
Vale United Methodist Church



“Nicodemus”

May 26, 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](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.

“Nicodemus”

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 761

***Hymn “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

UMH 605

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

Many: Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.

One: Beloved children in Christ, hear the good news: We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather the spirit of adoption. Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out, for you are God's beloved children - 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

John 3:1-17

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

Please respond with "Thanks be to God."

Prayer for Illumination

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. Amen.

Children's Moment

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

Sermon "Nicodemus"

Rev. Jeff Haugh

Mission Moment

George Ghanem

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

TFWS 2056

“God Is So Good”

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God’s so good to me.

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

Hymn Sing

Great is the Lord

TFWS 2022

Are Ye Able

UMH 530

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

***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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

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 Diane DuBois and Bette Rutherford
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 2, 2024

“What Is Lawful?”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Congratulations to our Preschool graduates!

This Week at Vale: May 26 – June 2, 2024

Sun, May 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 5:00 pm Youth Group***

Mon, May 27

- 2:50 pm BSA Troop 1983 Memorial Day Cookout

Tues, May 28

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Board Meeting

Sat, Jun 1

- 7:30 am Yard Sale***

Sun, Jun 2

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56061

** see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

May 26, 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



Holy Land Carvings – Today, May 26, we will be hosting a display of handmade olivewood religious carvings from Bethlehem that are available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angles and many other religious crafts that would make wonderful gifts. These carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For several years Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to persecution and the ongoing war. Please help support our Christian family in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem will be standing by the carvings after the service.



Vale Memorial Day Ceremony – Vale United Methodist Church and our community are invited to the Scouts BSA Troops 1983B and 1983G Memorial Day Ceremony on **Monday, 27 May** to honor our Vale Church veterans. A cook-out will follow the ceremony.

The ceremony will start at 2:50 pm as part of the National Moment of Remembrance. If you're in town for the weekend we hope to see you on Memorial Day. Contact Dwight Reed, Scoutmaster T1983B, with questions at [dwightdreed57@gmail.com](mailto:dwrightdreed57@gmail.com)

Yard Sale – The yard sale is fast approaching, and we are in need of volunteers! 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. Donations are accepted starting on Memorial Day, May 27th. The sale opens at 7:30 am on June 1, and will be wrapping up mid-day.



Plastic Bag Collection – We are in need of plastic bags for the yard sale. If you have any spare plastic grocery bags, please drop them by the church office!

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



VBS – Vacation Bible School will take place July 30 - August 1 from 9:30-11:30 am. Visit valechurch.org to register now, and invite your friends and neighbors! 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Reminder that the Prayer Shawl Group will not meet Saturday June 1 due to the Yard Sale, and instead will meet Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 am. This will be our last meeting before the summer! All experience levels are welcome, and lessons are available for those that need it. For more information, contact Margie Koller at kollermargie@gmail.com or Nancy Taylor at Luvkats4@gmail.com

Youth Group – The youth group will be meeting tonight, May 26, at 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

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 or Lee Eisman at leeandlinda@verizon.net.



Vale Music – The Vale Chancel, Children's, and Handbell Choirs are now on break for the summer. We hope you enjoyed the Reprise, and we will see you in the fall!

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