

# BENSON MEMORIAL UMC'S

# LIVING OUR FAITH

## 2026 LECTURE SERIES

Welcome to our Living Our Faith 2026 series! This summer, we're tackling tough questions and real-world issues through the lens of faith, compassion, and community action.

All events are open to the public. Each Living Our Faith event takes place from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** at Benson Memorial UMC in Raleigh, NC.



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**JUNE**

### **WAR AND WITNESS**

#### **Biblical Perspective on Violence and Peace**

Can war ever be a moral pursuit? What does the Bible teach us? Why do Christians have different opinions about violence and pacifism? How might Christians face the conflict in Iran?



**24/**  
**JUNE**

### **NEVER INCOMPATIBLE**

#### **A History (and Future) of LGBTQ+ People in the UMC**

A brief history of LGBTQ+ people in the United Methodist Church and the North Carolina Annual Conference and how things have changed in recent years—and where we need to go from here.



**08/**  
**JULY**

### **THE LUMBEE FAIRNESS ACT**

#### **Are We Living in Canaan, or Seeing a Mirage in the Desert?**

Come learn what the Lumbee tribe has not been given under federal recognition and, without land the federal government wants, what it has to offer to gain the rights that other tribes have.



**22/**  
**JULY**

### **BUILDING A FAIRER NORTH CAROLINA**

#### **Environmental Justice in Action**

How has North Carolina's recent data center boom directly impacted communities across the State, and what can community members can do to get involved? Find out at this session.



**12/**  
**AUGUST**

### **WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

#### **Exploring Cultures, Uniting Communities, Breaking Stereotypes**

Dive into the rich cultures of various Latino countries, debunk stereotypes, and build stronger community bonds.

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