
Vale United Methodist Church



“Follow That Star!”

January 5, 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: Come see the star shining in the world!

Many: As deep as the swirling baptismal pools, we are called.

One: Come bring your gift to God!

Many: God's gift to us is offered in salvation. What can we bring in response?

One: Come renew your spirit!

Many: Flow among us, Holy Spirit. Make us one with you so we may see the path before us.

* Hymn “There's a Song in the Air”

UMH 249

* Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Everlasting God, we kneel before you to offer our gifts, as insignificant as they are in comparison to your gift of the Christ-child. We oftentimes miss the point, wandering aimlessly through life, never realizing that following the star to you is simple obedience in response to your extravagant, radical love. Open us to receive and to give in adoration to you. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

Children's Moment (10am)

Terri Lowry

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

Sermon

"Follow That Star!"

Rev. Joanna Dietz

* Hymn "Like A Child"

TFWS 2092

* The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 618

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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**

*** Doxology**

UMH 621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.
Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you retrieve us from despair and fear, you visit us with surprising proclamations, and you intend for us good things. We thank you for your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gifts of faith. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life. Amen.

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

* Prayer of Confession

One: Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

Many: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. Instead of worshipping you, we have bragged about our material goods. We have turned from spiritual food to a gluttony of worldly junk food that pushes us further toward temptations and away from you. In focusing on ourselves, we have neglected the cries of our neighbors and the needy in the world. Turn us back to you to follow your star. Open our eyes to see its brilliance and to fall down in awe and wonder of your free grace. Expand our hearts to experience the joy of spending time with those who may have little to their name, but much to give in the abundance of community. Free us to live into this abundance with you and with one another – especially those we tend to overlook. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 15

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are welcome to receive communion.

Gluten-free elements are available upon request.

Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

*** Hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH 242**

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) Terri Lowry (10:00am)

Altar Flowers – The altar flowers today are provided by the worship committee.

Coffee Fellowship – Support the youth as they sponsor the coffee hour with their Dollars for Donuts immediately following the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services.

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 after Christmas, January 12, 2020

“Our Call: Laity”

Tom Feeney and Dorothy Arbiter

Vale Ministry Opportunities

January 5, 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:7033717665).

The Closet

Volunteers Needed -

We have placed a new winter volunteer sign-up list on the Mission Board. Please take a look at it and sign-up to help out.

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!

Students who participate in this event can receive service hours.

Ed Lowry Scholarship Fund – The Lowry family has established a scholarship fund in memory of Ed Lowry. If you would like to contribute, you may give a check with “Ed Lowry Scholarship” in the memo line or donate through the Vale website.



Buy Grocery Cards, Fund Vale Missions, No Cash or Checkbook Required!

Vale continues to sell grocery cards during Fellowship Time following the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services.

We have Giant, Safeway, Wegman's, 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!

Cards may be purchased with cash or check, and now with an "Automatic Pre-Pay" subscription! Vale members need only fill out a form - similar to the electronic giving form - specifying a monthly deduction from a designated account. [Example: You want a \$50 Giant card but don't have cash or your checkbook. Simply sign the form authorizing an amount to be deducted from your checking or savings account each month.] Stop by the "Grocery Dollars" table any Sunday during Fellowship to support this worthy cause and learn more about our new Pre-Pay option!

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 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.**

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.



Sing & Jam at Vale

We'll hold our next monthly community acoustic jam-sing on **Thursday, January 9th from 7pm to 9pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. This is an informal meet-up of musicians and singers; beginners are very welcome! All singing abilities and players of acoustic instruments are invited. If you play guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, accordion, cajon, bongos (or other small drums), fiddle, ukulele, etc. ~ we want you!



We provide binders full of song sheets (folk, pop/rock, country, gospel, bluegrass, etc.). Feel free to bring additional song sheets, or just tell us the key, play the melody and teach us the words; we'll catch on.

If you wish to request a song beforehand, send it to **Clint O'Brien** at cobrien64@aol.com and we'll distribute the song sheet in advance.



The Vale UMC Bowling League will start our new season on Friday, January 10, 2020. We will meet 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.

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 5th we will cover Chapters 9 and 10 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 8^h. We will discuss Chapter 4, *Almost Christmas*.

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 5 – January 12, 2020

Sun, Jan 5

- 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
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 2:30 pm GS Troop 2017
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Mon, Jan 6

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 - GT

Tues, Jan 7

- 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting

Wed, Jan 8

- 10:30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Jan 9

- 7:00 pm Jam & Sing at Vale
- 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Sun, Jan 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service
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- 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades K-6)
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- 11:45 am Handchime Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

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