

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
Fort Myers, Florida
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Iona-Hope is a Believe OUTLOUD Episcopal Congregation

THIS WEEK AT IONA-HOPE

Monday, November 9th, 2026
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.-**Mahjong Group** (Sanctuary)
3:30 P.M.-**Lectio Divina** (Sanctuary)
6:30 P.M.-**An Evening With Zamir Gotta** (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 10th, 2026
6:00 P.M.-**AA Meeting** (Open-Adler Gathering Place)

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026
10:00 A.M.-**Holy Eucharist Rite II** (Sanctuary)
6:30 P.M.-**BINGO** (Adler Gathering Place)
Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 12th, 2026
8:30 A.M.-**Breakfast Group** (Sunflower Cafe)
3:00 P.M.-**Meditation Group** (Sanctuary)

Friday, November 13th, 2026
10:00 A.M.-**Prayer Shawl Ministry** (Office/Library)
12:30 P.M.-**Book Club** (Office/Library)
6:00 P.M.-**Eye On Hope** (AA Open) (Adler Gathering Place)
6:00 P.M.-**Al-Anon** (Office/Library)

Saturday, November 14th, 2026
8:00 A.M.-**Steps to Awakening** (AA Closed) (Adler Gathering Place)
5:00 P.M.-**Rite II-Holy Eucharist with Healing**

Sunday, November 15th, 2026
8:00 A.M.-**Rite I Holy Eucharist**
9:30 A.M.-**Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing.**
10:45 A.M.-**Lay Readers Meeting**

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY TEAMS

Altar Guild & MC's: **Vicky Dawson, Sandy Blaine & Bob Hunt.**
LayReaders: **Susan Crawford, Margaret Carr, Helen Sadler, Larry Hanson & Jackie Renner.**
Healing Ministry:**Steve Walsh & Gerry McMahon.**
Audio/Visual: **Dave Dawson, Rick Pasqualini, Thom Price and Gary Stewart.**
Welcome Ministry: **Ken Ingram, Ardis Uberti, Kurt DeChristopher and Ella Gavin.**
Music Ministry: **Karen Jarboe**
(Saturday Evening Guitarist)

The Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, Rector
Mr. Loren J. Strickland, Music Director
Ms. Christine Shirley, Cantor
Mrs. Marnie Ike, Financial Administrator
Mrs. Eileen Carrara, Thrift Store Manager
Ms. Margaret Carr, Media Director
Many thanks to our group of dedicated volunteers:
Parish Nurse-**Ms. Julie Vergin**
Office Angels- **Susan Crawford, Vicky Dawson, Lorraine Holley, Patty Ingram and Peggy Hannon.**

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



IONA-HOPE WEEKLY PRAYERS & PETITIONS

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

We pray for all members of our congregation especially **the Thomas family, the Thompson family, the Tousley family, the Traif family and the Travers family.**

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers especially; **Mariann, Donnie, Cindy, Teresa, Lorilyn, Maggie, Hazel, Gail, Sherry, Peggy, Mike, Tommy, Ganinne, Bob, Donna, Jim, Barbara, Kas, Nancy, Neil, and Alan.**

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

We pray for our pets: especially **Sammie, Keiko, Storm, Lily, Samantha, Riley, Leah, Star and Donny** and for our pets who have recently died especially **Mr. Hamington and Nala.**

This weeks' Altar Flowers are donated by Leonard LeGrand in Memory of Malcolm "Mal" Dawson and also by Peggy Hannon in Memory of Alice Hannon.



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.

VESTRY

Mrs. Marcia Leidig-Senior Warden
Mrs. Patty Ingram-Junior Warden
Mr. John Hufnagel, **Ms. Debbie Prather**
Ms. Susan Crawford, Ms. Margo Farrara

Mrs. Helen Gierke-Finance Committee Chair
Mr. Robin Mills-Finance Committee
Ms. Paula Paquette-Finance Committee
Mrs. Teresa Hufnagel-Clerk Of The Vestry

Last weekend was a great kick-off for our Stewardship season! If you haven't received the stewardship mailing sent out last week, please reach out to the office at 239-454-4778 or email Finance@IonaHope.org.



The Collect:
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson-Wisdom 6:12–20
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.
The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

Psalm 70
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back, * because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Lesson-1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel-Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."