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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## **“The First Potluck”**

April 30, 2023

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

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

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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: Family in Christ, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

Many: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Many: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

Many: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Friends, God is our shepherd, so let us not fear but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

Many: **Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ’s example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

One: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God’s fold, let us share our peace with one another, 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

**Acts 2:42-47**

*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 "The First Potluck"

**Rev. Jeff Haugh**

### Missions Moment

**Linda Chrosniak**

### Call for Joys and Concerns

### Call to Prayer

**UMH 334**

#### "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

### Prayers of the People

You may send prayer requests to [PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org](mailto:PrayerRequests@ValeChurch.org).

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

*"God of resurrection" Please respond with,*

*"hear our prayer."*

## **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**

<b>“Angels from the Realms of Glory”</b>	<b>UMH 220</b>
<b>“How Great Thou Art”</b>	<b>UMH 77</b>
<b>“I’ll Fly Away”</b>	<b>TFWS 2282</b>

<b>*Doxology</b>	<b>W&amp;S 3012</b>
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**“When Words Alone Cannot Express”**

*When words alone cannot express  
All that our hearts ache to confess,  
Bring music! Alleluia!  
Bring melody and rhythmic fire!  
Bring instruments, bring bells and choir!  
Bring music! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **Blessing of the Offerings**

<b>Hymn “We Are the Church”</b>	<b>UMH 558</b>
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# SENDING FORTH

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

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities

### \* Blessing and Charge

### \* Postlude

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

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S - *Worship and Song* (Green)

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Thank you to Bette Rutherford and Diane DuBois  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Haugh

Virtual           Judy Jobbitt

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

“Witness to the Gospel”

Rev. 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.

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**This Week at Vale: Apr 30 –May 7, 2023**

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**Sun, Apr 30**

- 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
- 4:30 pm Potluck Dinner\***
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

**Mon, May 1**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

**Tues, May 2**

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, May 3**

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Troop 56063 Meeting
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thurs, May 4**

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Fri, May 5**

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sat, May 6**

- 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry\***

**Sun, May 7**

- 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
- 3:00 pm Troop 56061 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

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\* see announcement for details



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

*"Not a Spectator Sport"*

April 30, 2023

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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, Bill Barnhart, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)



**Children's Choir** – There will be a short Children's Choir rehearsal immediately after the 10am service in the upstairs music room for children grades K-6. Rehearsal will be approximately 15 min.

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**Let's eat!** – Join us on April 30 for an old-fashioned Pot Luck dinner! Event starts at 4:30 pm, and we will eat at 5:00. We'll bring dishes to share, have some entertainment, and enjoy each other's food and company. Please let us know what you're bringing by visiting the SignUp Genius found on Vale's website.

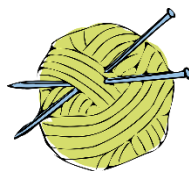


**Scouting For Food** – Cub Scout Pack 1530 will be conducting a food drive between April 22 and April 30 on behalf of the food pantry at Community of Faith UMC. Recently the demand for food has risen to the point that the pantry's food supply is dwindling. The CoF food pantry has been serving over 200 families/week, and is likely to see an increase with the discontinuance of pandemic/SNAP benefits. Any help we can provide will be greatly appreciated.

The pantry is asking for non-perishable food items (no glass containers) to be left outside your door for Scout pickup by 1 pm on Sunday April 30. You can also drop food items at the church labeled for the food drive until the morning of April 30. Items sought include pasta, tuna, soup, noodles, cereal, mac & cheese, beans, etc.

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry** –Join us on May 6 at 10:30 am in the Resource Room to knit and crochet for ministry! We will be making prayer shawls for those that are sick, hats and scarves for Operation Gratitude, and baptismal blankets for our newest Vale members. All experience levels are welcome, and lessons are available for those that need it. For more information, contact Margie Koller at [kollermargie@gmail.com](mailto:kollermargie@gmail.com) or Nancy Taylor at [Luvkats4@gmail.com](mailto:Luvkats4@gmail.com).



**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.

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**The Closet** – Vale's next assigned day for The Closet is Saturday, May 20. We need to provide 2 volunteers for the morning (10 am -1pm) & 2 for the afternoon (1-4pm). Saturday is a perfect time for all those who can't volunteer during the week to give it a try & see what the store is all about. As well as adults, all high schoolers are welcome & can earn service hours. This is a great mission which gives to others in need in so many different ways. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission Board or you can use the church sign-up genius. Questions? Contact Chris Olson at [golsonc@gmail.com](mailto:golsonc@gmail.com) or 703-476-4561, or Nancy Abramson at [stonachNW@aol.com](mailto:stonachNW@aol.com) or 703-307-9737.



**Help Wanted: Preschool Director** – The Vale UMC Preschool regrets to announce that Susan Ricci is stepping down as Lead Teacher/Director. We are now hiring a new Lead Teacher/Director and ask you to send us any recommendations you may have for this post. For full job listing, please visit [bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo](http://bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo). To give a recommendation, please contact us at [preschooljobs@valechurch.org](mailto:preschooljobs@valechurch.org) or Judy Jobbitt, Preschool Chair, at [jjobbitt@msn.com](mailto:jjobbitt@msn.com).



**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](mailto:music@valechurch.org).

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

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