

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](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit).

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY**



**Turkey Trot** – Heavenly Rest is a partial sponsor of the Abilene Running Club's annual Turkey Trot, benefitting West Texas Rehab. The 5k race takes place on Thanksgiving morning (November 23), and is a great way to celebrate the day! If you are interested in joining Heavenly Rest's team, please contact David Romanik. We will also plan to carb up after the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22!

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** – Please join us Wednesday, November 22nd at 5:30 p.m. as we celebrate Thanksgiving with the Holy Eucharist. Those participating in the Turkey Trot will be able to pick up their race materials after the service.

**Christmas Flowers and Music Donations** – As we prepare for Christmas, you will have the opportunity to give flowers or music in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one. If you would like to give flowers or music this Christmas, please place a donation in the envelopes found in the pews or contact the church office. December 18 is the last day to submit names.



**Hands-On Outreach: Small Jars of Peanut Butter, Cans of Corn, & Cans of Green Beans** - We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our food distribution ministry! The need for assistance in our community continues to grow, and we are now serving approximately 65 families every week who rely on us for essential food supplies. In addition to regular donations of food, it costs around \$700 every week to sustain this ministry. We are currently seeking small jars of peanut butter, cans of corn, and cans of green beans. Donations of food can be dropped off in the church office or in baskets in the back of the church. If you have questions about making donations or wish to contribute financially to support this vital ministry, please contact Sue McWilliams at [smmnm@aol.com](mailto:smmnm@aol.com).

**Angel Tree** - For 2.7 million children in the US who have a mom or dad in prison, the holidays are a particularly lonely and unhappy time. Aside from the feeling of abandonment and shame, this often means a Christmas without gifts. The Prison Fellowship attempts to address this need with the Angel Tree Project by providing children a gift from the incarcerated parent. For many years Heavenly Rest has participated in the Angel Tree Project. Angels are attached to a Christmas tree in the Cloister. Each Angel contains a child's name, age, and gift suggestion. Parishioners are asked to take an Angel and purchase a gift valued at under \$45. Many families have multiple children, and we need to ensure that gifts are of similar value. You will need to fill out the form on the shelf by the Christmas tree. When you return the unwrapped gift to the church, the angel needs to be securely attached to the gift. There will be a parish wrapping party on December 13th to wrap all the gifts. The families will pick up the gifts on the appointed day and take them home. For more information, contact Mother Amanda at [awatson@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:awatson@heavenlyrestabilene.org).



**A Quiet Night in the Midst of a Busy Season:** On Wednesday, December 6, we've got great things planned for both children and youth and adults. Children and youth will head to the parish house for a St. Nicholas themed evening with special food, stories, and activities that focus on giving and preparing hearts for Jesus. Adults will have the opportunity to relax with a wonderful dinner and string quartet playing Advent music, with seasonal poetry to contemplate at their tables. It's a way for young and old to slow down and enjoy the season together.



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STEWARDSHIP 2024

Our Stewardship Campaign this year is inspired by the story of the Wedding at Cana, when Jesus left six stone jars filled to the brim with the promise of further celebration. At Heavenly Rest, our life together is a celebration of the generous and dynamic God who created and redeemed us. We are "filled to the brim" with activity, and it is your financial gifts that allow us to keep that celebration going. As you consider the amount you will pledge to the Church of the Heavenly Rest in the coming year, we hope you will remember that everything we do is made possible with your gifts. Pledge cards have been mailed. Once you have filled out your pledge card, please return it to the church office, Thank you for your support.

**Save the Date!**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service-** Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 pm **EYA Advent Devotional-** Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 pm

**Advent Wreath and Crèche Craft-** Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm **Festive St. Nicholas Dinner for Children and Youth-** Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 19th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word\*  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)\*  
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili\*  
3:00 PM Swahili Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Encounter - Episcopal Young Adults (EYA)

### Monday, November 20th

5:30 AM Breakfast On Beech Street  
8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)  
6:00 PM Education for Ministry (EfM)

### Tuesday, November 21st

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
9:45 AM Sewing Circle  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
11:00 AM Clergy Meeting  
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer  
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

### Wednesday, November 22nd (offices close at noon)

5:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist (Nave)  
6:00 PM Wednesday Supper

### Thursday, November 23rd (offices closed)

### Friday, November 24th (offices closed)

### Saturday, November 25th

9:00 AM Altar Guild  
4:30 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, November 26th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word\*  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)\*  
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili\*  
3:00 PM Swahili Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Encounter - Episcopal Young Adults (EYA)

\*nursery care is available for ages 0-4

View a detailed schedule at [heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar).

## PRAYERS

### THANKSGIVINGS

**Birthdays:** Graham Allen, Emily Brumley, Dru Hall, Angela Hamil-Willis, Dan Harbaugh, Sharon Lawler, Greyson Sloane, James Stearns

### INTERCESSIONS

Leta Bell, Linda Majkut, Susan Stack, Susan Williams, Shane Jones, Kirby and Rose Krupa, Lindsey and Adelaide Barecky, Jonnie, Nancy Estes, Angelina Jannsen, Jim Smith, Scotty Faircloth, Jeni Jamison, Hugo, Pete Mendez, Martha Timms, Helen Andrews, Joe Kubiak, Cynthia Flowers, Beth Shoemaker, Bob Garside, Angela Jackson, Richard Books, Penny, Steven Young, Misty Woodard, Evelyn Niblo, Christine Trask, Leslie Mata, Paige Adair, Ann Hollandsworth, Renee Haney, Russell McKeever, Garrett Pendergast, Lindsay Hardaway, Janet & Phillip Jergins, Andrew Hubbard, Jamie Dunn, Chris and Lynette Gregory, Freda Kennedy, Doug Thomas, Steve Douglass, Scott Faircloth, Savannah Klingensmith, Daniella Palmer, Luci Guin, Walter Hieronymi, Barbara, Alicia, Christopher Choate, Jimmy Pardue, Edna Pardue, Jenna Dozier, Laila Chin, Jamie Sargisson, Ron Murphy, Bryson Hodge, Adley Burden, Susan Pratt, Calvin Fuller, Sandy Graham, Lindsey Family, Jim McBride, Jerry Bell, Arianna Kenyon, BJ Madrid, Ken Reed

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

**For the recently departed:** Brady Vardeman, Dana Davis, Daniel Barecky, Jay Malcolm Lindley, Linda Jannsen, Bill Wellborn, Linda Scarborough

### **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](http://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](mailto:info@heavenlyrestabilene.org).



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