

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

Exploring Spiritual Treasure – EST begins again on September 8th at 9:15 am in Gerhart Hall. EST is especially for newcomers and those considering confirmation, but all are welcome! EST is a place to grow in discipleship, learn more about the Episcopal Church, strengthen your community in this parish, and recognize where God is showing up all over your life. Join us; you have a place in this beloved community. We are excited to get to know you! For more information, contact Deacon Karen at kboyd@heavenlyrestabilene.org or 325-201-2277.

Youth Ministry – Youth Nights will kick off on Sunday, September 8th, at 5:00 pm, with pick-up at 6:45 pm. This semester, we will meet in the Youth Room of the Parish House. Youth Nights are a fantastic opportunity for teens in grades 6 through 12 to worship, build community, and explore what it means to love and live like Christ! If you have any questions about Youth Nights or are interested in getting involved with the youth, please contact Luke at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Coffee Talks – Our Summer Discussion Series is continuing under the new name “Coffee Talks.” We’ll watch and discuss videos together from a wide variety of perspectives. This Sunday School class is open to any interested adult. We will begin on September 8th at 9:15 am in the Gen Von Ende Room of the Parish House. For questions or to be added to the list, please contact Luke Mendez at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Rally Night - Heavenly Rest does much, much more than Sunday worship! You may be surprised at all the ways Heavenly Rest serves our community, and you just might find a way you want to help if you come to Rally Night! On Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00pm, join us in Gerhart Hall for a glimpse at the many ways Heavenly Rest serves our parish and our community. Learn about the many ministries we do and volunteer opportunities for you on this special evening featuring food, fellowship, and finding out how your church serves in your community. Childcare is available, and there will be activities for children and youth. Rally night displays will remain in Gerhart Hall through the following Sunday

Youth Confirmation Info. Meeting - Youth Confirmation (9th-12th Grade) is fast approaching! Join us for our Information Meeting on September 15th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Gen Von Ende Room. We will briefly finalize the class schedule and get a head count. Please let Luke know if you plan on attending at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org.

Hands-On Outreach - With our high recent temperatures and numbers of families served running near 70-75 each week, we are in need of cases of water. We offer every person a bottle of water, and most accept. Even when school started, we had requests for cereal, cereal bars, and oatmeal. Diapers and wipes are a constant request. Any size is needed. Our number of walkup persons has dramatically increased in the last two weeks. Anything we can put in a sack lunch for them is helpful and appreciated. As always, we can use help on Friday mornings from 8:45 until the food runs out or 11:30. The ministry always appreciates contributions of time as well!

Mark Your Calendars!

**September 8 | Exploring Spiritual Treasure Begins
Coffee Talks Begins
Heavenly Rest Youth Begins**

**September 11 | Wednesday Night Programs Resume
(Wind Down, Children's Choirs, Adult Choir, Supper,
Canterbury Bells)**

September 14 | The Ordination of Karen Boyd to the Sacred Order of Priests

October 2 | St. Francis at the Zoo

October 5 | Blessing of the Animals

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the missions and ministries of the parish as another program year begins.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 1st

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*
2:00 PM Daughters of the King*
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, September 2nd (Offices Closed)

6:00 PM Education for Ministry

Tuesday, September 3rd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:00 AM Staff meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, September 4th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance
5:30 PM Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)
6:00 PM Rally Night
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
1:00 PM E.S.T. Mentor Meeting
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, September 6th (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

Saturday, September 7th

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

Sunday, September 8th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
9:15 AM Coffee Talks*
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure*
9:15 AM Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
5:00 PM Heavenly Rest Youth
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

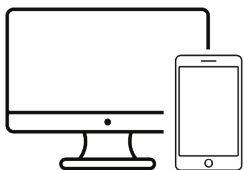
For those celebrating birthdays: Marta Hollowell, Georgia Morris, Adam Samuels, Wilson Wallace, Kristin Ward

INTERCESSIONS

Dolores Bivins, Britt McIntyre, Don and Beverly Wright, Robert Reddick, Chris Parker, Shane Jones, Ron Rathbun, Freddie Wagner, Sharon Doty, Mary Lou Robertson, Madeline, Sandy Bridges, Mike Mansell, Chuck Hartgraves, Guy Bush, Daniel Hunter, Glen Funkey, Shannon Carleton, Winnie Godsey, Angaza Alembo, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Shane Jones, Gannon Plummer, Charlie Humber, Donna McDonald, Elizabeth Webber, Shiann, Sydney and Everett Taylor, Heather Akers, Peggy Martinez, Mike Flores, Zach Hackel, Elon Mues, Glen Pyeatt, Anne Hart, Hannah Dale, Jacky Dominguez, Emmeryn Golden-Smith, Sandy Graham, Steve Strain, Ramona Rodriguez, Shirley Weston, Wellborn Family, Stan Alcorn, Larry and Leta Bell, Russell McKeever, Steve Davis, Lisa Drexler, Chuck Hurlbut, Judy Batts, Amanda Young, Rusty Plochek, Elizabeth Burton, Ben Mendez, Mychella Schadle, Gerry Lawler, Anthony Elmore, Andrew Hubbard, Debbie Beeksma, Rachel Marderosian, Jamie Dunn, Karen Surovik, Beth Shoemaker, Janet & Phillip Jergins, Christopher Choate, Adley Burden, Jim McBride, Jerry Bell, BJ Madrid

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: Ann Barker, Carolyn Walker Tindol, Bud Ramsey, James Patrick Reedy, David Mossbarger, Janice Pugh, Blanche Jerige, Martha



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.