

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



Baptism Opportunity - On September 13th, the sacrament of baptism will be offered at a combined English and Swahili service. To schedule a baptism on this date for you or your child please contact David Romanik at dromanik@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Exploring Spiritual Treasure (EST) Starts Sunday, September 13th at 9:15am! - This class is for new members to Heavenly Rest and the Episcopal Church, those exploring ways to deepen their faith, or those interested in building relationships with seekers from other generations, denominations, and stages of life and faith. We will share our experiences of God, learn about topics spanning from Holy Scripture to specifics of the Episcopal Church, and hear from

many different clergy and lay voices each week. If you are interested in participating in the class, especially if you are interested in Confirmation, please contact the church office, Mother Ashley (ampowers@heavenlyrestabilene.org), or Mary Reyes (mgr343@gmail.com).

Labor Day - On **Sunday September 6th**, there will be no Sunday School classes. The nursery will be available during all three services (ages 0-4). The office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

C. S. Lewis: Letters on Faith - Join us this fall for C. S. Lewis: Letters on Faith, a new adult class starting September 13th. In this 12-week series, Dr. Darryl Tippens will guide us through the letters of C. S. Lewis using the newly released *Letters on Living the Faith*, edited by David C. Downing. Each week the class will discuss one chapter together. We hope you can join us as we discuss "On Prayer," "Meditations on Love," "Letters to Spiritual Seekers," "Psychology and Spirituality," "Confessions about His Own Struggles", and more this fall. Copies of the book are available in the church office. Suggested book donation is \$20.

Music Day Camp - Plan to join us for a wonderful morning of musical experiences, Saturday, September 12 (9am-noon). Sing, ring chimes, see and hear musical instruments and play some games. Email Carol Ann cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org with the names and grades of those who will attend. Children must register and have their 2026-27 Child/Youth Information forms submitted to attend.

Holy Cross Day Eucharist - Join us in the nave at noon Monday, September 14th for the Holy Cross Day Eucharist in honor of Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation.

Sunday School Classes for Adults Resume September 13th - Join us next Sunday at 9:15 for one of our three adult Sunday School classes: Coffee Talks (Gen Von Ende) with Dr. Mark Waters, EST (Gerhart) with a variety of speakers and C. S. Lewis: Letters on Faith (Bishop Garrett) with Dr. Darryl Tippens.

Wednesday Night - Wednesday night programming returns this week. Over the next two weeks, Father David will kick off our fall programming with reflections from his sabbatical journey. Join us for dinner at 6 pm followed by programming for all ages.



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Fall Save the Dates:

October 4 - Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)

October 7 - St. Francis at the Zoo

October 18 - Chamber Music Concert Series Kick-Off

October 25 - Consecration Sunday

October 31 - Trick or Treating at Heavenly Rest

THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, September 6th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
12:00 PM Daughters of the King
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM EYA - Encounter

Monday, September 7th

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

Tuesday, September 8th

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

Wednesday, September 9th

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, September 10th

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

Friday, September 11th

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

Saturday, September 12th

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

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
12:00 PM Daughters of the King
6:00 PM EYA - Encounter (St. Mark's)

** 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 canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam, etc.). If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the parish office during regular hours. Contact Sue McWilliams at smmnm@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Franklynn Hall's birthday by her loving family.

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Masereka Christine, Franklynn Hall, Nick Kloster, Jill Lindsey, Georgia Morris, Wilson Wallace, Kristin Ward, Luke Waters, Jeannie Young, H. C. Zachry

Intercessions: Caroline Morris Oelfke, Beckie Brame, Jim Willis, Evelyn French, Kevin Peters, Keith Boyd, Max Stearns, Aubrey Teten, Steve Hinman, David Blankenship, Courtney Webb, Susan Krane, David Stroope, Summer Casey, Glen and Jan Funkey, Stan Treanor, Elizabeth Burton, Scooter Hall, Donna Nelson, Vicki Ashley, Mel Raider, Melissa, David Elsey, Ovala Chapman, Ken Majkut, Eca Epambela, Tina Bentsen, Carrie Garcia, Andrew Bennett, Ed Conley, Richard, Barbara Brock, Carol Knapp, Jackie Batjer, Michelle Fernung, Charlotte Passell, Jerry Gulley and David Lynch, Tommy Pyeatt, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Peter Efrogmson, Duane Martin, Lace Archambeau, Carlotta Luster, BJ Madrid, Sam Sloane, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Bryan Gibbs, Nancy Williams, Thomas Madrid, Mike Mansell, David Weigle, Arnold Guerra, Ralph Webb, Anne Melcher, Christopher Choate, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Angaza Alembo

Intercessions for deployed military and first responders: Weaver Lilly, Sam Choate, Ryan Jones, Michael Scarborough, Riziki Mulanda, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

Intercessions for the recently departed: Gwenda Berry, Lucy Rodriquez, Margaret Miller, Roberto Becerra

CONTACT US

To learn more or to contact the clergy, visit us online at heavenlyrestabilene.org or by email info@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, 1-4:30 PM, F 8:30-12:00 PM

Hands On-Assistance (Online) M,W,F 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Grocery Distribution F 9-11:30 AM

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Open: Tuesday-Friday 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM

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.