
Vale United Methodist Church



“Our Call: Laity”

January 12, 2020

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



United in faith, we seek to...

Align our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.

Invite others to journey with us.

Move beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Many: the love of God,

One: and the communion of the Holy Spirit

Many: be with all of you.

*** Hymn “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”**

UMH 606

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Saviour, and life-giving Lover. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace.

Many: Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

One: The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Children's Moment (10am)

Melissa Meadows

Children from Preschool to 6th grade exit to Children's Church.

Sermon

"Our Call: Laity"

Dorothy Arbiter and Tom Feeney

Presentation of Bibles to Confirmands

Pastor, parents, teachers, and friends, mentors:

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Confirmands:

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Confirmands:

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 432 Refrain

“Jesu, Jesu”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.

Prayers of the People

Caring Cards are available in the Narthex and Resource Library for your personal use in supporting the congregation's joys and concerns. You also may

Send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org.

After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by "Lord, in your mercy." Please respond with "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

- * **Offertory** Watoto Waje (Let the Children Come) (10am)
Frombach/Pethel
Vale Chancel and Children's Choir

- * **Doxology**

UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* **Hymn "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World" TFWS 2239**

SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

* **Just a bit more ...**

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymnal

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing*

Lay Reader - Deb German (8:30am)

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers today are provided the Skey family in memory of Tom Skey.

Coffee Fellowship - Worshipers are invited to remain after the worship services and socialize over coffee. Thank you to the DuBois/Rutherford family for their gifts of fellowship by sponsoring today's coffee hour.

Children's Activity Bags - Children's bags with activity pages, crayons, and stuffed animals, are located in the Narthex. If you need one, please pick it up as you enter the Narthex.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Epiphany, January 19, 2020

“Our Call: Elder”

What does it mean to be called into the ordained ministry?

2020 Vale Leadership

Council Chair - Deb German

The church council is the administrative agency of the charge conference to envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the ministry of the congregation.



Council Secretary - Susan Leigh

Susan is responsible for keeping the minutes of the council meetings.



Lay Leader - Courtney McGowan

The lay leader functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. The lay leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.



Lay Member of Annual Conference - Dorothy Arbiter

Dorothy attends Annual Conference sessions as a voting delegate from Vale and interprets the actions to the congregation.



United Methodist Youth Representative - Jordan Goodfellow

Jordan represents the Youth in Council discussions.



Church Council At-Large - Tom Feeney

Tom serves on the council to work on special projects as directed by the council.



Staff - Pastor - Jeff Haugh

Jeff is appointed by the Bishop to serve at Vale. Per the *Discipline*, the pastor is also the chair of the **Lay Leadership Committee**, which is responsible for developing a slate of nominations for charge conference.



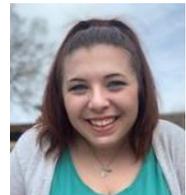
Staff - Director of Christian Education - Melissa Meadows

Melissa coordinates education for children, youth, and adults.



Staff - Director of Youth Ministries - Kristina Wilson

Kristina leads the youth programs at Vale.



Finance Cmte Chair - Bill Rigger

The Finance committee proposes a budget; then raises, manages, and distributes the financial resources of the congregation to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the congregation.



Church Treasurer - Shira Goodfellow

Shira disburses all funds received into the church treasury in a responsible and organized manner, with funds identified and bills paid when due, so that the ministry of the congregation can be effective.



Staff-Parish Relations - Judy Carlson

The SPRC builds a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ, working with the pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff.



Financial Secretary - Brad Geddes

The financial secretary receives, records, and deposits all funds received by the congregation in a timely, thorough, and confidential manner. He works with the committee on finance to ensure that funds are made available to support the ministry of the congregation.



Trustee Board Chair (To be elected)

The Board of Trustees will function as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation, supervising and maintaining the physical property of the congregation and also gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

United Methodist Men President – Ken Carlson

The mission of the UMM is to support spiritual growth among men, helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others.

United Methodist Women President - Karen Leniart

The vision of the UMW is to turn faith, hope and love into action to help those in our church, community, and around the world.



Nurture Committee (Vacant)

The nurture team coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's ministry in the areas of member care, worship, and educational experiences, including the church school, small groups, regular and special worship services, stewardship formation, and member visitation.

Missions (Outreach) - Linda Chrosniak

The mission committee plans and coordinates the many mission activities of the church including Rise Against Hunger, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors, Homeless, SE DC, Hypothermia, The Closet, Second Story, Guatemala, First Sunday, Shepherd Center, and Crossfield Mentoring.



