

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.

Happy Easter!

*We are blessed to worship with you this morning.
Thank you for joining us today.*



LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Youth Ministry – There will be no Youth Night this Sunday. Don't forget there is a Youth Lunch, on April 7th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. instead of Youth Nights. Regular Youth Nights will resume April 14th at 5:00 p.m. with pick-up at 6:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Luke Mendez at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org

Dick Orsini Memorial Spaghetti Supper – On Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m., the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will host the Dick Orsini Memorial Spaghetti Supper to raise funds for the Dan Abbott Scholarship, which will be awarded to a graduating senior from Heavenly Rest in May. Dick Orsini was a longtime member of the parish and had a delicious and much-loved recipe for pasta sauce. Join us as we remember Dick and celebrate our graduating seniors!

When Helping Hurts book series - Beginning April 17-May 8, join us on Wednesday nights as we explore mission and outreach in the spirit of Jesus. Emily Gurley, licensed master social worker and parishioner will help guide meaningful conversations about community care and how we can continue to answer the call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Grab a copy of *When Helping Hurts* in the church office or Gerhart Hall. A suggested donation of \$15 per book will help support this series. Contact ccabes@heavenlyrestabilene.org for more information.

United Thank Offering - There is still time to grab a blue United Thank Offering (UTO) Box! Place money in the boxes as you remember that to be blessed or happy is to entrust one's life to the Lord. The UTO Ingathering will take place on April 21.

Young Adult Book Study - Dive into Anne Lamott's "Traveling Mercies" with us, a journey through faith, grace, and life's imperfections. Our sessions begin on April 7th and will be held every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Gen Von Ende Room until May 5th. Please let Luke Mendez know at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

Volunteer for Breakfast on Beech Street - Please consider helping to feed the hungry at Breakfast on Beech Street (BOBS). BOBS meets at 301 North Beech Street (formerly First Christian Church), where we serve between 40 and 80 guests every week. The commitment for volunteers is generally no more than 10 Mondays a year. Heavenly Rest's BOBS teams serve on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend to volunteer: you do not need to be a parishioner to participate. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Jody DePriest (325-669-3312).

Hands-On Outreach: Packs of Ramen Noodles - We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our food distribution ministry! The need for assistance in our community continues to grow, and we are now serving approximately 65 families every week who rely on us for essential food supplies. In addition to regular donations of food, it costs around \$700 every week to sustain this ministry. We are currently seeking donations of ramen noodles. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or in baskets in the back of the church. If you have questions about making donations or wish to contribute financially to support this vital ministry, please contact Sue McWilliams at smmm@aol.com.

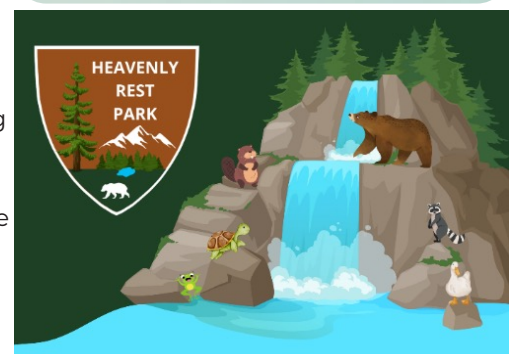
Family Vacation Bible School for all ages, children through adults, is scheduled for June 3-5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is now open for families, groups, and helpers. For more information and to register go to <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signup>. Questions? Contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org or Amanda Harbaugh at astokes414@gmail.com.

May – a Month of Celebrations

May 5 - Missions Sunday
On this special Sunday, we will celebrate all persons involved in the off-campus missions of Heavenly Rest, i.e., St. John's Episcopal School, Thrift House, and Breakfast on Beech Street - those ways that Heavenly Rest is present and at work in the community.

May 12 - Senior Sunday
We will take time to introduce and celebrate our graduating seniors at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., presenting Bibles and awarding the Dan Abbott Scholarship.

May 19 - Appreciation Sunday
This is a special time to acknowledge worship leaders, leaders of children and youth, adult study leaders, outreach volunteers, altar guild, kitchen and office volunteers, acolytes, choristers, bell ringers, and all others who serve in the ministries of Heavenly Rest.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 31st

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Hymns
9:15 AM Morning Worship with Flowering of the Cross (Courtyard)
9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Playground and East Lawn)
10:30 AM Festival Holy Eucharist with Flowering of the Cross
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist in Swahili with Flowering of the Cross
3:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt (Playground and East Lawn)

Monday, April 1st (Church offices closed)

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

Tuesday, April 2nd

9:45 AM IRC Sewing Circle
10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:00 AM Clergy meeting
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
5:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 PM Abilene Pipers
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, April 3rd

10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing
12:00 PM Do-Gooders Club (Zoom)

6:30 PM Canterbury Bells rehearsal

Thursday, April 4th

9:30 AM Thrift House open until 4:30 PM
9:30 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag
1:00 PM Exploring Spiritual Treasure mentor meeting
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, April 5th (offices closed at noon)

9:30 AM Grocery Distribution
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance (online)

Saturday, April 6th

9:00 AM Altar Guild
4:00 PM Alleluia Choir rehearsal

Sunday, April 7th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
12:00 PM Youth Lunch
12:00 PM VBS Team Meeting
1:00 PM Morning Prayer in Swahili*
2:00 PM Daughters of the King*
6:30 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: Callie Hampton, Leland Henson, Ethan Maxwell, Josephine Mkyombue, Sarah Beth Romanik

INTERCESSIONS

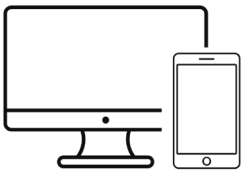
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For deployed military and first responders: Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, David Broyles, Jr., Health Care Workers, Members of the Abilene Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

For the recently departed: Bobbie Dickson, Charles Sumners, Jenna Dozier, Roger Paynter, Irving Henry Waters, Rocky Dean Holmes

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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Contact Austin Hackel at ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org.