
Vale United Methodist Church



“Building Walls”

August 29, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

[Facebook.com/groups/valechurch](https://www.facebook.com/groups/valechurch)



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.

“Building Walls”

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

Many: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our lives:

Many: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

Many: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

Many: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

Many: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Hymn “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

UMH 340

*** Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader

One: Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us.

Many: God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

One: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Nehemiah 2:17-20

Children's Sermon

Rev. Dietz

Sermon “Building Walls”

Rev. Haugh

***Hymn “My Hope is Built”**

UMH 368

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2215

“Cares Chorus”

I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

Prayers of the People

You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may send prayer requests to PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org. After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by “God of light,” Please respond with “hear our prayer.”

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

“Flying High” Williams

Sharon Williams, hammered dulcimer

Blessing of the Offerings

***Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

UMH 519

SENDING FORTH

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

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal
WS - Worship & Song

Children's Church

We invite the children to take a worship packet and work on the activities during worship at their seats or at the Children's Corner. Our youngest are invited to go to the nursery, across the hall from the worship space.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

15th Sunday of Pentecost, September 5, 2021

“Teamwork”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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This Week at Vale: August 29, 2021 – September 5, 2021

Sun, August 29

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

Tues, August 31

- 6:00 pm Youth Gaming*

Wed, September 1

- 10:00 am Bible Study*
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Sat, September 4

- 9:00 am Women's Study

Sun, September 5

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 12:15 am Sunday School Leader Orientation

At this time, many meetings are offered in a hybrid virtual and in-person format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at Office@ValeChurch.org.

* *see announcement for details*

Vale Ministry Opportunities

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WELCOME FRIENDS! 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!

We look forward to meeting you in person—and hope to see you with us 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? – Sermons can also be found on YouTube and Facebook by searching for “Vale United Methodist Church”. If you would like a DVD, please let us know.

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.

Lay Readers Needed – As we begin more in-person services, we will have more opportunities to be lay readers. Our September through November sign up can be found [here](#). If you are doing virtual lay reading, you will receive an email with a script and instructions a week before your selected date. If you are reading in person, simply show up at the service! Please contact the office at office@valechurch.org for more information.

Vale Youth Gaming – Youth Group will be meeting on Tuesday at 6 via Zoom. We will be playing Gartic Phone! For more information please contact youth@valechurch.org.



Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund - The Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH), led by Bishop Jean-Lesley Dorcely, sent out a request to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to aid

the people impacted by the earthquake with food, water filters, humanitarian kits, and tarps. In response to this request, Bishop Lewis and our Virginia Conference are asking us to support UMCOR financially.

If you are interested in sending funding to Haiti, we encourage you to give through Push Pay, marking your donation as "Mission: Haiti". We will send the funds directly to UMCOR. You are also welcome to go to the UMCOR website and give from there. We do ask that you check the box that credits your local church. This allows UMCOR to track how our Vale Church Community is involved in mission. The advance number is: #982450

Regardless of how you give, the entirety of your donation will go directly to Haiti.

Do you want to support Vale's ministries? Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor PushPay. You don't have to set up an account and you can designate your offering for a particular mission, program or for the general church funding. Go to <http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using PushPay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Eileen Koefoot, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org

Vale Music -

Special Music Request -

We are in need of special music each Sunday for the online worship service.

Please contact Jan Smith at music@valechurch.org if you would be willing to share your gifts in this way. Singing, playing an instrument, solos, duets, etc. - we'd love to have you participate!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study – We'll start on September 1 at 10 am as we study the Psalms. Our book is *Entering the Psalms*. The cost of the book is \$9 and is available on Amazon, Upper Room books, or let us know and we'll order one for you.

We'll meet in-person in the resource room, but a Zoom link will be available.

Help Wanted! – We're looking for volunteers to help run the A/V equipment on Sunday mornings. Talk to Norm Dietz or Pastor Jeff if you are interested.

Sunday School Small Groups begin on September 12 at 9:45 AM! We will have groups for children, youth and adults! Registration for children and youth can be found [here](#). Some of the studies include:

"Celebrate Wonder!" (Pre-School and Elementary Children)

"When Christians Get it Wrong" (Youth)

Women's Study

Contemporary Christianity Study

Safe, masked areas will be designated for some of Sunday School's Small Groups. We are exploring hybrid options for those who feel unsafe coming to the church building - please let us know if this option interests you at youth@valechurch.org.



Bike Collection Drive – Manav Gandhi, a scout from Troop 1983, is hosting a Bike Collection Drive for his Eagle Scout project today at Vale from 12:15-4:15pm. His project involves collecting used bikes in any shape or condition and sending them to impoverished communities in Madagascar and Sierra Leone. If you, or anybody you know has a used bike you are looking to get rid of, please contact Manav at [mnvgandhi@gmail.com](mailto:mnv Gandhi@gmail.com), or 202-779-4889. To learn more, you can visit <https://www.bikesfortheworld.org>.

New Schedule Starts on September 12th

8:30 am Modified virtual service (pre-recorded, with less music)

8:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 am Children's Music

9:45 am Sunday Small Groups for All

11:00 am Worship in the Fellowship Hall

We are watching the rising Delta variant cases and school openings in our area closely. Please refer to our website for any schedule changes. Children's activities will be dependent on applicable guidelines. We will pay particular attention to the practices of Fairfax County Public Schools.

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