

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.

THIS SUNDAY

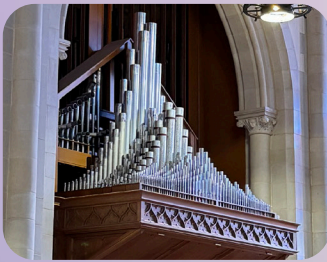


Exploring Spiritual Treasure - Join us this Sunday for 'Exploring Spiritual Treasure' as we are almost to the end of our journey together. This week, we look at how we live out our faith daily. Darryl Tippens will lead this week's session, "Embodied Faith - Piety and Practice in Worship and Daily Life." We have only two more sessions before our summer break, so don't miss out on this discussion! Breakfast, as always, will begin at 9:00 a.m., and the program will start at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Coffee Talks - The Coffee Talks Sunday school class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Gen von Ende room. Participants watch a carefully selected video followed by a discussion. Video topics are diverse, but inevitably lead to rich conversations about authentic and intellectually honest Christian living. These conversations are typically facilitated by Mark Waters, with a variety of other facilitators when Mark is away. We invite anyone aged 18 or older. The intergenerational nature of the group adds to the variety, insight, and depth of the interactions. To date, participant ages have ranged broadly from 19 to early 80's.

May 11 - 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.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Sunday, May 18, 6:00 p.m.
Organ Demo before the Organ Demo!

Join Thomas Pavlechko for his Organ "Demonstration" talk, recital and hymnfest before the Organ is "Demolished", taken apart, restored, rebuilt, expanded and improved! You will learn a lot about pulling out all the stops!

Hands-On Outreach Ministry - Our parish food distribution ministry, Hands-On Outreach, needs donations and volunteers. We are collecting size six diapers and excess garden produce. We're also looking for summer volunteers starting in May to assist with food distribution efforts. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. For more information or to get involved, please contact Sue McWilliams at smmmn@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support!

Episcopal Day - On Sunday, May 25, Episcopalians in the Big Country will gather for worship at the Presbyterian Encampment in Buffalo Gap. This celebration of "Episcopal Day" will revive a beloved tradition that was an important part of our common life for many years. Members of Heavenly Rest, St. Mark's in Abilene, St. Stephen's in Sweetwater, All Saints' in Colorado City, and St. Mark's in Coleman will all gather for worship at 10:30, followed by a barbecue picnic. The service will feature a "come as you are band": anyone who plays any instrument is welcome to bring it to accompany the hymns. Bring a folding chair and a side dish to share! Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate our life together in this community!

Vacation Bible School, June 2-4 - Family Vacation Bible School for all ages, children through adults, is scheduled for June 2-4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our team is planning Scripture, Bible stories, recreation, crafts, snacks, music, and more for the whole family to enjoy together alongside other families. Registration is now open for families, groups, and helpers. For more information and to register, use the QR code. Questions? Contact Carol Ann at cweston@heavenlyrestabilene.org or Amanda Harbaugh at astokes414@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion please contact the parish office at (325)-677-2091. Suggested donation is \$100.

Camp Announcement - Registration is open for youth summer camp in the Diocese of Northwest Texas! Camp Quarterman (June 20-28) is for youth in grades 7th through 12th and Camp Quarterman Jr (July 13-18) is for youth in grades 2nd through 5th. Youth in 6th grade may choose either camp. Youth attending Camp Quarterman will travel by bus to Cathedral Ridge Camp and Conference Center in Colorado. Camp Quarterman Jr will be held at Ceta Glen located near Happy, Texas. The theme for Camp Quarterman and Camp Quarterman Jr in 2025 is "Joseph: A Life Beyond Your Best Dreams." More information can be found on the Diocesan website: dionwt.org. Scholarship assistance is available from both the parish and the Diocese.



ALWAYS:
A story about God's Love for you

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REGISTER HERE

JUNE 2-4
6:30-8:30 PM

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST
602 MEANDER ST, ABILENE TX

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, May 18 - Chamber Music Concert Series
6:00 pm - Organ Demonstration, Thomas Pavlechko

Sunday, May 25 - Episcopal Day Eucharist
10:30 am - Presbyterian Encampment

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 11th - Senior Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure, Coffee Talks,
Sunday School, 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

Monday, May 12th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance
6:00 PM Education for Ministry

Tuesday, May 13th

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

Wednesday, May 14th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Thrift House Opens (closes at 4:30 PM)
10:30 AM Hands-On Assistance
12:00 PM Do-Gooders Meeting (Zoom)
12:00 PM Church Foundation Board Meeting
5:15 PM Wind Down Wednesdays*
5:15 PM Children's Music Rehearsal
5:15 PM Heavenly Rest Choristers Rehearsal
5:30 PM Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)*
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Program*
6:40 PM Canterbury Ringers Rehearsal
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15th

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 EST Mentor Meeting
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, May 16th (offices close 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, May 17th

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, May 18th - Appreciation Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure, Coffee Talks,
Sunday School, Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
12:00 PM Confirmation Orientation
1:00 PM Holy Eucharist*
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 this week: Julie Beckham, Finn Gensic, Wade Purcell, Braylee Purcell, Jen Rogers, Elizabeth Burton, Max Stearns, Julia Treece

INTERCESSIONS

Kendra Jernigan, Mary Katherine Cayce and Courtney Button, Jan Reddick, Chris Young, Mary Self, Keith Boyd, Kristi Brown, Layth Alcorn, Hunter Thomas, Kelsey Atell, Carla Long, Susie Walker, Jan Walker, the Courtney family, Cynthia Flowers, Michael Friedrich, Marc Garoutte, Jackson Murrill, Joe Kimmes, Barbara Morris, CJ Smothermon, Lynn Boyd, Trey Blackmore, Mary Elizabeth Snelson, Jerry Gulley, Evelyn Niblo, Rusty Plocheck, Hubert Smith, Barbara Brock, Freddie Maxwell, Cynthia Akin, Jeff Holland, Jeannie and John Best, Fred Ostrow, Anne Melcher, Glen Messemer, Barbara Edwards, Pete Mendez, Freda Kennedy, Gretchen Herman, BJ Madrid, Bill Thompson, Scott Riedel, Scooter Hall, Mary Self, Marisa Alonso, Gary and Debbie West, Charles Fairchilds, Alan Sweeton, Peggy Valentine, Tessa & Elena, Larry and Leta Bell, John Davison, Fabiola Mulanda, Chris Thomas, Andrew Hubbard, Bob and Susan Miller, Cathy Hautala, Keith Boyd, Jeffy Herman, Daron Brown, Christopher Choate, Tommy Lindley, Shane Jones, Amanda Sellers, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo, Zach Hackel

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

For the recently departed: Mary Lou Robertson, Eugene Ritter, Janet Jergins, Beverly Gensic, Fynn Courtney, Mike Paddock



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Contact Austin Hackel at ahackel@heavenlyrestabilene.org.