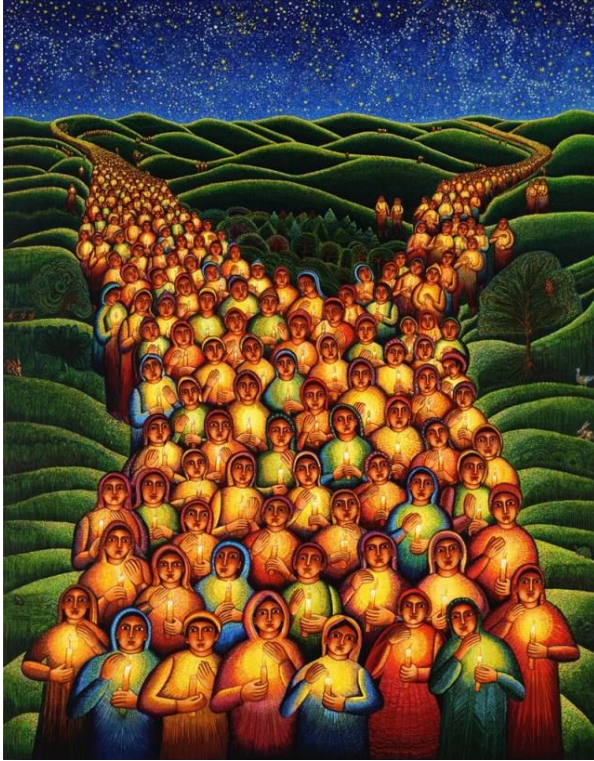


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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “The Love of Family”

November 5, 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.

**“The Love of Family”**

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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 769**

**Hymn “For All the Saints”**

**TFWS 2283**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings. Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives, that we might receive grace in our time of need.

**Many:** Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil that we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

**One:** Children of God, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Believe the good news! In 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**

**I John 3:1-3**

*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.*

**Sermon “The Love of Family”**

**Rev. Haugh**

**Creed**

**UMH 887**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

**UMH 641**

**“Fill My Cup, Lord”**

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

**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 hosts,” Please respond with,*

*“Hear our prayer.”*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**TFWS 2278**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Kandi Molyneaux**

**God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

## **\*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*

## **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 “Christ, We Are Blest”**

**W&S 3174**

# 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 Jan and Tom Feeney  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Bette Rutherford

Virtual           Judy Jobbitt

## **Sermon Notes and Illustrations**

*This is a page for you to take notes on the sermon or for our children and youth to illustrate what they've heard in the story today.*



## Remembering the Saints

Ellen Gerhard	November 1, 2022
Alberta Hall Greenfield	November 25, 2022
Benson McGowan	March 5, 2023
Eleanor Robinson Skey	March 31, 2023
Sandra Molyneaux	April 13, 2023
Francis Ann Hill	May 7, 2023
Dr. Stanton Samenow	May 9 2023
Tom Murley	September 18, 2023
Karen Peterson	October 14, 2023
Charles Haugh	October 29, 2023



## All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.



From the early days of Christianity, there was a sense that the Church consisted of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a “great cloud of witnesses” surrounds us, encourages us, and cheers us on.

Charles Wesley, John’s brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as “Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above,” #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages:

*Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone,  
for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.*

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the “communion of saints.” We confess whenever we recite The Apostles’ Creed, we tell the stories of the saints “to glory gone.”

Alongside the likes of Paul from the New Testament, Augustine, Martin Luther, and John and Charles Wesley, we tell stories of the grandmother who took us to church every Sunday. We remember the pastor who prayed with us in the hospital, and the neighbor who changed the oil in the family car. We give thanks for the youth leader who told us Jesus loved us, the kindergarten Sunday school teacher who showered us with that love, and the woman in the church who bought us groceries when we were out of work.

Retelling these stories grounds us in our history. These memories teach us how God has provided for us through the generosity and sacrifice of those who have come before us. The stories of the saints encourage us to be all God has created us to be.

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 2023

“Christ is Coming”

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: Nov 5 – Nov 12, 2023**

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**Sun, Nov 5**

- 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
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

**Mon, Nov 6**

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

**Wed, Nov 8**

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

**Thurs, Nov 9**

- 7:00 pm Christmas Tree Planning Meeting\*

**Sun, Nov 12**

- 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 GS Troop 56061 Meeting
- 5:00 pm Youth Group

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\* see announcement for details

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# Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 5, 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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## **Virtual Thanksgiving Bags** – Help make someone’s

holidays a little warmer this year! Vale is collecting donations for virtual Thanksgiving bags to provide a holiday meal for families in Southeast DC. If you would like to participate, please select a meal bag on the SignUp Genius, found on Vale’s homepage. Donations must be received either by check or through PushPay by November 12. Please clearly designate “Turkey Fund” on your donation.

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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 a planning meeting on 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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**AlterNatives Sale** – Our partners at the Highland Support Project are returning to host our AlterNatives sale on November 19! Come shop for beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and support the indigenous peoples of Guatemala and other nations in the Americas.



**Youth Cohort Friendsgiving** – On November 19, from 12 – 1:30 pm at Oakton UMC, all youth are invited to share in a holiday celebration! Bring your favorite snack or dish to share, and help make “to go” bags for unhoused people in the area. We hope to see you there!



**Confirmation Class** – This year, we will collaborate with other local Methodist churches for Confirmation 2024. We will hold classes at Vale and have several field trips from Feb. 3 – May 19. **We will have an orientation meeting at Oakton UMC from 1:30 – 2:30 PM.** Any youth who are interested are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jeff.

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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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