Vale United Methodist Church



"Pajamas and Stories"

January 2, 2022

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



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.

Epiphany Sunday

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GATHERING

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

Welcome

Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH 224 v 1-2

* Call to Worship

Lay Reader

- One: O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.
- Many: Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn "What Child is This" UMH 219 v 1, 3

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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

Scripture

John 1:1-9

Story

Hymn "Away in a Manger"

Story

Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Story

Prayers of the People

You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may send prayer requests to *PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org*.

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.

* Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246

UMH 217

UMH 206

SENDING FORTH

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

Announcements

* Closing Prayer

Many: Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

* Postlude

*Please stand in spirit or in posture.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Contributers: 11:00 Terri Lowry Virtual Kim Sheard

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!

Enjoy today's message? – Services 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022

"Baptism of the Lord" Luke 3.15-17; 21-22

Rev. Jeff Haugh

This Week at Vale: January 2	2, 2022 – January 9, 2022
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Sun, January 2

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

Tues, January 4

6:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, January 5 10:00 am Bible Study*

Sun, January 9

8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
8:30 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
9:30 am	Contemporary Christian Topics
9:45 am	Sunday Small Groups
11:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
12:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

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

^{*} see announcement for details

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.

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.

Do you want to support Vale's ministries? Did you know that you can give to Vale online? We use the respected vendor Push Pay. 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 <u>http://pushpay.com/g/valechurch</u> and see how easy it is. The information is confidential and secure.

If you have any questions or run into any difficulty using Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Eileen Koefoot, at <u>FinSec@ValeChurch.org</u>

Wayne's Corner – As the Lay Leader for Vale, Wayne Applewhite acts as the connection between the congregation and the clergy. He invites you to call him at (703)-815-6618 or email at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com with any matters you might want brought to Jeff and Joanna.

We are watching the Covid cases 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.

We ask you to register for services so that we can contact attendees if we become aware of Covid cases in our community **Bowling League** – The Vale Bowling league will start on Friday, January 7 at Bowl-ero Fairfax (formerly Bowl America). Contact Amanda Curwood, <u>massagepro20@yahoo.com</u> for details.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Starting January 5, we will read *Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey Through Grief* by Julie Yarbrough. The first lesson will be very general; you will not need to have read anything beforehand. We meet at 10 am each Wednesday in the Resource Room or you can join us via the <u>Vale Worship Zoom link</u>. The book is available on <u>Amazon</u> (\$13.99 paper, \$9.99 kindle). You might be able to find a used copy as well.

The Women's Small Group will return on Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 AM. We will be studying the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" by Rachel Held Evans. Come learn how to deepen your discipleship with other women and this light-hearted read. For more information and the Zoom link, please contact Joanna Dietz

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Join us this Saturday, January 8th at 10:30 am to knit and crochet for ministry! All experience levels are welcome, and lessons are available for those that need it. For more information, contact Margie Koller at <u>kollermargie@gmail.com</u> or Nancy Taylor at <u>Luvkats4@gmail.com</u>

White Doves – This year's White Dove Christmas drive to benefit Second Story was a huge success! Vale UMC collected – and delivered to our missions partner – 128 gift items worth over \$1,400. These included 7 sets of ear buds, 14 games, 18 sweatshirts, 14 sweatpants, 7 hairdryers, 2 cosmetic bags, 15 lipsticks, 8 nail polishes, 17 assorted other makeup items, 1 set of cozy socks, 12 movie passes, 1 AMC gift card and 10 gas cards. In addition to these physical gifts, 7 field trip sponsorships-worth \$210-and a \$100 donation were given by five generous people, bringing our White Dove campaign total to over \$1,700. A rousing thank-you to all of you who donated!

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