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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“Stay in Love with God”**

May 8, 2022

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.

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome**

**The Peace**

*From your seat, please offer your neighbors the peace of Jesus Christ.  
The liturgist will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”  
Please respond with, “**And also with you!**”*

**Prelude**

**\*Threshold & Response**

**Lay Reader**

One: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.  
Many: Praise the Lord!  
One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Many: Let us worship God!

**\*Hymn**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**UMH 384**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Through this Methodist Movement we have been called to stay in love with God. When the hectic pace of living overwhelms our senses and we are left exhausted at the end of each long day, it is hard to find time for God. We are more inclined to be focused on our “to-do” lists than on developing a long-lasting relationship with God. Let us confess our sins before God.

**Many:** Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

**One:** Hear the good news! God calls us out of the darkness of apathy and into the light of a new day. As the resurrected Easter people claimed through the love of God and the salvation of the Christ, and through the movement of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven!

**Many:** We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen and amen.

## **PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

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

### **Scripture**

**I John 5:1-4**

*The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."  
Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

### **Children's Sermon (11:00)**

**Rev. Dietz**

### **Sermon "Stay in Love with God"**

**Rev. Haugh**

### **Hymn**

**"Happy the Home Where God is There" UMH 445**

### **Call for Joys and Concerns**

## “Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.

## 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). After each petition, there will be a moment of silence closed by*

*“O Risen Christ,” Please respond with,  
“open our eyes to your mercy in the world.”*

## 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.

## Special Music (11:00)

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Deneff**

Kim Sheard, violin

## Blessing of the Offerings

**\*Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”      UMH 557**

**SENDING FORTH**

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

**Announcements**

**\* Blessing and Charge**

**\* Postlude**

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

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

Thank you to Judy Jobbitt for providing our  
coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

8:30	Kim Haugh
11:00	Dorothy Arbiter
Virtual	Dorothy Arbiter

Masks are no longer required, however, a portion of the Fellowship Hall, near the Children’s Corner will be a “mask and distancing required zone” during worship services. Please wear a mask and maintain distancing if you are not up to date on vaccinations or boosters, if you are engaging with children, or based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

## **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.

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### **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 15, 2022

“The World is Our Parish”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: May 8, 2022 – May 15, 2022**

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**Sun, May 8**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:30 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 9:45 am **NO Sunday Small Groups**
- 11:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

**Tues, May 10**

- 10:30 am **Vale Book Club**
- 6:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm **Missions Committee Meeting**
- 7:30 pm **Flutes Practice**

**Wed, May 11**

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study\*
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thurs May 12**

- 7:00 pm **SPRC Meeting**
- 7:00 pm **Wire Choir**

**Sat, May 14**

- 9:00 am Women's Study (virtual)
- 5:00 pm **Youth Meeting**

**Sun, May 15**

- 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
- 4:00 pm **Family Event\***
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

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

May 8, 2022

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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, Lisa Martin, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**Family Event** – We invite anyone who loves and appreciates teachers to come on out and create small appreciation gifts for our local teachers. This is a time for us to gather together intergenerationally and support our community. We will meet May 15 from 4-5 pm at the church. Bring friends!

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**Youth Bake Sale** – The Youth Group is raising money for our summer trip! We will be having a bake sale on Sunday, May 15 both between the 8:30 and 11:00 services and at the Family Event at 4:00. We hope you will come get some yummy treats and support our youth!

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**Scholarship Applications** – The deadline to apply for a scholarship from Vale is May 13! There are three types of scholarships offered:

Vale High School Scholarship: For Graduating High School Seniors.

Vale Outstanding Scholarship: This is a merit-based scholarship for high school graduating senior(s).

Vale Educational Scholarship: For students who merit support for the continuing education program.

To apply, fill out the [Google form](#) found on [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). References should be sent to the church, either by email or snail mail if they are not attached to the form.

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**Save the Dates! Family-Style VBS July 5-8**: VBS is usually an event for our children. But who doesn't like science experiments, Bible stories, and team building activities? This year, VBS will be a community-wide, all-ages family event in the evenings from July 5-8 (Tuesday-Friday). Looking for ways to serve? Come spend some time with us assisting the family/community groups as they enter each station as their guide! We are also looking for someone who has some experience in creating science experiments and another gifted in team building activities. If this fits you, please contact Joanna Dietz. More about what to expect for our evening VBS coming soon!

**Embry Rucker** - Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches on May 22 from 9:30 - 10:30. Food donations are also needed, please click [here](#) for more details. Donations must be delivered to the church by May 19. Contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com) if you can help make sandwiches or donate the food items

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**Guatemala Mission Trip 2022** - We are venturing back to Guatemala to continue building relationships, improving lives and empowering communities! After a two year absence, it is critical to show the communities we work with that they are not forgotten.

**Date:** Sunday July 17 - Saturday July 23, 2022

**Cost:** \$2000 or so - depending on the size of our group and airfare prices when we book; the price includes flights and in-country transportation, meals, and lodging.

**Deadline:** May 15 - we will need full payment and paperwork completed

Questions? Contact Deb Cohen at [drqt@aol.com](mailto:drqt@aol.com) or 703-304-9709

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**Second Story Meals** - Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Emergency Shelter at 2100 Gallows Road in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on the dates listed in the sign up found [here](#). The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional but much appreciated! Jan Feeney will be in touch the week before with details. You can reach her at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or 571-217-6172 with questions.

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**The Closet Open House** - The Closet is having an Open House on Wednesday, May 11 at 9-10 am. We hope Vale's past volunteers & those considering volunteering will take advantage of going to meet the new manager & see the changes to the store!

**AED** - Did you know that we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the building? It can be used by anyone to help restart the heart when sudden cardiac arrest strikes. It is in a small cabinet on wall in the main hallway.

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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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**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](mailto: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!



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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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Vicky Alonzo, Nursery Caregiver  
Olesya Ellis, Nursery Caregiver

Edilman Robles, Custodian

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## 2022 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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