

## HEAVENLY REST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Being the Church under Quarantine-** The suspension of in-person activities at Heavenly Rest has helped many of us realize how much we take for granted in the life of this community. Nevertheless, in the words of the burial office, the work of the church has “changed, not ended”! The Vestry is continuing to provide leadership to this community on a daily basis through regular communications; the clergy and staff continue to work from home and gather remotely; and pastoral visits now take the form of phone calls, emails, and text messages. With the help of God’s grace (and some modern technology), we are continuing to do the work we are called to do. If there are any ministry groups that would like to meet remotely via ZOOM (a user-friendly video conferencing service), please contact Blaine Beyer at [bbeyer@heavenlyrestabilene.org](mailto:bbeyer@heavenlyrestabilene.org).

**Livestreamed Worship-** Though we cannot gather for in-person worship, we are broadcasting a service of Holy Eucharist at 10:30 on Sunday mornings via Facebook Live. The video feed can be found at the Heavenly Rest Facebook page or by visiting [heavenlyrestabilene.org/live](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/live). We are also livestreaming Morning Prayer every weekday morning at 8:30.

**Outreach Opportunities-** The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted the most vulnerable members of our community. Even though our normal outreach operations are currently suspended, there are several opportunities to fulfill our responsibility to care for the poor and downtrodden.

- **Food Distribution-** We are distributing sacks of groceries from our Food Pantry every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. If you would like to help distribute food, please contact Sue McWilliams at [smmnm@aol.com](mailto:smmnm@aol.com). If you would like to donate food, please bring it to the office on weekday mornings. We are in particular need of canned pasta, canned meat, and Ramen noodles.

- **Hope Haven-** Abilene Hope Haven provides resources and develops permanent housing solutions for the chronically homeless. They are in need of cleaning supplies. Please consider donating glass cleaner, floor cleaner, bleach, toilet cleaner, Clorox wipes, or kitchen cleaner. Donations can be brought to the office on weekday mornings.

- **Errands for Homebound Parishioners-** It is likely that many of our elderly and immunocompromised parishioners will need to self-quarantine in the coming weeks. Robyn Taylor is organizing a group of volunteers to run errands and deliver meals to those who cannot leave the house. If you would like to help, please contact Robyn directly at [robynholtmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:robynholtmeyer@gmail.com).

**Practicing the Way of Love at Home-** Our Lenten journey through the Way of Love continues. Every Wednesday, we will send out an email with resources to aid your exploration of that week’s spiritual practice. This week’s practice is BLESS.

**Giving-** If nothing else, the current crisis has clarified the Church’s role as a place where people come together and its responsibility to be a repository of grace. We hope that you will continue to help the Church of the Heavenly Rest fulfill this mission by continuing to honor your pledge commitment and by contributing financially to the life of this community. You may make your gift by mailing in your contribution or by visiting [heavenlyrestabilene.org/give](http://heavenlyrestabilene.org/give).

## PRAYERS

### THANKSGIVINGS

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Paloma Moyer, Claire Parton, Hattie Willard, Jan Henson, Ann Lobdell, Nkyungo, Terri Cress, Karrie Parton, Greg Yost, Ronald Rathbun, Henry Hardaway, Cason LeChot, James Wagstaff, Katherine Bryant, Caddie Coupe, Amy Edington, Brandy Gaiennie, Charles Shelton, Robin Dennis, Kathy Huston, Max Lindsey

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Katie & Cade Browning, Debbie & Harry Hurt

### INTERCESSIONS

Traci Noah Abbe, Joann Adcock, Jay Alba, Iris Andrews, JB & Robbie Ashley, Jean Bell, Connie Boyd, Tom Boyd, Dennis Brewster, Ed Brink, Carissa Boggess, Idoma Bush, Casey Family, Alfredo Cavazos, John Chittum, Christopher Choat, Sam Cutbirth, Robert Curtis, Steve Daniel, Debra, Margaret Delay, Debbie Dunn, Jamie Dunn, Jim Dusckas, Elliott Dyer, Nancy Estes, Michelle Fernung, Karen French, Glen Funkey, Pat Garren, Joe Garvey, Lloyd Godfrey, Art Goolsbee, Wes Gomer, Jack Green, Michael Hagar, Tommy Don Hash, Caryn Hayes, Glen Heard, Anna Henderson, Tom Henderson, Tim Henson, John Henry, Jennifer Hulsey, Sam Hulsey, Gay Humber, John, Joseph, Ed Kinser, Merlene Mansell Lash, Paul Matthews, Barbara Lingle, Gabriella LoPresti, BJ Madrid, Kenneth Majkut, Maureen McCormick, Connie McGuire, Sheila Morphew, Linda Neill, Wallis Ohl, Michelle Olmsted, Robert & Jill Pace, Paula Palmer, Linda Pinkston, Lloyd Presswood, Mary Pritchett, Lorelei Lantz-Profit, Jose Puentes, Allen & Judy Reed, Trent Sandiford, Charles Scarborough, Lisa Reynolds Sharp, Mike Simpson, Susan Sonntag, Priscilla Sortino, Kristen Staples, Debbie Stewart, Steve Strain, Gayle Taylor, Bette Thompson, Kathryn Townsend, Jan Ulrich, Dana Vickers, Linda Vine, Peter Vranderic, Gery Walters, Leslie Williams, Stacy Wilson, Virginia Wright, Bill Young, Natalie Young, Krissy Young

**For deployed military and first responders:** Sam Choate, Michael Paisley

**For the recently departed:** Buffy Wilson



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