

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

Summer Discussion Series: Sunday, July 28th - This will be our last Summer Discussion of 2024. We are so thankful for everyone who attended and made this class a great success! Be on the lookout for what's next!

Liturgy at Lyndale - Heavenly Rest has been given a wonderful opportunity to worship God with the residents of Lyndale Abilene Memory Care, located at 6568 Central Park Blvd. We will gather at the facility on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. to share liturgy and song. Our next service is this Sunday afternoon. Bring the whole family! For more information contact Deacon Karen at kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Youth Ministry: Sunday, July 28th - Join us for the last Youth Summer Night from 5:00pm to 6:45pm. We will start in Gerhart Hall and then move to the East Lawn for an End of Summer Color War! Please wear clothes that can get stained with color, preferably white. Some t-shirts will be provided if needed. Please RSVP to Luke Mendez at lmendez@heavenlyrest.org so that there will be enough food and supplies.

End of Summer Block Party - We will have another block party with food and games on Saturday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. on the East Lawn to celebrate the beginning of school. Neighbors and friends of the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest are welcome!

In-person Safe Church Training Sunday, August 4, Noon – 3:00 p.m. - In preparation for serving, all staff, vestry members, church officers, and volunteers who are in direct ministry with children, youth, or vulnerable adults are required take Safe Church training at least once every three years. Many have taken the online training, but others prefer to meet in person, with opportunity for discussion. Even if you are not planning on serving at this time, you are welcome to attend and discover how we value and protect those involved in the ministries of Heavenly Rest. Elizabeth Jones from the NWTX Diocese will be here to lead our training. A light lunch will be provided, and there will be childcare as needed. If you will attend, please contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org to reserve your spot. This is very important as we strive to care for each other well as a community in Christ.

Game Night for ALL Ages! Wednesday, August 7 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Gerhart Hall. Singles, couples, families—ALL are invited to come and bring their friends for an evening of table and floor games in Gerhart Hall. You are invited to bring finger foods to share for a light supper (we will provide tea, water, and lemonade) and your favorite table or floor game, or use one of ours. Childcare is available for 4 and under, if desired.

Back to School Bash and Bible Buddy Adoption – Sunday, August 11, 9:15 a.m. - Children, youth, and their families are invited to our annual Back to School Bash with a new addition – a Bible Buddy Adoption. Students are invited to choose from a variety of stuffed animals which they will name and adopt. They will receive an Adoption Certificate and a Care Guide. The thing these buddies need most is to have students and families read the Bible to them every day. We want our children, youth, their families, and their buddies to grow together as they read and talk about Scripture daily.

Our Back to School Bash will also include a "Take Your Own Photo" Booth, an opportunity to Meet the Teachers, Backpack Blessings, and more!

**Adults who would like to participate by providing funds to purchase Bible Buddies can pick up a Bible Buddy envelope in worship. Animals are 8 to 11 inches in height, but our average cost is under \$5 apiece for over 100 stuffed animals. This would be a wonderful way to support the spiritual growth of our children, youth, and families.

Bowie Elementary Hygiene Drive - Our Heavenly Neighbors Ministry is collecting children's hygiene products (with children's symbols like animal figures or Disney characters, something children can identify with). You can donate these products in boxes in the narthex and near the door from the nave to the parish house. We will distribute these products at Bowie Elementary during the meet-the-teacher night on August 12. Everyone needs clean socks, a new toothbrush, and to smell good on the first day of school.

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. We kindly ask for donations of toiletries, canned corn or green beans, ravioli, cereal bars, and surplus produce from your gardens. We also need volunteers to bag pet food, fill produce orders, and assist on Friday mornings. For more information, contact Sue McWilliams at smmm@aol.com.

Heavenly Rest Stream Team - Let's keep the "stream team" going! This important Heavenly Rest ministry records and sends out our worship services online each Sunday. It's a powerful way to reach those who may be homebound, traveling, or looking for a church home. You can learn as you go, and there are many ways to serve. Parents and children, teens, and adults of all ages are welcome to join in. Contact the church office to learn more at 325-677-2091.

St. Thomas à Becket Pilgrimage - We are currently planning 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 (11 days / 9 nights). There will be a limit of 30 pilgrims, open first to parishioners of Heavenly Rest. Our next full information meeting is scheduled for August 28. For more information, visit <https://www.heavenlyrestabilene.org/pilgrimage> or contact David Christianson, Pilgrimage Host, at dpchristianson@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

August 18 | First Day of Sunday School for Children & Youth, Bible Blast for 3rd graders

August 24 | Parent Party

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God
and in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the ordinations of the Philadelphia Eleven.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 28th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
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*
2:00 PM Liturgy at Lyndale
5:00 PM Heavenly Rest Youth
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, July 29th

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

Tuesday, July 30th

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
5:00 PM Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, July 31st

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 (Chapel)

Thursday, August 1st

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

Friday, August 2nd (offices closed at noon)

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

Saturday, August 3rd

9:00 AM Altar Guild
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal
6:30 PM Neighborhood Block Party

Sunday, August 4th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Sunday School Leaders' Meeting*
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
12:00 PM Safe Church Training (12:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
2:00 PM Daughters of the King*
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: Sandy Bridges, John Best, Sam Cutbirth, Jody DePriest, Gavin Youngblood

INTERCESSIONS

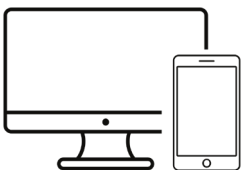
Angaza Alembo, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Gannon Plummer, Barbara Payne, Viola Kelly, Ron Rathbun, Charlie Humber, Donna McDonald, Elizabeth Webber, Donna McDonald, Shiann, Sydney and Everett Taylor, Heather Akers, Peggy Martinez, Mike Flores, Zach Hackel, Ralph Rodriguez, Mary Lou Conley, Elon Mues, Kenneth Majkut, Kristen Kliphuis, Glen Pyeatt, Laura Dickson, Anne Hart, Burt Garvin, Barbara Evans, Cynthia Ice, Marilyn Angell, David Mossbarger, Hannah Dale, Vance Cooksey, Jacky Dominguez, Emmeryn Golden-Smith, Sandy Graham, Steve Strain, Jane Kelly, Barbara Swagerty, Shelley Graham, Ramona Rodriguez, Bradley Watkins, Shirley Weston, Wellborn Family, Bill Allen, Stan Alcorn, Larry and Leta Bell, Shane Jones, Holly, Cynthia Akin, Russell McKeever, Steve Davis, Lisa Drexler, Chuck Hurlbut, Eleanor Hoppe, Judy Batts, Nicky Riley, Amanda Young, Pam Jacobs, Rusty Plochek, Freddie Wagner, Elizabeth Burton, Stan Brown, Ben Mendez, Mychella Schadle, Jim Pizzorno, Gerry Lawler, Tim Bosley, Anthony Elmore, Bobby Frank Estes, Evelyn Niblo, Andrew Hubbard, Michael Baker, Carolyn Tindol, Debbie Beeksma, Rachel Marderosian, Norm French, Jamie Dunn, Renee Haney, Clayton Bolt, Karen Surovik, Beth Shoemaker, Janet & Phillip Jergins, Christopher Choate, Adley Burden, Susan Pratt, Calvin Fuller, Jim McBride, Jerry Bell, BJ Madrid, Ken Reed

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

For the recently departed: Dr. Molly Drlik, Tracy Friedrich, Ray Dwayne Gomez, Jimmy "Slim" Herman, Sandra Folts, Ann Barker

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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Is there something you would like to share with the church? Please submit announcements and materials to the Communications office.

Contact Austin Hackel at ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org.