Vale United Methodist Church



"A Whole New Ballgame"

April 28, 2024

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



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.

5th Sunday of Easter Apr 28, 2024 "A Whole New Ballgame"

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!"**

*Call to Worship

*Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" UMH 578

Confession and Pardon

- One: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.
 Many: God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and
 - live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.
- One: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: 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.

UMH 752

Lay Reader

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.

Scripture

I John 4:7-21

The reading will end with "A word of God that is still speaking." Please respond with "Thanks be to God."

Special Music

"Let It Shine!" Besig

Vale Children's and Chancel Choirs

Children's Moment

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

Sermon "A Whole New Ballgame" Rev. Jeff Haugh

Hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2223

UMH 172

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 "*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

*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 "To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

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 the Felt Family for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers: 10:00 Bette Rutherford Virtual Judy Jobbitt

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

6th Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

"Baptism"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Sun, Apr 28

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
12:00 pm Youth Cohort Meeting*
5:00 pm Youth Group*

Tues, Apr 30

7:00 pm Wire Choir

Wed, May 1

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

Thurs, May 2

7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sat, May 4

3:00 pm Roy Mullen 100th Birthday Celebration*

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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities "Not a Spectator Sport" Apr 28, 2024

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, Tom Feeney, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org





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. Deadline is Fri. May 10, 2024.

Youth Cohort – Youth, join us at Wesley UMC TODAY 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.

Youth Group – Vale Youth Group is meeting **TONIGHT at 5pm** in the youth basement. 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 any questions, contact Miracle at valedcym@gmail.com **Roy Mullen Birthday Celebration** – All are invited and welcome to celebrate Roy Mullen's 100th birthday with cake and ice cream on Saturday, May 4 from 3pm-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. A private lunch will be held beforehand for family.



Book Fair – The Vale Preschool is having a book fair on May 9 from 3-5 pm at the Barnes & Noble in the Spectrum Center in Reston! Use the code **12761763** at the checkout to credit the preschool with your purchase. If you cannot make it in person, you may also order online from May 9-14 using the above code. Thanks from the preschool!

New Women's Bible Study "Breathing Underwater" – We all suffer from unhealthy dependencies that we continually return to in hopes of having a better life. But after indulging in unhealthy activities, we find we once again feel worse, not better, than we did before. Author Richard Rohr says we can only be healed and find true fulfillment by facing our dependencies head-on. Those who are ready to break negative patterns and experience greater internal freedom will find bold hope and transformation in this insightful book. For more information, or to join the Friday morning group for this 12 week study, please contact Jo Dietz at icarryatune@gmail.com.

The Closet – Our next volunteer days at The Closet are 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 website, or on the Missions 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.



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 Bob Lacy at robertklacy@gmail.com.

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.

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