Vale United Methodist Church



Photo: Baptisms in the Jordan River

"Baptism"

May 5, 2024

I I 528 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.

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

"Baptism"

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

UMH 818

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH 548, tune from 549

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

- One: Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.
- Many: Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

Beloved children of God, do not lose heart. When One: we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: 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

Acts 10:44-48

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 "Baptism"

Creed

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

UMH 885

UMH 393

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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

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. Those who wish to have Communion brought to their seat should notify an usher. Glutenfree elements are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you may cross your hands as you approach.

Communion Prayer

Having been consumed into your Body by your love, send us to all who hunger for your sustaining presence that we may gratefully share the Feast. Amen.

Hymn "Down by the Jordan"

W&S 3045

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 Debbie German for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers: 10:00 Dorothy Arbiter Virtual Shira Goodfellow

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024

"Life!"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Sun, May 5 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual) Adult Sunday School* 9:00 am 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 11:30 am Yard Sale Planning Meeting* Mon, May 6 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting Tues, May 7 7:00 pm GS Troop 56034 Meeting 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting Wed, May 8 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Thurs, May 9 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting Sun, May 12 Happy Mother's Day! Worship Service (Virtual) 8:30 am Adult Sunday School* 9:00 am 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person) Sunday School for Children 10:15 am Children's Choir 11:00 am 11:30 am Handbell Choir *NO Youth Group

see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities "Not a Spectator Sport" May 5, 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.

Yard Sale – There will be a yard sale prep meeting TODAY, May 5 at 11:30 am. Anyone interested in helping out is invited. The purpose of the meeting is to set the format for the yard sale on June 1st, address any questions, talk about publicity and roles, and start the buzz. For more information, contact Bob Lacy at robertklacy@gmail.com.





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!

VBS Save the Date! – Registration will be open soon! Vacation Bible School will take place July 30 - August 1 from 9:30-11:30 am. 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.

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.

Weekends at Vale – Join us on Saturday, May 18 for Bingo night at Vale, from 6:30 until 8:00. Fun, fellowship, and prizes!

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. Richard Rohr, author of *Breathing Underwater* 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.

Youth Group – The next youth group meeting will be on May 26, 5-7 pm. 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

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.

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