

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the  
**HEAVENLY REST**

God's Love. For All.

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**THIS SUNDAY**

**Exploring Spiritual Treasure** – EST begins again this Sunday September 8th at 9:15 am in Gerhart Hall. Fr. David will introduce the concept of Spiritual Treasure and reflect on the vision of this series. 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. If you are interested in confirmation, this is the place to be. Join us for breakfast and stay for a terrific discussion.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org).

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Cultivating Wonder and Gratitude in Nature** – This coming Wednesday night marks the beginning of our program year. The first series is based on the book *Earth, Our Original Monastery* by Christine Valters Paintner. Dr. Kendra Jernigan will present this session. Kendra is an Associate Professor of Environmental Science at ACU. One of her many interests is in Christian eco-theology. You will recognize Kendra as a member of Heavenly Rest. Come join us for supper at 6:00 and stay for this first in a five-week series. Copy's of this book are available in the Church Office.

**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](mailto:Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org).

**Stewardship Kickoff** - Stewardship season is about to begin, and we are celebrating with an event at Grain Theory on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30 to 7:30. Join us for food and fellowship as we celebrate our shared ministry and talk about what it takes for us to fulfill our parish's mission. Childcare at the church will be available. Grain Theory is located at 202 Pine Street. Hope you can join us!

**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. We are asking for donations of tuna, canned ravioli, and chili or soup. 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 14 | The Ordination of Karen Boyd to the Sacred Order of Priests**

**September 19 | Stewardship Kickoff at Grain Theory**

**October 2 | St. Francis at the Zoo**

**October 5 | Blessing of the Animals**

**October 24-26 | Diocesan Convention**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Franklynn Hall's birthday by her loving family.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, September 8th

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

5:30 AM Breakfast on Beech Street  
8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
6:00 PM Education for Ministry

### Tuesday, September 10th

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, September 11th

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

6:30 PM Wednesday Night Programming  
6:40 PM Canterbury Bells  
7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 12th

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 13th (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 14th

9:00 AM Altar Guild  
10:30 AM Afternoon Children's Choir Rehearsal  
12:00 PM Ordination to the Priesthood - Karen Boyd  
4:30 PM Aleluya Kwaya Rehearsal

### Sunday, September 15th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)\*  
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7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

\*nursery care is available for ages 0-4

## PRAYERS

### THANKSGIVINGS

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Rob Anderson, Franklynn Hall, Cynthia Lampkin, Emily Lanari, Jill Lindsey, Luke Mendez, Wilson Wallace, Steven Ward, Jeannie Young

### INTERCESSIONS

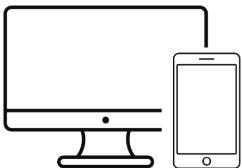
Keith Boyd, Dolores Bivins, Britt McIntyre, Don and Beverly Wright, Robert Reddick, Chris Parker, Shane Jones, Ron Rathbun, Freddie Wagner, Sharon Doty, Mary Lou Robertson, Madeline, Sandy Bridges, Mike Mansell, Chuck Hartgraves, Guy Bush, Daniel Hunter, Glen Funkey, Shannon Carleton, Winnie Godsey, 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:** James Patrick Reedy, David Mossbarger, Janice Pugh, Blanche Jerige, Martha

**Haven't seen your birthday listed?! Update your information in our church database:**

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