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# Vale United Methodist Church

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## “A Bible Verse for Jonah”

April 14, 2024

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.

**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 lay reader will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”*

*Please respond with, “**And also with you!**”*

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

**UMH 741**

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

**Confession and Pardon**

**Lay Reader**

One: The One who calls us to repent hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness in our Prayer of Confession.

Many: Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

One: In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: 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**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*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 "A Bible Verse for Jonah" Rev. Jeff Haugh**

**Hymn "Amazing Grace"**

**UMH 378**

**Call for Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
(x2)*

## 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

*“Lord, in your mercy,” 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.

## God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

### Special Music

**“We’ve Come a Long Way, Lord” arr. Behnke**  
Vale Chancel Choir

### \*Doxology

**TFWS 203 I**

**“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”**

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.*

# Blessing of the Offerings

Hymn “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH 352

## 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 Tom and Judy Jobbitt  
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00            Kim Sheard

Virtual           Kim Sheard

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024

“The Good Shepherd Brand”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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**This Week at Vale: Apr 14 – Apr 21, 2024**

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**Sun, Apr 14**

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School\*
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 2:00 pm Girl Scouts First Aid Training
- 5:00 pm Youth Group Meeting\***

**Mon, Apr 15**

- 7:00 pm Troop 1893 Meeting

**Tues, Apr 16**

- 5:30 pm Daisy Troop 56130
- 7:00 pm GS Troop 56034
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Wed, Apr 17**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thurs, Apr 18**

- 1:00 pm UMW Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vale Club Event
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

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- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Sunday School for Children
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\* see announcement for details

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## Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Apr 14, 2024

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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, Tom Feeney, at [FinSec@ValeChurch.org](mailto:FinSec@ValeChurch.org)





**Youth Group** - Vale Youth Group will begin meeting **TONIGHT** from 5-7pm in the youth basement on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Any youth currently in 6th through 12th grade is invited to join, and friends are welcome too! We will spend time in fellowship, study, worship and service over the course of our time together. If you have questions, contact Miracle at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com)

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**The Closet** - Our next volunteer days at The Closet are Thursday April 18, Thursday May 9, and Monday June 3. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours or manpower. If you can help out, please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genus page, or on the Missions bulletin board in the hallway. The jobs are easy & the organization helps the greater area in so many ways. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at [StronachNW@aol.com](mailto:StronachNW@aol.com).

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**Second Story Meals** - Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Second Story Emergency Shelter in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on April 23, May 28 and August 27.



Please sign up on Vale's Signup Genus page. The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional but much appreciated! You will need to call Second Story the day before for the exact number of meals needed, contact Jan Feeney at [jrmfeeney@aol.com](mailto:jrmfeeney@aol.com) or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.

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**Christmas Tree Planning** - On Thursday, April 25 at 7pm we will be having our first meeting to plan our Christmas tree sales for 2024! These meetings will continue on the first Thursdays of every month. If you are interested in helping out in any way, come join us to discuss! Contact Mike Martin at [mike.vumc@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.vumc@yahoo.com) for more information.



**2024 Vale Scholarships** – Vale UMC offers scholarships to help out the college students of Vale Church. Scholarships are given in the memory of Bill DuBois, Ed Lowry, Ellenor DuBois, Marilyn Haas, and other saints of the church.

We have three Scholarship types available

**Vale High School Scholarship:** For High School graduating seniors

**Vale Outstanding High School Scholarship:** Merit based scholarship for our high school graduating seniors.

**Vale Educational Scholarship:** Need based for continuing education.

To apply, please complete the Google form by scanning the above QR code. Details and requirements are in the Google Form. If you have questions contact Kim Haugh [khaugh34@gmail.com](mailto:khaugh34@gmail.com). Deadline is **Fri. May 10, 2024**.

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**Youth Cohort** – Youth, join us at Wesley UMC on April 28 at 12-2 pm for “Earth is Cool and So Are You!” We’ll plant random seeds in a pot, draw pictures of what they’ll look like, and learn about eco-justice and theology! We will also practice “zero waste.” Lunch will be provided. Any youth grades 6-12 are welcome. It’s going to be fun, so don't miss it! To rsvp or for transportation, talk to Miracle or email [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).



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**Yard Sale** – The Vale Yard Sale is coming up! On Saturday, June 1, come find bargains on clothes, toys, electronics, books, household items, kitchenware, upscale boutique items, and more! If you have been hoarding, or just want to spring clean, we will begin accepting donations starting on May 27.

If you are interested in volunteering, either to help sort and price the items during the week or during the sale on Saturday, contact the office at [office@valechurch.org](mailto:office@valechurch.org).

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**Lost and Found Clearing** – Any items left in the lost and found by May 27 will be donated to the yard sale. Please check if you have misplaced any water bottles, glasses cases, gloves, etc.



**Vale VBS** - Would you like to see Vacation Bible School happen at Vale this summer? We are seeking volunteers that have a variety of gifts to support a VBS program. If you would like to serve and be part of the team providing spiritual growth for children, talk to Miracle or email her at [valedcym@gmail.com](mailto:valedcym@gmail.com).

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**17th Annual Guatemala Mission Trip** - On the week of July 6-13, Vale will once again be sending a team to the village of Twi'Ninwitz for our 17th annual mission trip! Our main project is TBD but we will definitely do art projects, take school photos, play with the children, and bond with the community while we're there! Community service hours are available for teens. All-inclusive cost for one person is approximately \$2150. Contact Deb Cohen at 703-304-9709 or [deb@debcohenrealestate.com](mailto:deb@debcohenrealestate.com) for questions and more info.

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**Adult Sunday School** - Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for our Adult Sunday School class. For more information, contact Stan Ellis at [vwfdeuph@gmail.com](mailto:vwfdeuph@gmail.com) or Lee Eisman at [leeandlinda@verizon.net](mailto:leeandlinda@verizon.net).

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**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).

## 2024 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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