

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 - This Sunday, February 2, will be busy at Heavenly Rest! . We will begin in Gerhart Hall as usual at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast. At 9:15 a.m., we will talk about our part in the service. At 9:30 a.m., we will move to the nave for a walk-through, then head back to Gerhart Hall to answer any questions. We hope you can attend our annual meeting immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. The parish will provide lunch after the meeting. I hope you will all stay and take your place in the councils of this church!

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.

Nominees for Vestry and Diocesan Convention

The Nominating Committee convened late last year to nominate candidates to serve as members of the Vestry and delegates to Diocesan Convention. The Vestry is the governing body of the parish, and is responsible for supervising the parish budget, as well as discussing and making decisions about strategic priorities. Diocesan Convention meets annually to conduct the business of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, of which Heavenly Rest is a part. Nominees will be up for election at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 2.

The following persons have been nominated for three year terms on Vestry: Kimberly Brumley, Dru Hall, and Mary Reyes. Harry Hurt has been nominated for a one year term. Four members of Vestry will be elected at the Annual Meeting. More information about these nominees may be found elsewhere in the Lay Reader.

The following persons have been nominated to serve as delegates to Diocesan Convention in October of 2025: Connie Collier, L'Nae Craig, Cheryl Holmes, Dustin Rainwater, Jay Moore, Meg Garcia, Bush Ramsey, Carol Ramsey, David Byerly, Amy Edington, Sarah Martin, and Bijoux Mashauri. Eight delegates will be elected at the Annual Meeting. Those not elected will serve as alternates.

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Parish Chili Cook-Off – Wednesday, February 5! Join us for a delicious evening at our Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to bring their best chili to share for Wednesday night supper! A panel of judges will taste and score each entry. Please bring your chili to the kitchen by 5:30 p.m. for judging. Whether you're cooking or just coming to enjoy, it's sure to be a fun time for all!

Wednesday nights: This February, Heavenly Rest will celebrate Black History Month. On February 5th, Dr. Jerry Taylor, Abilene Christian University Professor in the Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry, will be followed by Dr. Steven Moore, Abilene Christian University Professor in the Department of Language and Literature. Both will provide an inspiring look into their lives steeped in academics and Christian spirituality.

Youth Stewardship Envelopes – Thank you to all of the young people who agreed to participate in our Youth Stewardship Challenge! If you are a young person who made a pledge, there are offering envelopes available for your regular gift in the Narthex and the church office. If you haven't yet had a chance to make your pledge, please contact the church office!

Hands-On Outreach - We are currently collecting donations of newborn diapers and size 4 diapers for families in need. Your generous contribution will make a big difference in the lives of local families. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Additionally, financial donations are always welcome and appreciated to support this ongoing ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Coat Donations Needed! - As the cold weather settles in, we are collecting coat donations for our 1:00 p.m. Swahili-speaking East African congregation. All sizes are needed—adults, children, and infants. Please consider donating gently used or new coats to help those in need. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or place them on the rack provided in the narthex.

EYA Crewnecks - The members of the Episcopal Young Adults are taking orders for their "Heavenly Rest Episcopal Young Adults Est. 2021" crewnecks! The more people interested, the lower the cost for everyone! If you'd like to order an EYA crewneck, email Luke at Lmendez@heavenlyrestabilene.org with your name and preferred size(s).

Dick Orsini Memorial Spaghetti Supper – On Wednesday, February 19th 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!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee Talks
9:15 AM Exploring Spiritual Treasure, Sunday School, Coffee Talks, Preaching the Good Word*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
12:00 PM Annual Meeting
1:00 PM Annual Meeting Luncheon
2:00 PM Daughters of the King
2:00 PM Swahili Confirmation Class
5:00 PM Heavenly Rest Youth
7:00 PM Evening Prayer
7:30 PM Encounter - Young Adult Ministry

Monday, February 3rd

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, February 4th

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, February 5th

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
5:15 PM Wind Down Wednesdays
5:15 PM Children's Music/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, February 6th

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, February 7th (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, February 8th

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, February 9th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:00 AM Coffee Talks
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 Holy Eucharist in Swahili
3:00 PM Confirmation Party
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: Avigale Burton, Payton Hall, Rebecca McDonald, Hanna Pahn, Emi Soto

INTERCESSIONS

Hunter Thomas, John Davison, Lupe Brown, Stan Treanor, Bob and Susan Miller, Jim McManus, Kelly Harris, Shirlene Plocheck, Lonny Hendricks, Sandy Graham, Larry and Leta Bell, Frank Sims, Residents of LA impacted by fire, Scooter Hall, Koti Goolsby, Cathy Hautala, Doug Lampkin, Michelle Fernung, Keith Boyd, Ron Rathbun, Dorothy Guerra, Jeffy Herman, Fabiola Mulanda, Daron Brown, Christopher Choate, Tommy Lindley, Freda Kennedy, Lisa Ellingsworth, Shane Jones, Becky McDonald, Kenneth & Linda Majkut, Amanda Sellers, Andrew Hubbard, Catalina Marino, Elon Mues, Crystal and Abigail Keet, Jamie Rains, Billie Nichols, BJ Madrid, Jim Cox, Mike Mansell, Lorelei Lantz-Profit, Russell McKeever, Francois Mulanda, Suzie Ramsey, Barbara Payne, Carolyn Jean Johnson, Ann Tippens, Chris Thomas, George Bijelic, Freddie Wagner, Sharon Doty, Mary Lou Robertson, Glen Funkey, Angaza Alembo, Shiann, Sydney and Everett Taylor, Zach Hackel, Hannah Dale, Ramona Rodriguez, Stan Alcorn, Steve Davis, Elizabeth Burton, Ben Mendez, Anthony Elmore, Debbie Beeksma, Rachel Marderosian, Karen Surovik, Beth Shoemaker, Janet & Phillip Jergins

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

For the recently departed: Chessy Gloyna, Andrew Behrends, Paul Tubajjika, Robert O'Dell, Danny Hunter, Becky Hill, Meredith Miller, Mulilikwa Mulanda



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