



## ORDER OF SERVICE

June 26, 2022 | Third Sunday after Pentecost

*8:45 and 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service | 11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service*

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Life On Mars?”

David Bowie/arr. Reznor & Ross, Roncolato

† WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

(8:45) Ron Springsteen

(11:00) Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

\* GREETING

(8:45) Charlie Hobgood, (11:00) Monique Martel

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**God is our refuge and strength.**

\* OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

[UMH 577](#)

God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story, bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.



\* Please stand as you are able. **GUEST WIFI PASSWORD:** welcome2bmumc!

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

\* OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. In your light, may we see life clearly, and in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

[John 20:30-31](#)

(11:00) ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"  
Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

arr. Parker

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Ezekiel 4:9-12](#)

SERMON

The Reverend Jeff Babajtis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory

"You"

Nils Frahm/arr. Roncolato

\* DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*Jeff:*

I thank you, the members and friends of Benson Memorial United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

*Lay Leader and Congregation:*

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,  
and accept that you now leave to minister in a new setting.**

**We express our gratitude for your time among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.**

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.**

*Jeff:*

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.

I encourage your continuing ministry here, and will pray for you and your new pastor.

*Lay Leader:*

Let us pray with one voice:

*All:*

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another  
into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

[UMH 400](#)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* TRINITY CHIMES

\* POSTLUDE                      "Fugue in C# Major, WTC I (à la Switched-On Bach)"                      J.S. Bach/arr. Roncolato

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Pastor Jeff Babajtis and all he has shared with Benson Memorial UMC during his 12 years of ministry with us. *Thank you, Jeff!*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Gwen Baskett, Carolyn Blalock, Erma Bond, Steve Bond, Lynne Brady, Edna Caliendo, Jackie Caviness, Mozell Cunningham, Bill and June Davies, Leonard and Sarah Dean, Donnie Ducharme, Marie Edwards, Jimmy Ennis, Ken Guettler, Pat Held, Daryl Humphrey, Louise and Melvin Humphrey, Demetria Kridle, Elaine Motley, Barbara Owen, The Reverend Lucy Robbins, Anne Shoulars, Judy Skroch, Jean Stewart, all service persons and healthcare workers, inmates and staff of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women and all others who are in prison

## REQUEST FOR PRAYER

If you would like to submit an urgent request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at [cterryz@bellsouth.net](mailto:cterryz@bellsouth.net).

## STAFF

[Jeff Babajtis](#), Teaching Pastor | [Cortney Babajtis](#), Minister of Families and Outreach

[Martha Johnston](#), Director of Communications/Administration | [Elizabeth Moy](#), Business Manager

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1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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## THANK YOU!

Benson Memorial friends,

Thank you for all your gestures of care and kindness to my family and me over these last few weeks. We've received hundreds of cards from both the Benson Memorial UMC and White Plains UMC communities. Thank you for the flowers and edible arrangements you sent. The flowers were a beautiful addition to our Kentucky home and for Dad's service. My mom came back with me to North Carolina, and this week our family is gathered at Topsail Island for our annual beach week. It's bittersweet to all be together without Dad. But, better to be together than not.

Thanks again for your prayers and all the ways you've reached out to me. I'm overwhelmed, but I'm also very grateful and have felt carried by your prayers.

Know that I'm praying for you, for Pastor Jeff and family, and for Pastor Alan in these days, as well.

I give thanks to God for you all,  
Kelly Lyn

## JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION FOR PASTOR JEFF BABAJTIS

You are invited to celebrate Pastor Jeff Babajtis' time at Benson Memorial UMC at a reception in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service on Sunday, June 26. Feel free to bring a card or note for him and, in addition, you'll have the chance to speak at the reception, if you wish. Also, there's still time for you to contribute for a love offering for Jeff. If you are able to contribute, please make your gift online



*The Reverend Jeff Babajtis*

before Sunday with the phrase "JB Gift" in the memo line. We'll present what we've collected to that point to him at the celebration. Thanks, and see you there!



## RECEPTION FOR PASTOR ALAN FELTON

SPRC and the Family Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to a reception in the courtyard to welcome Pastor Alan Felton and his family at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 10. Let's have a great turnout for our new pastor! See you then!

# CALLED TO CARE

## News from Our Outreach Team

Check here weekly for "Called to Care" outreach updates on projects and to see ways to get involved. Benson Memorial is busy within our community, and we want you to be a part of it, too!

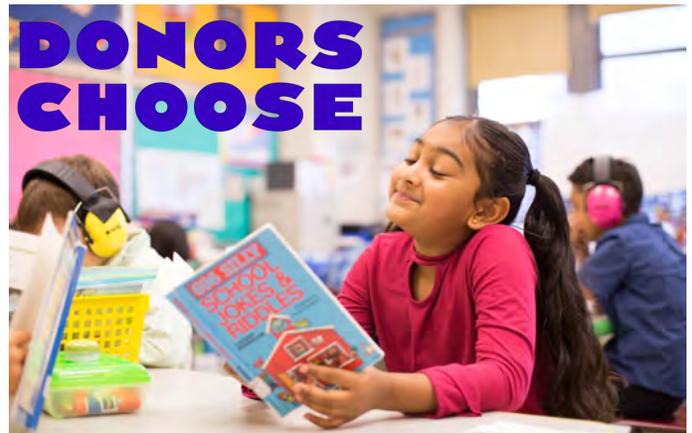
### DONORS CHOOSE MINISTRY

Back in April, through a wonderful organization called [DonorsChoose](#) and PNC's donation match, Benson Memorial's Outreach Team was able to completely fund an educational project for a special education teacher at Jeffreys Grove Elementary School. Funding this project supplied this teacher with much-needed resources to help engage her students (PreK-Grade 2) in fun activities that promote learning while strengthening fine motor skills, visual memory, and sensory needs, all of which can be challenging for her students, in particular.

