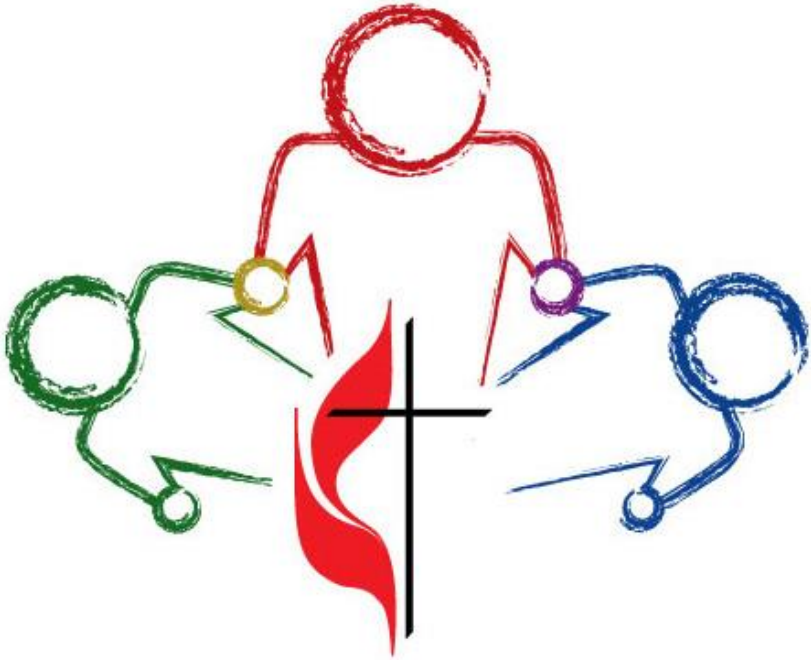


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “Lay Led – The Methodist Way”

October 22, 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**

**UMH 819**

**Hymn “How Firm a Foundation”**

**UMH 529**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults. Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

**Many:** Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

**One:** Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, 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**

## **I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

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

*Please respond with "Thanks be to God."*

## **Special Music**

### **“Through the Eyes of a Child” by Drennan**

Vale Chancel and Children’s Choirs

## **Children’s Moment**

*After the Children’s Moment, children will be dismissed to their Sunday School class.*

## **Sermon “Lay Led- The Methodist Way”**

**Dorothy Arbiter and Tom Feeney**

## **Hymn “Servant Song”**

**TFWS 2222**

## **Call for Joys and Concerns**

## **Call to Prayer**

**TFWS 2007**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*Holy, holy, holy.*

*My heart adores you!*

*My heart knows how to say to you:*

*You are holy, 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*

*“Holy Protector, you are the Lord our God,” Please respond with,*

*“who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”*

## **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.

## **God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

### **\*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**

### **Hymn “We Are God's People”**

**TFWS 2220**

# 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 the Judy Jobbitt  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Wayne Applewhite

Virtual            Wayne Applewhite

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 29, 2023

“The Greatest Command”

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: Oct 22 – Oct 29, 2023**

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**Sun, Oct 22**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:30 am Youth Group Pumpkin Carving**
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061
- 4:00 pm BSA Scouts Leaders Workshop

**Mon, Oct 23**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 B & G BSA Meeting
- 7:00 pm Troop 1983 BSA Board Meeting

**Tues, Oct 24**

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

**Wed, Oct 25**

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

**Thurs, Oct 26**

- 7:00 pm Christmas Tree Planning Meeting\***

**Sun, Oct 29**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 3:00 pm Trunk or Treat\***

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\* *see announcement for details*



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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Oct 22, 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 & Youth Ministry Director -

Community of Faith UMC and Vale UMC are seeking a full-time, Children & Youth Ministry Director to lead a newly created staff position focused on reaching the community beyond the walls of the church. An ideal candidate brings a passion for building relationships with the next generation as well as good time management, interpersonal, and leadership skills. Full job description available at [bit.ly/valechurchinfo](http://bit.ly/valechurchinfo). To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to Rev. Dr. Jeff Haugh at [jobs@valechurch.org](mailto:jobs@valechurch.org)

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**Christmas Trees** - We have got some great ideas and plans in the works for our tree sales this year! If you would like to be involved in setting us up for success, we will have follow up meetings on October 26, and November 9 at 7 pm. A Zoom link is available for those that need it. Please contact Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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**Hot Meals** - Due to increasing requests for meals, the Hot Meals team could use some extra help this month.

We will be preparing meals for our homeless neighbors on Monday Oct 23, please sign up to help out on Vale's SignUp Genius page. Food donations must be received no later than Sunday, October 22. Please deliver all donations to the kitchen clearly labeled for Hot Meals. For more information, contact Mary Morran at [mmorran01@gmail.com](mailto:mmorran01@gmail.com)



**The Closet** - Vale's upcoming days at The Closet are this Thursday, October 26, and we need your help! The jobs are easy & can accommodate both those needing to sit as well

as stand. Students who volunteer can receive credit toward their diplomas, so consider getting a head start on this school year. Please sign up on Vale's Signup Genius or on the Mission Board. Questions? Email Chris Olson - [golsonc@gmail.com](mailto:golsonc@gmail.com) or Nancy Abramson - [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com)

**Trunk or Treat** - Vale is once again hosting Trunk or Treat! Join us on October 29 at 3-5 pm for costumes and candy. There will also be a fire pit and s'mores! Contact Miranda Mason at [ChristianEd@valechurch.org](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org) with any questions.



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**All Saints Sunday** - On Sunday, November 5, we will be celebrating the lives of the many saints in our lives and read the names of those who have gone on to glory in the past year. If you would like us to read the name of someone who died this past year and who has been a saint to you, please let the church office know their full name and the date of their passing.

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**Vale Choirs** - Our next hymn sing is October 29! Please send in your requests for songs to Jan Smith at [music@valechurch.org](mailto:music@valechurch.org).



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**Charge Conference** - Vale's Charge Conference will be held on November 2 at 7pm.

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**Sunday School Help Wanted** - Are you interested in working with Vale's children? We are always looking for volunteers who are willing to spend an hour on their Sunday mornings to help teach our Children's Sunday School class. Materials and curriculum are provided. If you are interested, please contact Miranda Mason at [ChristianEd@valechurch.org](mailto:ChristianEd@valechurch.org).

## 2023 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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