
Vale United Methodist Church



“Little Altars Everywhere”

February 5, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

www.ValeChurch.org

In Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship at 8:30 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.

5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023
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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

***Call to Worship**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
Many: and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
One: Jesus proclaims, “You are the light of the world.”
Many: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn “We Believe in One True God” UMH 85**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Let us confess our sins before God, our help in
 times of trouble.

Many: Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: In the name of 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

Psalm 84

The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking."

Please respond with "Thanks be to God."

Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class for the remainder of the service.

Sermon “Little Altars Everywhere” Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 432

“Jesu, Jesu”

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from 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
“*Gracious Lord God,*” Please respond with,
“*We worship you.*”*

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.

***Doxology**

UMH 95

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Blessing of the Offerings

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

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

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn “In the Garden”

UMH 314

SENDING FORTH

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

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

* Blessing and Charge

* Postlude

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*

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Lay Readers:

10:00 Bob Lacy

Virtual Judy Jobbitt

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

6th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb 12 2023

Boy Scout Sunday

“Walk This Way”

Jeff Haugh

Masks are no longer required at Vale. 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.

This Week at Vale: Feb 5 – Feb 12, 2023

Sun, Feb 5

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:30 am **RISE Against Hunger Meal Packing***

Tues, Feb 7

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, Feb 8

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

Fri, Feb 10

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sun, Feb 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Christian Topics
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Handbells Rehearsal
- 12:00 am **Vale Planning Meeting***

* *see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Feb 5, 2023

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? – 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.

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 <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, Bill Barnhart, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



RISE Against Hunger Packing Event – Vale is once again hosting our meal packing event for RISE Against Hunger **TODAY!** This year we are aiming to pack 100,000 meals, more than any year before, so we will need plenty of help. Please stay after the service to help out!

Hypothermia Shelter – Vale is once again providing meals for the Hypothermia Shelter! We need volunteers to cook and serve meals at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax on February 10 and 11. Please sign up to help out **BOTH** on Vale's SignUp Genius page, **and** using the UUCF volunteer form, under the "Vale UMC Dinners" tab here: https://uucf-hypo.ivolunteer.com/feb_2023#

Vale Planning Meeting – Please join us on Sunday, February 12th from 12-2PM (after services) in the fellowship hall for a Vale facilities and ground planning meeting. This meeting is open to all members of the church who have an interest in this part of our church's future. Our plan is to use existing studies (Barne's Report), current ideas residing with the Trustees, and overall church membership ideas to come up with a short, medium, and long-term plan for our beautiful church. It is important that people join this conversation so the Trustees can obtain lots of member input - please mark it on your calendar now! Contact Eric Koefoot at ekoefoot@gmail.com with any questions.

Second Story – 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 February 28, March 28, April 25, and May 23. Sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website. 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 or 571-217-6172 with questions.

Preschool Registration - Vale UMC Preschool registration for Fall 2023 is now open to all families. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to come register! Please see the preschool bulletin board across from the preschool classrooms for registration forms, or email Susan Ricci at preschool@valechurch.org for information.

Vale Stewardship - Thank you for the thoughtful general gift commitments made during the fall appeal. We appreciate that so many of you use PushPay. Now it's time to check your PushPay account and update it to reflect your intentions for 2023. Many thanks again!

Youth Sunday School Volunteers - Do you want to help teach our teens? We are in need of volunteers to help with our Youth Sunday School class that meets at 10:15 am. Contact Miranda Mason at ChristianEd@valechurch.org to volunteer or for more information

Coffee Hour Volunteers - Interested in feeding fellowship by feeding your fellows? Please sign up on the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website to help provide coffee and snacks for after our 10:00 service.



Chancel Choir - WE WANT YOU - to join the Choir at Vale!! Everyone is welcome, and anyone can learn to sing.

If you've ever had any interest in singing with a very friendly and loving group of people, now's your chance! Chancel Choir (ages 14-100) rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and sing with us! Questions? Contact Jan Smith at music@valechurch.org.

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 email him at applewhitew2003@yahoo.com, or call at (703) 815-6618 with any matters you might want brought to Jeff

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