We recently received a thank you note from the teacher and wanted to share it with you, because your regular giving allowed this (and many other) outreach projects to happen:

*Dear Benson Memorial United Methodist Church,*

*What a wonderful surprise to see my project get fully funded!! I truly appreciate your kindness in helping my*



*students gain access to materials and activities that help them be successful while learning foundational skills needed for prewriting and reading. I can't wait to see their faces smile and shine!! We all appreciate you!*

*With gratitude,  
Ms. MaryAnn*

### WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

In 1990, our bishop at the time approached Benson Memorial about beginning a ministry in support of the pregnant population at the NC Correctional Institution for Women, more commonly known to you as Women's Prison. That ministry has been a blessing for both our church and the women we have visited ever since, until our last visit in March 2019, after which covid-19 closed the gates for all visitors, even the families of the women.

Well, the gates are now open, and your Women's Prison Ministry Team is preparing to resume visits beginning mid-September. We ask

you to save any small toiletries such as soaps and shampoos as you travel this summer. There is a collection basket in the church office.

Throughout the years, we have kept in touch with the prison, and each week prayers are requested in our bulletins for all the employees and inmates. They know this, and it is a huge encouragement to them. They need your prayers and expressions of support to know they have not been forgotten. Thank you for joining your volunteers in providing this. If you have any questions or comments about this important ministry, please contact [Pat Lee](#).

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

#### Sunday, July 24

Well, summer is already here and it's time to put one of Benson Memorial's traditional outreach projects on your calendar. If you're not familiar with our Christmas in July project, it is an outreach project with the Methodist Home for Children. The staff at the Methodist Home provide us with a wish list of items, then our church members donate these items (or money to be used to purchase items). We then celebrate these donations and present them to the Methodist Home on Christmas in July Sunday. Watch for this year's wish list in a coming Beacon, and get ready for Christmas in July!



# Families Together



## Eagle Project

Hi! My name is Lorelei Edwards with Troop 214G. The goal of my Eagle Project is to provide to Families Together which helps homeless people get a home and then furnish their home. They collect new or gently used items. Drop off items at each scout meeting or in the bin under the quartermaster hut. Deadline to drop off items is July 11.

### Items to Donate:

- Pillow (must be new)
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Full Sheet Sets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Swifter Wet Jets
- Swifter Dusters
- Kitchen Trash Cans
- Throw Blankets
- Vacuums
- Twin Comforter Set
- Full Comforter Set

"We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night."

### Online Registry

- Bed Bath and Beyond
  - ID 551531661

### Questions?

- [loraleiedwards@gmail.com](mailto:loraleiedwards@gmail.com)
- 984-213-1283

## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

Join us for one of the upcoming Pizza with the Pastor gatherings with our new pastor, Alan Felton. These sessions are a time to get to know each other and begin to dream together about what God will continue to do and also start anew at Benson Memorial. Bring a hearty appetite, and be ready to share in the discussion as we begin this new season of ministry together. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to have ready. If you cannot make one of these three dates, don't worry, we will plan other gatherings as needed for later in the summer. *Everyone is welcome!*

**CLICK A LINK TO RSVP:**

[Sunday, July 17, 12:15 p.m.](#)

[Wednesday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.](#)

[Sunday, July 31, 12:15 p.m.](#)



## CONNECT WITH US!

Welcome! We are glad you are here and chose to spend this time with us. If you are a first-time guest, we would love to connect with you! We know everyone prefers a different method of communication, so you can either fill out a connect card located at the welcome table in the narthex and leave it in the collection basket on your way out, or simply take out your phone and scan the QR on the front of the connect card. The code will provide you with instant links to our website, our social media sites, and to our Google Review site so you may let us know how we're doing.

On our website, we have a connect card right on the homepage that is easy to fill out and send to us. We hope to provide you with important information about our church, open a personal line of communication, and simply say *Hi* and thanks for visiting!

A graphic for a 'WELCOME!' connect card. The top part is blue with the word 'WELCOME!' in white, followed by '— THANKS FOR JOINING US —'. Below that is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' underneath. The bottom part is white with the heading 'LET'S CONNECT:' and three input fields for 'Name', 'Email', and 'Phone'.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER: [conta.cc/3iAjVnQ](https://conta.cc/3iAjVnQ)



## Susanna Wesley Circle

Susanna Wesley Circle will meet throughout the summer on the **third Monday of each month, at 1:30 p.m.** in the conference room. If you would like to join this women's circle, please contact Louise Humphrey at 919-518-1825.

## CALENDAR

[\(complete church calendar is here\)](#)

### Sunday, June 26

- 8:45 a.m., In-person Worship
- 9:45 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Bright Siders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Benson Discussion Class
- 11:00 a.m., In-person Worship
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir

### Monday, June 27

- 7:00 p.m., Church & Society

### Sunday, July 3—Laity Sunday

- 8:45 a.m., In-person Worship
- 9:45 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Bright Siders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Benson Discussion Class
- 11:00 a.m., In-person Worship
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir
- 3:00 p.m., Prayer Shawl Group

## TEXT TO GIVE

Giving to Benson Memorial UMC has never been easier with our **Text To Give** option. Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to **(844) 770-0501**, enter your Payment information, and confirm your payment.