

Announcements

7 June 2026

Welcome! This morning, our musician is Sal Page. The Rev. Dr. Barrie Bates presides and preaches, inaugurating a preaching series on modern Anglican saints. Today, we remember the Most Rev. Edmond Browning, XXIV Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. He served in that capacity from 1985 to 1997—the last to serve a 12-year term. Since then, four primates served a 9-year term.

Our Annual Welcome Brunch will take place after church next Sunday, June 14—to welcome back our seasonal members and to celebrate the beginning of summer (and, after this year, the end of winter!). To RSVP, call 231-582-2648.

Spotlight on Hymnody: The hymn tune we know as NETTLETON (Hymn 686, sung to open our worship today) dates to the early nineteenth century, first appearing in a shape-note version in 1813. The tune has also been called LIVING WATERS, PARISH, FOUNT, MULLINS, BARTIMEUS, and GOOD SHEPHERD, mostly depending on what text it was paired with. This text, “Come, thou fount of every blessing,” was authored in 1758 by Robert Robinson when he was just 22 years old. The hymn emphasizes the importance of grace and the believer’s journey toward spiritual fulfillment. Worshipers from other denominations may recall stanza 2 beginning “Here I raise my Ebenezer,” a reference to 1 Samuel 7:12, where “Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah and named it Ebenezer,” for he said, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.” Apparently, naming stones was a thing back then!

Who Knew? What’s the difference between a stanza and a verse? Are they interchangeable with regard to hymns? Actually, no. The correct term for each numbered section of a hymn is *stanza*. Technically, a “verse” within a hymn is just one line—such as “Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above” or “here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above” from today’s Hymn 686. Our hymns are all pretty much stanzaic, that is, written in paragraphs of the same number of lines (or verses), with each line having the same number of syllables. Maybe it’s much easier just to sing them, eh?

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Here’s an unofficial summary of the meeting of our parish governing board on May 28, when the Vestry:

- Agreed to apply to the diocesan Bishop Whittemore Fund for money to purchase a stair lift
- Reviewed a list of hoped-for capital improvements
- Reviewed a report from the Boyne City Deacons’ Fund, which we support through financial contributions
- Reviewed statistics from our new web site, including that we have had 220 site sessions since December—including 5 from Saudi Arabia, 3 from France, and 1 from China!
- Discussed considering installing a dehumidifier in our forced-air heating system, to alleviate the ongoing problem with damp and mold—and agreed to solicit quotes
- Heard that the downstairs toilet may be replaced with one at “comfort height” soon
- Discussed the exterior door from the kitchen, and agreed to look into replacing it
- Agreed to consider handrails for the steps to the altar platform
- Approved plans to honor Nathan Dumbrowsky and Matty & Bree Rose, all three of whom graduated from high school this year. On July 5, we will honor those three—and wish Nathan well as he departs for his career in the Navy
- Approved the installation of a new mechanical stair lift to the basement, contingent on funding
- Discussed plans for renovating the upstairs lavatory and agreed to follow-up with one contractor about the revised plan as well as to seek a quote from an additional contractor
- Approved establishing an endowment fund with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation; this will be initially funded with a \$10,000 gift, although the fund will not be considered permanent or pay any income to us until it reaches a minimum of \$25,000
- Approved the minutes of the April 23 meeting
- Received the finance report, which continues to prove favorable to projections
- Learned we will have Betsy Lawrence return as our guest preacher on July 19
- Learned the Canon Nurya Love Parish will preach for us on August 30
- Remembered to put August 21 in our calendars as the date of the annual parish picnic