

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.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Heavenly Rest Block Party! - Come and celebrate Summer on Saturday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m. on the East Lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. We will have games and the blessing of bicycles! We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Neighbors and friends of the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest are welcome.

Hands-On Outreach - This Summer, our parish grocery distribution ministry is in full swing, and we're calling for your support in making a difference. Here's how you can help: With the hot weather upon us, we urgently require donations of water and juice boxes to keep our neighbors cool and refreshed. We also need donations of box fans, deodorant, and other toiletries. Finally, we need dedicated volunteers to lend a hand in various capacities. Whether bagging pet food, filling produce orders, or assisting on Friday mornings, your help makes a difference. For more information contact Sue McWilliams at smnm@aol.com.

St. Thomas à Becket Pilgrimage - Heavenly Rest is in the planning stage of a pilgrimage to England along the Becket's Way. Pilgrims for centuries have walked this trail from South London to Canterbury Cathedral. Our trip is planned for 2025 from June 6-16 and will have a limit of 30 pilgrims. A Pilgrimage Preview meeting will be held at 9am on June 9 in Gerhart Hall.

Tower Tales - This summer, we invite all children in the parish and the neighborhood to storytime on the east lawn, beginning on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. We are excited for you to join us in this new ministry!

Sundays at Heavenly Rest

Preacher's Forum - Preacher's Forum continues throughout the summer with clergy leading thoughtful conversations on scripture in the Bishop Garrett room (parish house).

Service Sundays for Children & Youth - June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:15-10:15 a.m. - During June, we are planning Service Sundays for 4-year-olds through High School. We also welcome any parents or guardians who would like to attend. We will begin upstairs in the Parish House and participate in a service activity, followed by some fun. On June 9th, we will be serving with the Altar Guild to set up for the worship service. Gay Ann Walts and her team will be leading us.

Other activities will include assembling children's snack bags and making cards for Friday Outreach, baking cookies then setting up reception, and more!

Summer Discussion Series - Starting June 9th Join us in the Gen Von Ende Room as we kick off a new summer series for adults. Each session, we will watch a video on a current and relevant topic, starting with the sermon given by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at St. Thomas Church 5th Avenue. Following the video, we will engage in group discussions. If you're interested in participating, please email Luke at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org to be added to the email list.

Children & Youth at Heavenly Rest

June 9 - Youth Summer Kick-off

Join us on June 9th from 5-6:45pm in Gerhart Hall for an exciting start to Summer 2024! We'll have hamburgers, hotdogs, and games in the courtyard. Let's start the summer off with a bang!

June 15 - Youth Pizza & Pool Party

Dive into summer fun with us on June 15th from 6-8pm at the Tanglewood Pool! Youth from 6th through 12th grade are invited, and don't forget to bring a friend! Look out for emails with more information, and please ensure you have a current Student Release form on file. If you're unsure, contact Luke Mendez at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org to confirm.

June 23 - Youth Confirmation Interest Meeting

High schoolers, it's never too early to start planning for Youth Confirmation! Parents, teens, and adults wanting to serve as sponsors, please join us for our first meeting after the 10:30 am service on June 23rd in the Library. For more information, contact Luke Mendez at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Martha Kiel by her loving family.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 9th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Service Sunday for Children and Youth*
9:15 AM Pilgrimage Preview*
9:15 AM Summer Series Discussion*
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
5:00 PM Youth Cookout
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, June 10th

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

Tuesday, June 11th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:00 AM Clergy meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, June 12th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)
5:30 PM Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Nave)

Thursday, June 13th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, June 14th (offices closed at noon)

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Grocery Distribution
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)

Saturday, June 15th

9:00 AM Altar Guild
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

Sunday, June 16th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Service Sunday for Children and Youth*
9:15 AM Summer Series Discussion*
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili*
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

**nursery care is available for ages 0-4*

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar.

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVINGS

For those celebrating birthdays: Brody Anderson, Aria Copeland, Norene Mansell, Margo Reed

INTERCESSIONS

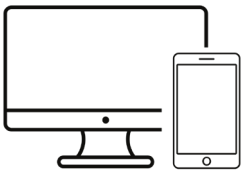
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For deployed military and first responders: Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, David Broyles, Jr., Joshua Mehaffey, Health Care Workers, Members of the Abilene Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

For the recently departed: Martha Kiel, Vee Perini

Haven't seen your birthday listed?! Update your information in our church database:

Connect with your Church family online! - We are developing several streamlined ways to connect with your church family. Discover how you can interact more efficiently with your ministry groups and fellow parishioners. Our online directory is now available to access on a platform called Church Center. You must log in to heavenlyrestabilene.churchcenter.com/directory to update or create your profile. You can use your phone number or email to gain access. Please make sure to update your profile with the latest information. You also have control over what information is shared. Contact the office with questions at info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.



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Contact Austin Hackel at ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org.*