

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.

TODAY AT HEAVENLY REST

Sunday Morning Classes - Join us Sunday mornings for one of our classes.

- Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Gerhart Hall at 9 am
- Coffee Talks led by Mark Waters - Gen von Ende Room at 9:15 am
- Eastertide book study led by David Christianson - Bishop Garrett Room at 9:15am

Sunday School for Children and Youth - Children and teens can head to the parish house for community, connection, and spiritual growth! Contact Carol Ann Weston for information on children's and youth classes.

Youth Night - All youth are invited to join us tonight at 5pm at the Romaniks's house. Reach out to Emily Gurley for more information.

Chamber Music Concert Series - Join us **Sunday, April 19** at 6:00 PM as we welcome back to Heavenly Rest **Stacy Arnold**, Classical Guitarist. Stacy Arnold is recognized for his artistry as a concert soloist, recording artist, and educator whose concerts have been described as "a variety of guitar music, stylistically pleasing in every way" and applauded for his innate musicianship, virtuosity, and beautiful tone. Mr. Arnold has toured throughout the United States at Universities, Colleges, Arts Organizations, and Classical Guitar Societies. Mr. Arnold's concerts are characterized by performances that represent the entire history of the guitar, presenting composers from the 16th century Renaissance to the modern day, with an emphasis on the music of Spain and Latin America.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

April Blessings - During April, we will have a slightly adjusted blessing schedule for the morning services: April 19 - anniversary blessings, April 26 - children's blessing. For the afternoon service, the children's blessing will be on April 19.

Abilene Association of Congregations (AAC) - You're invited to the next AAC luncheon, Wednesday, April 22 from 11:45 to 1:00m at Highland Church of Christ. Ricky Harrison, Dean of Students at McMurry University, will be talking about the challenges and opportunities facing young people. A \$3 donation is requested for lunch.

Wednesday Night Programming - Join us this week for dinner at 6. Programming for children and adults begins at 6:30.

Men's Retreat Save the Date - Heavenly Rest Men - mark your calendars to get away to the Texas Hill Country for a Heavenly Rest Men's Retreat at Mo Ranch July 17-19. Fr. Jared Houze from St. Andrews in Amarillo is the featured guest host. Contact David Christianson to reserve your spot. Program and pricing information coming soon.

Women's Retreat Save the Date - Join us this summer for a Heavenly Rest Women's Retreat with Mother Ashley! Our theme is "Receiving God's Grace" and will be at a beautiful spiritual retreat center, Casa de Milagros, in Rainbow, Texas from June 12-14th. More information will be provided as we get closer, but if you have any questions please talk to Mother Ashley or visit casademilagrotx.com.



EST Spring Schedule - We will spend the spring going through each baptismal promise. Come for breakfast and stay for spiritual treasure! 4/19: "Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?" (Amanda Watson), 4/26: "Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?" (Ashley Powers), 5/3: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" (David Romanik), 5/10: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" (Karen Boyd), 5/17: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" (Dustin Rainwater).



Family Vacation Bible School (June 1-3, 6:30-8:30 PM)- This year's theme is All Are Welcome using one of the CALF featured books, Winnie-the-Pooh and the Party, and Jesus' Parable of the Great Banquet as we explore how much God loves us and calls us to welcome all. Our team is planning Bible stories, recreation, crafts, snacks, music, and more for the whole family to enjoy together. Last year, we had participants aged 2 through 83 years old!



Summer Camps - This year's theme is Pharaoh, Pharaoh Let my People Go! The Diocese of NW Texas will have two summer camps again this year: Camp Quarterman (Colorado): June 21-26 for those currently in 6-12th grade, Camp Quarterman Jr.(Ceta Glen near Happy, Texas): July 12-17 for those currently in grades 2-6.Registration is limited and closes on May 17th for both camps and scholarships are available. For more information, contact Mother Ashley or Carol Ann. Registration is now open!



Mark your Calendars -

Sunday, May 3rd - Organ Dedication - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 5th - Abilene Chorus: Backbeat Chorus 7:30 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, April 19th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
Missions Sunday
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth Night (Romaniks' House)
6:00 PM Chamber Music Concert Series
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, April 20th

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

Tuesday, April 21st

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
5:15 PM Vestry Meeting
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Sewing Circle
5:15 PM Children's Music, Choristers, and Wind Down
Wednesday*
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing*
6:00 PM Meal and Programming*
6:40 PM Canterbury Ringers
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23rd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study
12:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (Midday Option)
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
6:00 PM EST Mentor Meeting (Evening Option)
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop
7:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, April 24th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands-On Grocery Distribution

Saturday, April 25th

8:30 AM Swahili Prayer
9:00 AM Altar Guild Preparation
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

Sunday, April 26th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes for Children & Adults*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Grow Sunday School
2:00 PM Worship at Lyndale
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

* Nursery available (ages 0-4 years old)

MINISTRIES

Hands-On Outreach Ministry – Our parish grocery distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, is currently in need of **bottled water**. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at smmmn@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thank you St. John's! During this year's Lenten season, St. John's Episcopal School came together in a big way for the "Pack the Pantry for Pizza" food drive, benefiting Heavenly Rest Hands on Outreach. Students eagerly participated by donating grocery sacks filled with food, all while competing for a pizza party with Head of School, Mrs. Gloyna. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, more than 120 bags of food were collected. So many that it took three long-bed pickups and a van to transport everything from the school campus to the church! We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support and the way our students lived out the spirit of Lent through service, compassion, and giving.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Sage Berthelsen, Don Bridges, Deo Bugarura, Anne Jones, David Elsey II, Erin Thomas

Intercessions: Kathy Dickerson, Cindy Stevens, Linda Chorn, Evelyn French, Dustin Tatro, Lola Williams, Gary and Debby West, Mitch Krane, Tommy Pyeatt, Rolanda Fulham, Keith Boyd, Truitt Sutton, Courtney Newton, Illiana Carpenter, Jerry Gulley, Annabel House, Don Bridges, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Gerry Lawler, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efroyimnson, Brandy Gaiennie, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, Leta Bell, Linda Greer, Carlotta Luster, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Brianna Johnson-Onielle, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Scott Mead, Charlie Donovan, Jacob Moore, Chris Thomas, Alice Townsend Poirier, Charles Fairchilds, Bryan Gibbs, Karen Telck, Barbara Arnold, Dianne Cash, Martha Swartz, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Susan Langford, Dawn Ahart, Ralph Webb, Rusty Plocheck, Barbara Brock, Anne Melcher, Christopher Choate, Shane Jones, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Riziki Mulanda, Michael Scarborough, Joe Biles, Ryan Jones, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Tom Lindley, Gene Skaggs, Shannon Young, Lloyd Felton, Billye Proctor Shaw, Chris Thomas, Mike Wiggins Sr.

CONTACT US

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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 Jen Rogers at jrogers@heavenlyrestabilene.org.