
Vale United Methodist Church



“Witness to the Gospel”

May 7, 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.

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: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Many: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Many: Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

One: Family in Christ, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have God's mercy. 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 7:55-60

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 "Witness to the Gospel" Rev. Jeff Haugh

Creed

UMH 887

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

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Fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People

You may send prayer requests to 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.

***Doxology**

UMH 621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

*Be present at our table, Lord;
Be here and everywhere adored;
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with thee. 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 “One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620

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* (Blue)

TFWS - *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

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

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

Lay Readers:

10:00 Wayne Applewhite

Virtual Shira Goodfellow

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023

“One God for All”

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.

This Week at Vale: May 7 - 14, 2023

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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

Mon, May 8

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, May 9

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, May 10

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

Thurs, May 11

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri, May 12

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Sun, May 14

- 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 40 Meeting
- 7:00 pm Sunday Evening Bible Study

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

May 7, 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



Embry Rucker –On Sunday, May 21, Vale will be making sandwiches and packing meals for the Embry Rucker Shelter. If you would like to help pack or donate food, please sign up on the SignUp Genius on Vale’s homepage. Food donations should be dropped at the church by May 18 and labeled for the Embry Rucker Shelter. Please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com with any questions.

Vale Scholarship Applications – The Vale Scholarship Committee is now accepting scholarship applications. For an application form, please visit bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. The deadline is Friday, May 19.



T-Shirts – Vale is selling t-shirts! Show your support for Vale and our missions by wearing the Vale logo to events and in the community! Order forms can be printed from bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. Shirts are \$25, and will be ordered on May 15 so they can arrive in time to wear at the yard sale. Please contact office@valechurch.org with any questions.

Yard Sale – The Vale Yard Sale is back! On Saturday, June 3rd the church opens its doors to the broader community, offering bargains on clothes, toys, electronics, books, household items, kitchenware, an upscale boutique, and more! If you have been hoarding, or just want to spring clean, consider donating any of these items to the church starting on May 29.

If you are interested in volunteering, either to help sort and price the items during the week or during the sale on Saturday, contact Bob Lacy at robertklacy@gmail.com

VBS Registration – Calling friends, family, and neighbors, VBS registration is open now! VBS will be taking place July 19-21, 9AM - 12PM. Please see Vale’s homepage for a link to the sign up. For more information or to volunteer to help out, please email the Christian Ed Director, Miranda Mason at mkmason.valeumc@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.

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 or 703-476-4561, or Nancy Abramson at 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. To give a recommendation, please contact us at preschooljobs@valechurch.org or Judy Jobbitt, Preschool Chair, at 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.

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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