

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

Happy Easter!

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

Welcome! Happy Easter, and welcome to the Church of the Heavenly Rest! We want to offer you a special welcome if this is your first time visiting us or you haven't been with us in a long time. If you are visiting, we invite you to complete one of our welcome cards, either by filling out the one in your pew and handing it to a member of the clergy, or by visiting heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit. We'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of our community. There are many opportunities to become involved in our parish over the next few months, many of which are detailed below. We hope you will consider joining us as we serve and create community by proclaiming the good news of God's love for all.

Easter Brunch – Join us for a festive Easter brunch between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in Gerhart Hall!

April Blessings - During April, we will have a slightly adjusted blessing schedule for the morning services: April 12- birthday blessings, April 19 - anniversary blessings, April 26 - children's blessing. For the afternoon service, the children's blessing will be on April 19.

Vacation Bible School, June - This year's theme is All Are Welcome. We will lead into the annual Children's Art and Literacy Festival (C.A.L.F.) the following week using one of the 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

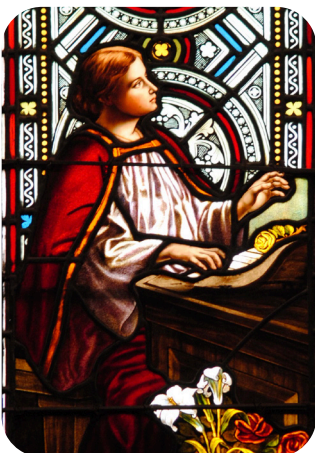


to welcome all. Our team is planning Bible stories, recreation, crafts, snacks, music, and more for the whole family to enjoy together. Last year, we had participants aged 2 through 83 years old! Questions? Contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org or Amanda Harbaugh at astokes414@gmail.com.



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.



Chamber Music Concert Series Spring 2026

Sunday, April 19, 6:00 PM
Stacy Arnold, Classical Guitarist.

Sunday, May 3 at 6:00 PM
Organ Dedication

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 PM
Chorus Abilene

The Easter music and flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for...

Charles Scarborough by Candy Scarborough
Grandchildren by Richard Veigel
Family by Sue McWilliams
Friday Food Distribution Team by Sue McWilliams
Family and Friends by Steve and Rosemary Suttle
Elizabeth Wallace & Family, Catherine Brabham & Family by Cheryl Niblo
Elon Mues, Charlie Teague by Olivia Mues
Clergy by Darryl and Anne Tippens
Tom & Lynn Boyd by Douglas & Cynthia Lampkin
Ann Stanley & Cynthia Palmer by Glen & Carol Hall
Parents & Children by Glen & Jan Funkey
Choral Scholars by Lisa and Jeff Goolsby
Father David & Sarah Beth Romanik by Annabel House
Tripp Brown & Finneas McCartney by Debbie Sherman
The John Nichols Family - Jenna, Jakeb, Kennedy & Hazel Hall by Dru & Franklynn Hall
The Staff and Clergy of Heavenly Rest by David and Sarah Beth Romanik
Morgan, Debbie, Sydney & Garrett Watson, Claire, Sam, Tyler & Luke Mehaffey, Michael & Annabel Watson,
Joshua, Mary Caroline & Thomas Mehaffey by Amanda and Tom Watson

and in memory of...

Judy Daniels by Candy Scarborough
Helen & Nick Andrews, Irene Vletas, Jerry Hoegner by George Andrews
Camille & Marvin Lynch, Grace & Bill Walts by Gay Ann & Charles Walts
Tom Niblo, Syd & Evelyn Niblo, Francis Thomas by Cheryl Niblo
Gary Mues by Olivia Mues
Ruth Ann Choate by Thomas Choate
Elenora Jernigan by Kendra and Dan Jernigan
Gerald & Bettye Lawler, Edd & Lorena Bolf by Gerry & Sharon Lawler
Holly Frizzell by Tiffany Wagstaff
Carolyn & Harwell Barber by Lee & Callie Hampton
Parents by Ana Reyes-Clute
Parents by Paul & Rolanda Fulham
Tom Lindley by JDana Lindley
Nancy Nell Cox Walter by the family of Nancy Nell Cox Walter
Larry Bell - Senior Warden - Trinity Episcopal Albany by Doug & Deanna Thomas
Robert Ernest, Dorothea & Henry Ernest by Meg and Ronnie Garcia

Tommy Lindley by Jay & Laura Moore
Pat & Curbe Goolsby by Lisa & Jeff Goolsby
Steve Strain & Hallie Taylor by Cindy Strain
Conrad & Linda Bratton by Robert & Karrie Partin
Dana Laraine Vickers by Cassidy Vickers, Jeff & Lorelei Profit
Mary Peterson by Robert Peterson
Dr. & Mrs. W. R. Sibley, Jr by Sharron Sibley
Mary Duggan by Kris and Mike Fouts
Gaynor Guleke and Sally Skaggs by John & Ann Holt
Cindy Lou Rodgers & Jerri & Jim Alexander & Mike Alexander by Chuck & Carol Rodgers
Lt. Col Wayne Jepson by Viola Jepson
Judy Daniels by Cheryl Niblo
John Gross, Jim House, Ron Murphy & Lori Tilley by Annabel House
Bill & Marylu Megginson & Cara Tucker by Debbie Sherman
Jerry Henson & Bruce Klingensmith by Jay & Gretchen Henson
Bruce Denny, Gerri Denny, Austin Denny, Margaret Brown, Raleigh Brown, Steve Strain, &
Hallie Taylor by Mike & Julie Denny
Beatrice Garner by James Garner
John and Kathryn Bevan, Doug Boschen, Walter and Virginia Boschen, C. Beaumont Felton, Lloyd
Felton, Victor and Alice Romanik, Paul and Elizabeth Yoder by the Romanik Family
James, Mary, Whit, Chistina by Caroline Cammack
Little Sam Mehaffey by Amanda and Tom Watson

other gifts offered by...

Jacob Chapman
Judith Godfrey
David Ekombe
Tim & Debra Lillick
Penny Terrell

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servants, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

THE WEEK AHEAD

View a detailed schedule at heavenlyrestabilene.org/calendar

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Easter Brunch
10:00 AM Egg Hunt
10:15 AM Unburying the Alleluia
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & streaming)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
3:00 PM Egg Hunt

Monday, April 6th (Office Closed)

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday, April 7th

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, April 8th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Sewing Circle
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing*
6:15 PM Canterbury Ringers

Thursday, April 9th

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, April 10th

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

Saturday, April 11th

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 12th

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 Morning Prayer in Swahili (Nave & streaming)*
2:00 PM Growing Sunday School
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 smmnm@aol.com for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRAYERS

Thanksgivings for those celebrating birthdays this week: Michael Christie, Sabina Copeland, Callie Hampton, Ethan Maxwell

Intercessions: Illiana Carpenter, Jerry Gulley, Annabel House, Don Bridges, Frank and Carolyn Sheffield, Gerry Lawler, Johnny and Virginia Musselman, Diane Stearns, Patti and Andrew Young, Sean Kilpatrick, Hunter Thomas, Evelyn French, Keith Boyd, Stephanie Ward, Peter Efroyimnson, Brandy Gaiennie, Duane Martin, Truitt Sutton, Brenda Becker, 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 Poirrier, Charles Fairchilds, Bryan Gibbs, Karen Telck, Leslie Smith, 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: Martha McDaniel, Sally Skaggs, Tom Lindley, Gene Skaggs

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.