

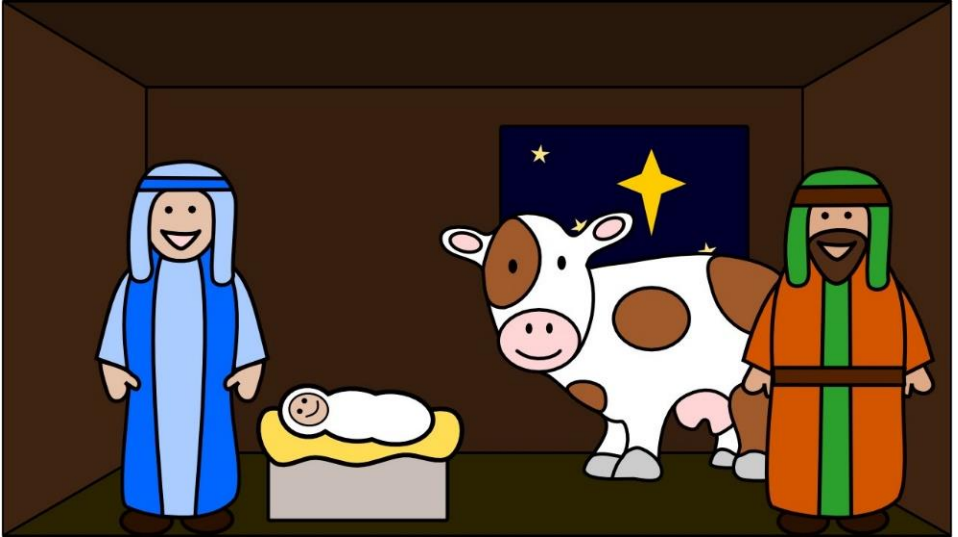
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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Christmas Story in Cartoons”

December 26, 2021

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

[www.ValeChurch.org](http://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.*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas      December 26, 2021**  
**“Christmas Story in Cartoons”**

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**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

**\* Call to Worship**

**Lay Reader**

One:      God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger  
              in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is  
              humbly born into the darkness of human night.

Many:     Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows  
              of our world, so that we, like him, may become  
              beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for  
              whom there is no room. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**UMH 238**

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

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

**Scripture**

**Psalms 148**

**Sermon**

**“Christmas Story in Cartoons”**

**Dorothy Arbiter**

## Hymns

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**      **UMH 230, v. 1**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**      **UMH 240, v. 1**

**“We Three Kings”**      **UMH 254, v. 1, 5**

## Prayers of the People

*You may ask for prayer requests via chat. You also may  
send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto: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 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**      **UMH 251**

## SENDING FORTH

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

### \* Closing Prayer

### Lay Reader

Many: O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Though 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.

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*\*Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*    TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

Lay Readers:

Virtual        Wayne Applewhite

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

Epiphany Sunday, January 2, 2022

“Pajamas and Stories”

Dorothy Arbiter

Virtual at 8:30 on Facebook and Youtube  
In Person at 11:00

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**This Week at Vale: December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022**

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**\*\*\*The church office is CLOSED this week\*\*\***

**Sun, December 26**

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)\*  
1:00 pm Youth Meal Prep\*

**Friday, December 31**

12:00 pm Hypothermia Shelter\*

**Sat, January 1**

**Happy New Year!**

**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 in-person format. Please contact your group leader for specific information, or email the office at [Office@ValeChurch.org](mailto:Office@ValeChurch.org).

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\* see announcement for details

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## Vale Ministry Opportunities

### December 26, 2021

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 <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 Push Pay, please contact our Financial Secretary, Eileen Koefoot, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)

**Church Office Closings** – The church office will be closed the week of Dec 26<sup>th</sup> through Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. In an emergency, Joanna will be reachable at (703) 346-8335 until the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Jeff will be reachable at (804) 687-3938 after the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**Hypothermia Shelter** – Vale is providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter at Christ Lutheran Church on December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be sure to bring all prepared food donations to the church kitchen at 12-3 pm on the date you register for. Sign up to donate food or help serve the meal on Vale's [SignUp Genius page](#), accessible on our website.

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**Vale Youth Group** – The last meeting of the year will be today, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm to prepare a meal for the Hypothermia Shelter. Please contact Joanna Dietz to attend at [youth@valechurch.org](mailto:youth@valechurch.org)

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**Bowling League** – The Vale Bowling league will start on Friday, January 7 at Bowl-ero Fairfax (formerly Bowl America). Contact Amanda Curwood, [massagepro20@yahoo.com](mailto:massagepro20@yahoo.com) for details.

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**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 [Vale Worship Zoom link](#). The book is available on [Amazon](#) (\$13.99 paper, \$9.99 kindle). You might be able to find a used copy as well.

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**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



**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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**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](mailto:applewhitew2003@yahoo.com) with any matters you might want brought to Jeff and Joanna.

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**Worship Sign In** – In order to keep track of who is attending in person services, we ask that you please sign in with the usher as you enter. If you have registered beforehand or regularly attend services, your name should appear on the list – simply check yourself off. If you are new or have not registered, please write your name and contact information for Covid tracing purposes.

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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

## VALE CHURCH STAFF

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Norm Dietz, Accompanist/Organist

Vicky Alonzo, Nursery Caregiver  
Olesya Ellis, Nursery Caregiver

Edilman Robles, Custodian

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## 2021 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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