

HEAVENLY REST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exploring Spiritual Treasure – On Sunday, September 13, we will begin our “Exploring Spiritual Treasure” class. If you are new to this parish, curious about the Episcopal Church, or eager to know more about how the Christian tradition can help shape your life, this class is for you! The class will meet via Zoom from 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Kathy Balch (kbalch706@gmail.com) or Sharon Lawler (slawler371@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in the class or have any questions.

New Book Study – As part of our efforts to understand race, racism, and racial reconciliation, David Romanik will be leading a study of *Talking to Strangers*, by author and cultural critic Malcom Gladwell. We will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 beginning on September 24. Our first meeting will take place via Zoom. Please contact David Romanik (dromanik@heavenlyrestabilene.org) if you would like to participate or wish to order a book.

Faithfully Political: Christian Civic Engagement in a Divided Age – As we prepare for the U.S. Elections on November 3, our community will take some time to carefully and generously examine the interplay of faith and politics. We will explore the ways our deeply held religious and political views shape the way we experience the world. These conversations will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Courtyard on September 16, September 30, October 14, and October 28. In an effort to maintain adequate physical distance, those who wish to attend are asked to register at heavenlyrestabilene.org/reservations. Please plan to bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. Masks or face coverings are strongly encouraged. The presentations will also be streamed via Facebook Live for those who wish to participate virtually. In this contentious political season, we hope you will join us as we consider what it means to be both faithful and political.

Stock the Pantry – Please help us continue to stock the pantry with the following items: deodorant, peanut butter, toilet paper, canned vegetables, juice boxes, beans, rice, pancake mix, syrup, cereal. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry or volunteer, please contact Sue McWilliams (smmm@aol.com).

Worship opportunities – Right now, we are offering an outdoor worship service at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. Masks and registration will be **required** for this service. You can register to attend by visiting heavenlyrestabilene.org/registration. Virtual worship in English will be broadcast via Facebook Live at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Worship in Swahili will take place at 1:00 on Sunday afternoons via Zoom. The church offices will remain open to the church staff at this time. If you need to visit the church offices for any reason, please make an appointment.

Opening the Nave for Private Prayer – The Nave will be open for prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please enter through the Narthex (6th Street) doors and use the sanitizing station provided. When you leave the Nave, please place a “please sanitize this space” card (available in the Narthex) in the pew where you were sitting. While you are on campus, please wear a mask or face covering and maintain adequate physical distance (at least 6 feet) from other people at all times.

Prayer Requests – Need prayers? The Order of Daughters of the King, established in 1885, consists of church women who have taken a Rule of Life to pray for others needs. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Prayer requests may be emailed to Mary Crymes at mcrymes@att.net or by text to Connie Collier at 325-721-4376.

PRAYERS

THANKSGIVINGS

For those celebrating birthdays: Rachel Anderson, Ben Hinkie, Malinda Kraly, Marta Hollowell, Robert Clickener, Kourtney Maxwell, Reese Williams, Zachary Ballard, Easton Cox, Bryson Travieso, George Williams

For those celebrating anniversaries: Terry & Bill Young, Eleanor & Bob Hoppe

INTERCESSIONS

Joann Adcock, Orlan Akin, Mike Anderson, Leslie Austin, Jean Bell, Randy Beyer, Crystan Bowyer, Dennis Brewster, Ed Brink, Rev. Tommy Bye, Casey Family, Chris Choate, Christene Cooper, Brandy Culwell, Lewis Duncan, Jamie Dunn, Jim Dusckas, Elliot Dyer, Tommy Farrell, Evelyn French, Karen French, Art Goolsbee, Wes Gomer, Regina Hart, Anna Henderson, Margaret Hollowell, Jennifer Hulsey, Debra Levelton, Merlene Mansell Lash, Charles Lembke, Donald McDonald, Gage McGowen, BJ Madrid, Amy Meyers, Jim Nichols, Wallis Ohl, Michelle Olmsted, Pam, Barbara Payne, Sharon Rathbun, Libby Rankin, Allen & Judy Reed, David Richardson, Trent Sandiford, Charles Scarborough, Lisa Reynolds Sharp, Mike Simpson, Debbie Stewart, Steve Strain, Jan Ulrich, Dana Vickers, Leland Wagner, Kristee Walker, Laura Watts, David Webster, Angela Willis, Natalie Young

For deployed military and first responders: Sam Choate, Michael Paisley, Members of the Abilene Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments

For the recently departed: Bobbi Grier, Vicente DeLaCruz



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