Evangelism Chair - Stephanie Marshall

This team coordinates, plans, carries out, and evaluates the congregation's witness ministries, helping all know and respond to the love of God in Christ. This includes planning evangelistic outreach and setting goals for congregational growth, visitation, and membership care.



Vale Ministry Opportunities

January 12, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, we warmly welcome you to our community of faith at Vale Church!

Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during worship services and Sunday school, year round. At the 10:00am service, children will participate in the Children's Moment and then be escorted to the nursery or Sunday school classroom.

Join us in the hallway after the 8:30am service and in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00am service for coffee and snacks.

On your way out, please pick up a Vale Welcome Bag, which contains more information about our church. The bags are available at the entrance to the Main Sanctuary and outside the Church Office.

We look forward to meeting you—and hope to see you again soon!



Vale UMC is proud to be recognized as a Safe Haven congregation. If you suspect signs of human trafficking, please call 888.373.7888 or text 233733.

Enjoy today's message? - Worship services in the sanctuary are recorded and sometimes posted on social media. If you would like a DVD, please let us know. Sermons can also be found on YouTube and SoundCloud. Search for Vale United Methodist church.

Church updates - Did you know Vale sends out via email a weekly *Shout* and a monthly *Voice* with church updates? If you are **not** receiving our emails and would like to, please let the Vale office know.



Help Vale Package up to 75,000 Meals
to Fight Hunger (Jan 26)

On Sunday, January 26, Vale will be putting the proceeds from our tremendously successful Christmas tree sale to work by packaging up to 75,000 meals(!) to help feed hungry children and families around the world. We hope you can lend a helping hand ~ and, most importantly, we want you to have the opportunity to see up close how the money we've raised is being used to fight hunger.

The food packaging event is part of Vale's ongoing partnership with the global nonprofit *Rise Against Hunger* (www.riseagainsthunger.org). Last year Vale packaged 60,000 meals in about 7 hours with 400 volunteers. Those meals went to Haiti. Wherever our meals are shipped this year, we know they will have an impact. And anyone who has participated in previous events will tell you that the packing process is a fun and rewarding experience.

To sign up online as a meal packer, please visit
<http://bit.ly/ValeRise2020>.

Children ages 8 and up are welcome to participate with a parent. Childcare is available for children under 8 (please indicate names and ages in the comments section of the sign up form). And for teens, this is a great opportunity to earn some community service hours for school. We are also reaching out to the community to join us—so please invite friends and neighbors!

All participants must either wear a hair net (provided at the event) or bring a hat.

Questions? Contact Vale's Rise Against Hunger Coordinator Mike Martin at memartin213@gmail.com or [\(703\) 371-7665](tel:(703)371-7665).

The Closet

Volunteers Needed -

The Closet's next two volunteer dates are Wednesday, January 22 & Monday, February 3. If you are able, please sign up to help for 2, 3, or 4, hours on one of those dates. Lately, we have not been meeting our assigned times & the store badly needs of help. The sign-up sheet is on the Mission Board.



BIG Thank You - This goes out to all those who helped at The Closet during 2019. They are: Vicky Alonzo, Jan Feeny, Joan Broome, Pam Keller, Dottie Brinker, EllieSkey, Carole Cook, Yvonne Lauw, Joan Zottig, Peg Fridel, Bill DuBois & Chris Olson. We hope everyone will consider volunteering on one of our days during 2020.

The Closet is located at 845 Station Street in Herndon, Virginia.

If you can help, please sign up or contact **Chris Olson** at 703-476-4561 or golsonc@gmail.com

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors – Good Shepherd UMC, Oakton UMC, Vale UMC and the Fox Mill Giant are partnering with the communities of Fox Mill, Oakton and Vale, to do a Food Collection Event. Food will be collected from **Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26**, to address hunger situations in our community by packaging meals for breakfast, snacks and weekends for local elementary schools.

If you are able to help with this event, please go to the sign-up genius on Vale's webpage, ValeChurch.org, under the *Get Involved/Sign-Ups* tab.

By selecting and buying DESIGNATED food items at the Fox Mill Giant, you can make a difference. A food list is available on the credenza outside the church office. Thanks for your generosity!



The Oakton and Vale United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast in the Oakton UMC Social Hall at 8:00am on Saturday, January 18 at 8:00am. Geddis Kerr will deliver a Biblically based, historically themed message titled "What If?...Then What Now?".

This scripturally based discussion of Bible history ensures listener participation and challenges the listener to consider some Biblical history from a different perspective.

All are welcome - men and women, boys and girls. See you at 7:45 AM for coffee.

Buy Grocery Cards, Fund Vale Missions!

