

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. Please fill out our digital connection card on our website heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Angel Tree - The Angel Tree is a tradition of Heavenly Rest to provide Christmas gifts for those children of incarcerated parents. What do I do? (1) Take an angel (or more) from the Angel Tree in the Parish House entrance. (2) Write your name and contact information on the registration sheets found on the cabinet. (3) Purchase a gift at the cost of \$25 or less. (4) Return the gift as soon as possible to the tree or church office, but no later than Sunday, December 12th. (5) The gifts will be wrapped at the Parish Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 15th. Thank you for telling those who are incarcerated that they and their families are not forgotten at this most holy time. Please contact Mtr. Amanda Watson at the church office if you have any questions.

Advent Lessons and Carols - The adult choir and Canterbury Bells skillfully prepared an Advent Lessons and Carols service for the parish and community. Readings spanning from Isaiah to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are paired with beloved carols to tell the story of the coming Messiah. Join us on Sunday, November 28th at 5:00 p.m. The service will also be streamed live at facebook.com/heavenlyrestabilene.



Women's Advent Quiet Day - We need space to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ in the season of Advent. This December, the Daughters of the King invite all teen girls and women to participate in a Quiet Day on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This is not a silent retreat, but an opportunity for women to gather for worship and prayerful meditation on scripture. We'll focus on how we might respond to God's word with art stations, Advent resources, and time to pray. We'll offer brunch and a chance to share our experiences of the day. We will close the retreat with the Holy Eucharist. Contact the church office at 325-677-2091 to RSVP and for more info. Please let us know if you need childcare.

Pack the Pantry - The Holiday season is quickly approaching and we need your help to serve those in our community. The Outreach Ministry is putting together packages for Christmas. They are currently looking for donations of instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, canned beans or dried beans, green beans, corn, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, unsalted nuts, pasta, and peanut butter. Financial contributions are also accepted. Food donations can be dropped off in the Nave on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Thank you for continuing to help feed our neighbors.



Exploring Spiritual Treasure - No class this week, but you can join anytime! Whether you are a parishioner wanting a faith refresher or someone seeking strength to guide you through life and into eternity, please consider joining our Exploring Spiritual Treasure class on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Next week, Darryl Tippens shares his presentation: ***Using the Calendar to Accentuate the Spiritual Treasure***. Light breakfast is served. Class is open to high school students through adults.



- Wiggle Worship available after the Gospel through the Peace. Children (ages 3-7) will follow the procession to their worship space.
- Nursery care is available for ages 0-4.

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVINGS

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Carolyn Sheffield, Terri Ackers, Robert Colley, Stanly Treanor, Margaret Brandon, Jessalyn Woods, Will Lindley, Sophie Johnson, Colby Johnson, Krista Waters, Calvin Allen, John Estes, Anne Tippens, Jonathan Diamond

INTERCESSIONS

Akin Family, Caroline Marsalis, Charles Scarborough, Chris Choate, Christine Trask and family, Corrine Guddal, David Depriest, Debbie Lutes, Gail Kaiser, Hank Beckham, Jane, Jean Ann Owens, Jennifer Merritt, Jessica Waldrum, Joann Adcock, Joe Lawlor, Juanita Perez, Julia Garcia, Katy, Kennedy Veigel, Kenneth Means, Ken Reed, LC Messer, Larry Godfrey, Lew Carter, Lorelei Lantz-Profit, Mark Hoppe, Mary Holloway, Maureen McCormick, McCoy Family, Melissa McWilliams, Michael Bell, Michael Hagar, Michael Diaz, Michelle Lacy, Nancy Stephenson, Nichole, Pam Hindman, Pat Wicker, Patsy Jean Powell, Pete Renick, Ramona Baker, Rex Moore, Rusty Plocheck, Sabrina, Sandy Graham, Terry Armstrong, Thomasue Haggelstein, Tommy Estes, Wes Gomer

For deployed military and first responders: Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments, Health Care Workers

For the recently departed: Roberta Whitfield, David Peters, David Maclean Dameron, David Noll, Terry Bawcom, Christene Cooper

SAVE THE DATES

November 28th - Advent Lessons and Carols

5:00 p.m. in the Nave

December 11th - Women's Advent Quiet Day

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

December 12th - Jesse Ratcliffe Carillon Recital

3:00 p.m. McMurry University

December 15th - Parish Christmas Party & Christmas Pageant

6:00 p.m. in Gerhart Hall

December 24th - Christmas Eve Services

4:00 Eucharist, 6:00 Lessons & Carols, 10:00 p.m. Eucharist

December 25th - Christmas Day Services

10:00 a.m. Eucharist, 1:00 p.m. Worship in Swahili

January 5th - Twelfth Night Celebration

6:00 p.m.

January 8th - Godly Play Workshop

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28th (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Prayer Book class*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
1:00 PM Worship in Swahili*
3:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
5:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols

Monday, November 29th

5:30 AM Breakfast On Beech Street
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Hands On Outreach (Online)
4:00 PM Abilene Recovery Council meeting

Tuesday, November 30th

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Staff meeting
11:00 AM Clergy meeting
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry
4:00 PM Contemplative Prayer
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Wednesday, December 1st

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Hands On Outreach (Online)
5:15 PM Children's Music*
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist with healing prayers*
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper
6:30 PM Programming for Adults, Youth, & Children*
7:00 PM Canterbury Bells rehearsal

Thursday, December 2nd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM CODA meeting
1:00 PM EST Mentor meeting
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM Unity Group AA

Friday, December 3rd

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
9:30 AM Hands On Grocery Distribution
10:30 AM Hands On Outreach (Online)

Sunday, December 5th

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Nave)*
9:15 AM Sunday School*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Nave & livestream)*
11:30 AM Children's Music
1:00 PM Worship in Swahili
2:00 PM Daughters of the King meeting
7:00 PM ACU Vespers

**nursery care is available for ages 0-4*

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT HEAVENLY REST

Join us on Wednesdays during Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ into our lives and the life of the world! Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at 6:30 after Wednesday night supper.

Wednesday, December 1 Greening of the Nave and Make Your Own Advent Wreath

Christians have hung evergreens in homes and churches since the Middle Ages as reminders of the enduring power of God's love made known in Jesus Christ. Join us as we decorate the Nave with evergreens and create Advent wreaths to take home.



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