fellow parishioners if needed.

If you have any questions, would like to schedule the taking of your photo, or would prefer sending your own picture for us to add to the directory, please email Margaret at [MediaDirector@IonaHope.org](mailto:MediaDirector@IonaHope.org).

From Your Vestry

Iona-Hope Friends,

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Bruce White will be our supply clergy for the entire month of May. He will be celebrant at our weekend services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, and Sunday 9:30 am. (Our Wednesday 10:00 am service will be lay-led Morning Prayer until the arrival of a Rector.)

A little about himself from Father White:

Married to Pam (50 years this November). Five sons living in Iowa (two), North Dakota, North Carolina and Florida. Thirteen grandkids. After 20+ years in corporate data processing, Pam and I moved to Sewanee, TN to attend seminary. After graduation, I served three years as assistant to the Rector at Christ Church in Bowling Green, KY and Chaplain to Western Kentucky University. In 2001, I accepted a call to be Rector at a family-sized parish, St. Michael and All Angels, in Anniston, AL. Then, in 2011, to be Rector of a large program-sized parish, St Alban's, in Tucson, AZ. I retired in January of 2023, and in September, we moved to Southwest Florida. Enjoying golf, living close to at least some of our family, and rooting on the Iowa Hawkeyes (I grew up just south of Iowa City) every chance we get.

We extend our warmest welcome and thanks to Father White for his time with us for the month of May.

In joyful gratitude,

Your Vestry



**Prayer for Our Search Committee and Vestry**

**In our search for a new rector, we've come this far by faith, Lord, trusting in your guidance. Thank you for the good progress that has been made. Now we lift to you our Search Committee and our Vestry as they choose from among the applicants the best one for Iona-Hope. Please save them from distractions that would hinder their judgement. May they stay healthy and clear-headed. Grant them the grace to ask what you would have them do, that your Spirit of wisdom will lead them to the best choice. We give you thanks and praise for all your gifts to our parish. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE April 20th & 21st

We pray for all the ministries at Iona-Hope, especially the Shawl Ministry.

We offer our thanksgivings for the many blessings of this day and all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

We pray for peace and unity in our country and the world.

We pray for all victims of violence. We pray for all those affected by war. We pray for all those affected by natural disasters. We pray for the LGBTQ Community, and all those marginalized in our country and the world We pray for those in the armed forces.

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

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers, especially:  
Alan, James, Tommy, Maggie, Maureen, Amanda, , Mary Ann, Molly, Mariann, Jimmy, Bruce, James, Shep, Bonnie, Joann, Miriam, John, Vicky, Peggy, Suzie, Brian, Bishop Curry, John, Jan, Lauren, Wendy, Reed, Cris, Henry the Frazee Family, Theresa, Leslie, Jean, Sue Ellen, George, Kate, Janey, Roseann, Joel, Ivon, Tara, Glorida, Lee Ann, Yvonne, Becca, Holly, Michael, Robin, Juniper and Kate, Kennedy Ann, Rob, Chris & Bill, Muriel Butler, Natalie, Carol, Chuck and Sara.

We pray for our confirmands, Rowan, Sally & Jordan.

We pray for our pets: Abby Girl, Bella, Sammie, Anna, Sophie H. Penny, Gracie, Renata, Sadie, Benny, and Brody, Tigger, Samantha, Dewebec, Lena Rose and Mr. D.

In our congregation we pray for:

The Nelson Family, The North Families, The Osborne-Family, The Owens Family, The Paquette Family, and The Pastorius Family.

Are there others for whom we should pray and blessings for which we give thanks?

**BIRTHDAYS**



- April 21st Sheryl Winters**
- April 23rd Alison Kinch**
- April 24th Norma Eveland**
- April 27th Haley Morales**
- April 27th Mollie Treadway**
- April 27th Beverly Bisasor-Richards**



This Weeknd's Hymns

- Hymn # 671 Amazing Grace
- Hymn # 488 Be Thou My Vision
- Hymn # 645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- Hymn # 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

If you have a prayer request for the "Prayers Of the People" list, please email Margaret with your request to [MediaDirector@IonaHope.org](mailto:MediaDirector@IonaHope.org) or call us in the office at 239-454-4778.

**IONA-HOPE ATTENDANCE**

**April 8th - April 14th**

		<b>In Person</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>

**God loves you.  
No exceptions.**



**The Episcopal Church welcomes you.**