

Iona-Hope Episcopal Church

Fourth Weekend Of Easter

April 25th & 26th, 2026



Week of 4/27 through 5/3

Monday, April 27th, 2026
1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M. Mexican Train Dominoes



Tuesday, April 28th, 2026
6:00 P.M.-AA Meeting (Open-Gathering Place)

Wednesday, April 29th, 2026
10:00 A.M.-Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

Friday, May 1st, 2026
6:00 P.M.-Eye On Hope (AA-open) (Gathering Place)

Saturday, May 2nd, 2026
8:00 A.M.-Steps to Awakening (AA Closed)
5:00 P.M.-Rite II-Holy Eucharist with Healing

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
8:00 A.M.-Rite I Holy Eucharist
9:30 A.M.-Rite II Holy Eucharist with Healing

IONA-HOPE WEEKLY PRAYERS & PETITIONS



We pray for all of the ministries & small groups at Iona Hope especially the **Vestry and Finance Committee.**

We pray for all members of our congregation especially **the Ballen family, the Barlow family, the Belmont family, the Biasor-Richards family and the Bittner family.**

We pray for those who are committed to our daily prayers especially; **Mariann, Dr. Brian, Cindy, Teresa, Ray, Lorilyn, Maggie, Hazel, Sue, Eddie, Tracy, Sue, Tyler, Ann, Jamie, Peter, Stephen, Joe, Valerie, Bryant, Char, Nanci, Brent, Michael, Rachel, Scott, Anissa, Michael, Donnie, Fiona, Loretta, Lisa, Theodore, Linda, JoAnn, Gail and Sherry.**

We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died especially Joanna Wade Hogan.

We pray for our pets: especially **Toby, Sammie, Calvin, Keiko, Nola and Tebow.** We also pray for our pets who have recently died.

Upcoming Birthdays

- April 27th Mollie Treadway
- April 27th Haley Morales
- April 27th Beverly Bisor-Richards
- April 28th Marilyn Moore
- April 29th Michelle Ingram



This weekend's Altar Flowers are donated by Steve Studybaker in memory of his In-Laws. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or in thanksgiving of someone special, there is a sign up 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S HEALING TEAM –
SUNDAY APRIL 26TH
Ruth Ann North & Jackie Renner



A big thank you to our Lay Readers this week: **Margaret Carr, Vicky Dawson, Helen Sadler, Larry Hanson and Neil Tousley.**

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



The Lessons Appointed for Use on
April 25th & 26th 2026

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson-Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Psalm (23)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Lesson-1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

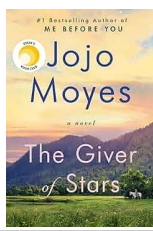
The Gospel-John 10:1-10



Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The May Book Club selection is **The Giver of the Stars** by Jojo Moyes. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 15th from 12:30-2:00pm in the Adler Gathering Place. Please call Helen Sadler 239-218-5466 if you have any questions.



JOIN US FOR BINGO

Wednesday May 6th in the Adler Gathering Place!

A great night of fun & fellowship! All Are Welcome! \$20.00 for 3 cards. Cards good for 8 games. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Must be 18 to play!



Give a Gift, Give Back!

Looking for the perfect gift that also makes a difference in our community?

The Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store is excited to announce that Refillable Gift Cards are now available!



Whether it's for a birthday, a thank-you, or just because, our gift cards offer the joy of discovery and the spirit of giving back.

The Details:

Flexible Value: Load any amount from \$5.00 to \$100.00.

Pure Value: There are NO card fees—every cent goes toward a great find.

Easy to Get: Simply ask any of our Store Managers for assistance during your next visit.

When you purchase a gift card, you aren't just giving a friend a shopping spree; you are supporting the vital missions and community work of Iona-Hope.

Stop by today and share the love!

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Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

REMINDER! Applications are available for the **2026 Iona-Hope One More Time Thrift Store Grants**. The deadline is fast approaching!

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

Join Us For **June Broadway Palm!** Thursday

June 11th at 7:30PM for The Sounds of 1967! Dinner & the Show are only \$68.00.

Sign-up sheets are located in both the sanctuary & the Adler Gathering Place.



IONA-HOPE ATTENDANCE

April 15th thru April 19th

		In Person	Online
Wednesday	10:00 A.M	5	—
Saturday	5:00 P.M	40	10
Sunday	8:00 A.M	9	N/A
Sunday	9:30 A.M	64	3

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MONTHLY ANIMAL MINISTRY SUPPER - SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026 at 6:15PM following the 5:00PM service.

We will be having baked ham, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, muffins, and chocolate cake for dessert. Comfort food all!



Once again we will be collecting pet supplies for local organizations. All are Welcome!

STAFF

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

Ms. Susan Crawford, Mrs. Margo Farrara

Mrs. Helen Gierke-Finance Committee Chair

Mrs. Teresa Hufnagel-Clerk Of The Vestry