Vale continues to sell grocery cards during Fellowship Time following the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services. We have Giant, Safeway, Wegmans, and Whole Foods cards. Cards are sold weekdays as well in the church office. Vale makes a 5% profit on every card sold, 100% of which is used to fund Vale's missions!



Please Setup Your New Giving Account -

We have a new giving platform that will allow you to donate through your phone or the website and easily manage all of your giving to support God's work. If you give electronically right now, we ask that

Online Giving
is simple and easy!

you set up an account and manage your recurring giving. This entire process will only take you a few minutes.

Please visit the church website and you can see the information under Get Involved/Signups and choose Giving or go to ValeChurch.org/giving.html

If you do not want to manage your recurring giving, please fill out an electronic giving form as we will need a new form even if you currently give electronically.



Urgent Message for Amazon Shoppers

Give Back While Shopping! It's easy - just Use Vale's Amazon.com Link!

Did you know that Vale can earn 6% - 8% of all the items you purchase from Amazon.com for Vale Church Missions? To initially invoke this program, you have to use the link on the Vale website. The link can be found on the home page. Scroll down the page and on the left you will see: **Shop Online & Support Vale Missions**

[Use this link for Amazon.com](#) and a percentage of your purchase supports Vale Missions! [MORE INFO](#)



Click on the link and it will load the Amazon home page that is tied to the Vale refund program. Simply bookmark this site and/or add to your favorites, then every time you want to sign on to Amazon just click on your bookmarked link. When you shop for Christmas and all year long, you are also benefiting the homeless and the hungry **ONLY** when you use this link.

Save it to your bookmarks and use every time you shop on Amazon!

Coffee Fellowship after Worship Services

We are seeking volunteers to host the coffee hour following the 8:30 am and 10:00 am worship service. No experience necessary because detailed directions are supplied. Sponsors make coffee and lemonade, set up and clean up and provide a snack item and cream. Coffee, tea, sugar, lemonade and paper products are supplied.



If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please contact **Diane DuBois** or call the church office at 703-620-2594. A sign-up genius is available on Vale's website under the sign-ups tab. <http://bit.ly/10amFellowship>. **We need volunteers throughout January.**



The Vale Lunch Bunch – TODAY!

The Vale Lunch Bunch is gathering for an adult fellowship following the 10:00am service today.

We'll meet after church at 11:45am at **Famous Dave's** (on Route 123 in the Oakton Shopping Center), for lunch, conversation and fellowship. Join us!

Vale UMC Preschool registration is open to church members and returning families for the '20-'21 school year. New families can register after January 20, 2020. Vale offers a mixed-age play based preschool program for 3-5 year olds. We have a small teacher to student ratio of 1:5.



Students enjoy chapel, music, and movement lessons twice each month in addition to the regular curriculum. For more information about our church's preschool program, contact Susan Ricci at Preschool@ValeChurch.org.

The Vale UMC Bowling League has started our new season! We meet Friday nights at 6:30 pm with bowling to follow at 7:00 pm. The season goes 14 weeks. Teams are made up of four members. There are no restrictions on the make up a team (mixed or all male or all female). The league is perfect for the beginning, casual or experienced bowlers. We have a lot of fun and enjoy the company of our fellow bowlers. No need to sign up, just show up!



New Altar Flower Sign-Up Sheet – The 2020 Altar Flower signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Flowers can be given in celebration, in memory, or in honor of just about any special person or event you would like. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 703-620-2594.

Contemporary Christian Topics Discussion Group with John Colwell

The Contemporary Christian Topics discussion group will meet at 9:30 am today in the Resource Room. We will discuss predestination. This is an interesting topic that has been controversial for centuries.

Sunday Evening Bible Study (7:00pm) with Vic Larson

This Sunday, January 12th we will cover Chapters 11 and 12 of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid*. All are welcome to join us Sunday evenings 7-8 pm in the Resource Room.



Wednesday Bible Study (10:30am) with Pastor Jeff

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on January 15^h. We will start *The Screwtape Letters*. We'll read letters 1-3.

New Adult Sunday School Class - We have a new adult Sunday School class meeting in the Resource Room at 11:30am after the worship service. Our first series will be "How Conversation Works: 6 Lessons for Better Communication". No need to sign up, just show up!

This Week at Vale: January 12 – January 19, 2020

Sun, Jan 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Classes (PreK - 6)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades K-6)
- 11:30 am Youth Group
- 11:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:45 am Handchime Choir Rehearsal
- 11:45 am Lunch Bunch
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 40
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Mon, Jan 13

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 - GT

Tues, Jan 14

- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir Rehearsal

Wed, Jan 15

- 10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Jan 16

- 10:30 am SE DC Food Delivery

Sun, Jan 19

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Parallel Worship Service
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