

“Study”

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: How I love God's law! God commandments and teachings are always with me.

Many: **How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

One: God's new covenant is written on our hearts so that we may all know God, young and old, powerful and powerless alike.

Many: **How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

One: In the Word we hear the good news of the gospel: salvation is ours through faith in Christ Jesus.

Many: **How sweet are God's words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

*** Hymn “How Firm a Foundation”**

UMH 529

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins with forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Many: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. In Christ's name. Amen.

One: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Scripture Psalm 119

UMH 840

Sing Response 3

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Children's Moment (10am)

Terri Lowry

Children from Preschool to 5th grade exit to Children's Church.

Sermon "Study"

Pastor Jeff

If Scripture is "inspired by God", how do we read it? What does it mean to us?

*** Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

UMH 277

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 494

"Kum Ba Yah"

Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Kum Ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.

Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

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."

* Prayer of Dedication

God of generous providing, you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives. The sacred writings that provide instruction, correction, and training; the gift of the church; covenantal love and faithfulness; your own dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior; the gift of the Spirit, our Advocate. We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you. Use these offerings, we pray, in service of the justice you are establishing through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH 600

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 TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Lay Reader – Lee Eisman (8:30AM) Terri Lowry (10:00am)

Altar Flowers – The altar flowers today are provided by Anthony and Melissa Meadows in celebration of Laela's 16th Birthday.

Coffee Fellowship – Worshipers are invited to remain after the worship services and socialize over coffee. Thank you to the Jobbitt/Marshall 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
3rd Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2020

“Serve”
Isaiah 1:11-13, 17

Lectio Divina Divine Reading *A Way of Encountering God in Scripture*

- ✿ *Meditatio – Pondering the Personal word*
Read the passage slowly 3 times – hear God address you.
Sit silently for a minute or two.
Read the passage again – slowly – listen for word or phrase that catches your attention. Sit in silence.
Reread the passage – concentrate on the word or phrase that caught your attention and explore it in the context of the scripture and your life/work.

- ✿ *Oratorio – Intimate dialogue with God*
Pray silently or aloud, or journal your thoughts and prayer.

- ✿ *Contemplatio – Heavenly rest*
Enjoy being in the presence of God.

- ✿ *Incarnatio – A calling forward*
Ask what you can do to live into this scripture?

Vale Ministry Opportunities

March 8, 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.

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!

The Closet -Volunteers Needed -

Our new scheduled dates for volunteering at the store are: March 16 (Monday), April 2 (Thursday) & 17 (Friday). If you can work a few hours on any of those days, please sign-up on the Mission Board. Besides our assigned days, help is always needed, so feel free to drop in at any time. The store hours are 10 am - 5 pm Monday - Saturday.



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

Volunteer Appreciation Sale Event

Sunday, March 8, 2020 1:00-4:00 pm

At The Closet

Discounts!!* Food!! Fellowship!!

Join the fun!

*25% off Jewelry – 50% off Hardgoods including Toys – 80% off
Clothing, Luggage, Art,

Frames, Mirrors and Baskets

Help Wanted - Think youth are cool? Want to spend more time with the youth and build deep and meaningful relationships with them? Want to support the youth program but not sure how? Kristina is currently looking for all types of support. If you are able to serve through your presence, Kristina is looking for adult volunteers during Youth Group on Sundays (11:30-1:00pm) as well as Bible Study on Tuesday nights (6:30-8:00pm). No experience necessary! If this feels daunting to you, the youth gather at table frequently and, unsurprisingly, would love if you are able to serve through providing food. This would also include helping with donating donuts for the first Sunday of the month. Finally, if none of the above options are speaking to you, prayers for the youth and youth ministry are always appreciated! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kristina.



Dinner's on Us! - Vale United Methodist Church invites the community to join us for a spaghetti dinner on **Tuesday, March 17**, starting at 6:30pm. St. Patrick's Day music provided by the Sing & Jam, free food, fun and fellowship!

United Methodist Women Easter Eggs -

After more than 20 years, the UMW has decided not to make our handmade chocolate Easter eggs this year. They are labor intensive, and each year, fewer ladies participate. A big thank you to all who supported the UMW by buying Easter eggs through the years, and an even bigger thank you to Linda Hefner whose efforts and leadership guided us through the process each year.



Vale Lunch Bunch - The Adult Lunch Bunch will meet **TODAY**, March 8, at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Hope you can join us.



Holy Land Christian Sales
Hear their story and buy their beautiful
olivewood crafts



On **April 26, 2020** after all services, we will be hosting a nice display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.

These carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For more than ten years Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from 30% in the last century to almost 1% today.

Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the carvings after all masses. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever.

Proceeds go to support Christian artisans from Bethlehem. It is never too late to help. The website showing the crafts is www.holylandcsc.com

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. Today's discussion will be on "Q". Come join us!

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

Today we will continue our seven week series "24 Hours that Changed the World".



This study goes in detail from the Last Supper to the Resurrection looking at the Bible, history, archaeology, and geography including videos filmed in Jerusalem. Kim Haugh will be leading this study.

Anyone is welcome to join us at 7 pm in Vale's Resource Room.

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

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will not meet this week. We will resume March 25th.

This Week at Vale: March 8, 2020 – March 15, 2020

Sun, Mar 8

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Parallel 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
- 11:45 am Lunch Bunch
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Mon, Mar 9

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 - GT

Tues, Mar 10

- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir Rehearsal

Wed, Mar 11

- 6:30 pm Cub Scout 1530 Den 7 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Mar 12

- 7:00 pm Sing & Jam

Sun, Mar 15

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