

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Heavenly Rest is dedicated to serving and creating community by proclaiming the good news of God's love for all. New here? Please fill out a welcome card from the back of the pew or on our website at heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



pack the pantry

all items needed
financial donations accepted

We need your help to stock our food pantry. Every Friday, our Outreach Ministry hands out sacks of groceries to those who are in need. We are currently serving over 50 families each week. **Right now, we most need personal care products including soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs. Sanitary products for women are also appreciated. We also need water, toilet paper, and paper towels.** Contributions can be dropped off at the church office. Financial donations are always welcome. Food coupons can also be donated.

Game Night! - Singles, couples, families - ALL are welcome to bring your family and friends for an evening of games in Gerhart Hall on Wednesday, August 10th. You are invited to bring finger foods to share (we will provide tea and lemonade) and your favorite table or floor game. We will gather from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Childcare is available for ages 4 and under.

Back-to-School Bash - Join us Sunday, August 14th between 9:00-10:15 a.m. or after the 10:30 service in Gerhart Hall and the Courtyard for a special school year kick-off! Priests will bless your children's backpacks and school devices. We will have a back-to-school photo booth. This is also an opportunity to sign up for Sunday School and other faith formation programs. Information will also be available for adult Sunday School opportunities.



School Supply Drive for Bowie Elementary School - As a part of our Back-to-School Bash on August 14th, we will be collecting school supplies for the resource closet at Bowie Elementary. The closet is almost empty, so any school supplies are welcome, but they are most in need of children's scissors, markers, dry erase markers, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, glue sticks, glue bottles, composition notebooks, and wide-ruled notebook paper. Items may be placed in containers in Gerhart Hall and the entry between the Nave and the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting the children of our community.



Children's Music Day Camp - The 2nd Annual Children's Music Day Camp is on Saturday, August 20th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Sacred Music Center. Students entering 2nd through 5th grades are invited to attend this fun-filled session of music making. Choristers will sing, play percussion and Orff instruments, and play a few musical games. The next morning, the singers will present an Introit and Benediction during the 10:30 service. All camp attendees must complete a Youth Info and Release form to be eligible to attend. For more information, please contact Jesse Ratcliffe at jratcliffe@heavenlyrestabilene.org or Shelly Reed at slreed796054@yahoo.com.

Join the Choir - Come make a joyful noise with our choir! For those of you that have considered adding your voice to the ranks of the adult choir, but are unsure of the experience, here's your chance to join the choir. Drop by the choir room on August 21st at 9:45 a.m. to learn a simple anthem. The only requirements are an open mind and a willing heart. Contact Jesse at jratcliffe@heavenlyrestabilene.org for copies of the choral scores and practice tracks.

Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Exploring Spiritual Treasure is looking ahead to a fantastic fall with a new class beginning on Sunday, September 11th in Gerhart Hall with breakfast and spiritual formation from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. This class is for those new to the Episcopal Church, those interested in confirmation and membership, and those seeking a deeper spiritual life. This intergenerational class invites high schoolers through adults for deep spiritual connection and community. For more information contact Mother Corrie at ccabes@heavenlyrestabilene.org



Youth Confirmation - Know a high school teen who might be interested in their next mature step of faith? We will be offering monthly mini-retreats on campus starting in September, just for teens, in addition to weekly Sunday Exploring Spiritual Treasure classes. Adult mentors and clergy will help guide teens through confirmation topics throughout the fall. **Parents and teens are invited to our intro classes on August 21st and 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Gerhart Hall.** Contact Mother Corrie or Carol Ann for more info.

Rally Night - Join us in Gerhart Hall on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:00 for "Rally Night." This will be an opportunity to hear about upcoming events this Fall and learn about some of the ministries in which you can be involved at Heavenly Rest. Representatives of various ministries will host people for dinner and conversation about the ways they can participate in the life of this community.



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Is there something you would like to share with the church? Please submit announcements and materials to the Communications office. Contact our Director of Communications, Blaine Beyer, at bbeyer@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Libbe & Robert Gillespie by Emily Canrobert & Garrett Gillespie.

SAVE THE DATES

August 14th - Back-to-School Bash!

9:00 a.m. - Gerhart Hall and the Courtyard

August 20th - Children's Music Day Camp

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sacred Music Center

August 21st - Children & Youth Sunday School begins

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Parish House

August 21st & 28th - Youth Confirmation Introduction

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Gerhart Hall

August 28th - Liturgy at Lyndale

2:00 p.m. - Lyndale Memory Care, 6568 Central Park Blvd.

August 31st - Rally Night

6:00 p.m. - Gerhart Hall

September 7th - Wednesday Night Supper & Programming

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Gerhart Hall

September 11th - Exploring Spiritual Treasure class begins

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Gerhart Hall

September 24th - Tamasha la wa Africa: Celebration of Africa

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Courtyard and Nave

October 4th - St. Francis at the Zoo

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Abilene Zoo

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 7th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Coffee Hour in Gerhart Hall*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
11:45 AM Rally Night meeting
1:00 PM Worship in Swahili
2:00 PM Daughters of the King meeting
3:30 PM Family Ministries Team meeting

Monday, August 8th

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)

Tuesday, August 9th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House
10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:00 AM Clergy meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
4:30 PM Finance meeting
5:15 PM Vestry meeting
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, August 10th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing*
6:00 PM Game Night for all ages*

Thursday, August 11th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House
11:30 AM Foundation meeting
12:00 PM CODA meeting
1:00 PM Exploring Spiritual Treasure training
6:00 PM Girl Scouts
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, August 12th (offices closed at noon)

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House
9:30 AM Grocery Distribution
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)

Saturday, August 13th

9:00 AM Altar Guild
10:00 AM Brunch and Book Study
4:30 PM Alleluia Choir rehearsal

Sunday, August 14th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Back-to-School Bash!*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
11:30 AM Back-to-School Bash!*
1:00 PM Worship in Swahili

*nursery care is available for ages 0-4

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar.

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVINGS

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Paige Parker, Gift Kigalu, Tami Criswell, Glen Funkey, Jeremy Smith, Sara Townsend, Evelyn French, Ainsley Jaryszak, Asumani Omari

INTERCESSIONS

Erin Thomas, BJ Madrid, Bobby Knapp, Bobby Reyes, Norma Labarthe, Malcolm Ricks, Rusty Plocheck, Dixie Bassett, Stan Treanor, Lynn Gillespie, Robert Gillespie, Dana Vickers, Patricia & David Byerly, Dorothy Guerra, Emily De La Rosa, Linda Bratton, Ryan Shipp, Michelle Newcombe, Leah Nobles, Kevin, Kelly Kinard, Evelyn French, Letha Morris, Mark Hoppe, Jamie Dunn, Keith Hartwig, Angaza Robert, Karron Krenwelge, Ginger Locker, Jamie Sargisson, Debbie Lutes, Carolyn Martin, Pat Reedy, Linda Lantz, Sandy Graham, Sheila Fritz, Gail Kaiser, Jane, Ken Reed, Chris Choate

For deployed military and first responders: Joseph Lopez, Michael Paisley, Chandler Lewis, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments, Health Care Workers

For the recently departed: Joann Adcock, Larry Hall, Tommy Estes, Dorothy Perini, Bobbie Stevenson, Donna Shipp