
Vale United Methodist Church



“Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control”

November 10, 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.

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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.

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024
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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 lay reader will call out “**May the peace of Christ be with you!**”*

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

***Call to Worship**

UMH 790

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: Jesus said: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Please join in the Prayer of Confession.

Many: Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love.

One: Beloved children, hear this gospel word: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. You have been freed for service in his name. I declare to you now, 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.



Prayer for Illumination

Many: Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.

Scripture

II Thessalonians 2:13-15

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

Please respond with “Thanks be to God.”

Special Music

“Fruit of the Spirit” KidSpring Children’s Ministry

Vale Children’s Choir

Children’s Moment

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

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Haugh

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Gentleness, and Self Control”**

Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

UMH 92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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.”*

Remembering the Saints

See list of names for details about our saints.

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.

Mission Moment

Diane DuBois
Bette Rutherford

For more than 20 years, Vale has provided outreach to families living in the Highland Commons neighborhood in SE DC. Among the many ways we provide assistance are our sponsor program, Education Fund, and grocery assistance. Through this program, strong relationships have been formed and many of our SE DC families consider Vale as their church family. To find out more about being a sponsor or to help in other ways, please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com.

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

“Fill-a-Me Up” by Choplin

Special Quintet

***Doxology**

UMH 94

“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 “Shall We Gather at the River”

UMH 723

SENDING FORTH

Transformed by God's presence, we go into the world to serve.

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

* Blessing and Charge

*After the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall
for refreshments and conversation!*

* 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 Judy Jobbitt and Tom Marshall
for providing our coffee hour treats!

Lay Readers:

10:00 Terri Lowry

Virtual Tom Feeney



Remembering the Saints

Thomas R Jones, 11/17/23

Loving husband of Elvita Jones, and cofounder of local HVAC company Jones-Rogers Inc.

Thomas Joseph Fisher 12/23

Carol Jo Bracht, 2/22/24

Sister-in-law of Karen Leniart, wife of brother Howard.

Eugene Millard German, 4/23/24

Father of Debbie German. Dad became the first Director of Parks and Recreation in Charlottesville, VA where he initiated numerous programs, created the City Market, built recreation centers, pools, new park, updated and improved city school grounds and facilities and so much more. He loved his family, playing piano & guitar, horseback riding, fishing, and golf. I miss him every day.

John Hill 5/24

Jeff Haugh's uncle. John was an engineer in the space industry. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and is missed by all.

Brenda Kay Sturrock, 5/22/24

Cousin of Karen Leniart, a music teacher, and the Music Director at her church.

David C Brinks, 6/27/24

Childhood friend of Bette Rutherford, and a devoted family man.

Charles Frank Griffin, 6/29/24

Debbie German's uncle. Frank was a physics professor at the University of Akron, was an accomplished fencer, a wonderful singer, was loving, intelligent, and very witty! Frank was a lot of fun!

Nathan Brock Offutt, 7/20/24
Kathy McGill's nephew, taken too soon by cancer.

Tron Williams, 7/31/24
Husband of Laura Goad, Karen Leniart's cousin.

Shirley Harlow German, 9/14/24
Debbie German's former step-mother (from 1983 to 1999). Worked in banking until around the time she and my dad married. Shirley was a loving woman, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Herbert Goad, 10/5/24
Karen Leniart's uncle, Director of Clinical Labs at LSU Medical Center for 33 years.

Jerome Felt, 10/23/24
Brought love and joy to the Felt family, and saw them through dark times. Not just a pet but a true companion and friend

Robert Duncan, 10/24
Bob was a caring and helpful neighbor of Dorothy Arbiter and Bob Green, always available in times of need. Bob had full career helping others with their housing needs as he moved up through the ranks of Housing and Urban Development. He spent his early retirement caring full time for his Mom until she passed. He lived independently until the end just as he wished to. We will miss him.

John R Lilley, 11/2/24
Colonel in Marines, a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Joseph F. Martin, 11/2/24
Melanie Hansen's father, lived to 101 years old.

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

25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024

“Roots and Fruits: Vale’s 130th Celebration”

Rev. Jeff Haugh
Rev. Danny Kesner
Rev. Dave Rochford

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Happy Halloween! Thanks to everyone who came out and made our Trunk or Treat a success!

This Week at Vale: Nov 10 – Nov 17, 2024

Sun, Nov 10

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir
- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out*

Mon, Nov 11

- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
- 7:15 pm BSA Troop 1983 Committee Meeting

Tues, Nov 12

- 10:30 am Vale Book Club
- 7:30 pm Flute Choir

Wed, Nov 6

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

Fri, Nov 15

- 9:00 am Girl Scout Meeting

Sun, Nov 17

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person and Streaming)
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am 130th Anniversary Luncheon
- 3:00 pm GS Troop 56051 Meeting

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

Nov 10, 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!

Video Recording Notice – We occasionally record and publish our worship services. If you do not wish for your image to be shown, please alert the pastor or the church office.



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 Feeny, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Vale 130th Anniversary Celebration – Vale Church is turning 130 years old! We invite all current and former members of the church as well as the local community to join us on Sunday, November 17 to celebrate. We will have our regular online worship service at 8:30 am and in person worship at 10 am, followed by a catered lunch gathering in the fellowship hall with guest speakers and a presentation on the history of the church and our congregation over the last 13 decades. Come help us to celebrate 130 years of Vale community! If you are outside the local area and are planning to attend, drop us a line to tell us you're coming at office@valechurch.org. We hope to see you there!



Vale Lunch Out – Our next Vale Lunch Out will be held TODAY, November 10, at 11:45, at Famous Dave's, located in the Oakton Shopping Center. Separate checks will be given. For questions, contact Terri Lowry at 703-620-6632. All are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!



Virtual Thanksgiving Bags – The Vale Mission Committee will once again be providing our SE DC families with Giant Dollars for a Thanksgiving meal this year. To participate, we ask that you choose to donate to a specific bag or to a whole meal at bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. Donations must be received at the church by Nov 12 either by check or electronically through PushPay. Please clearly designate “Missions -Turkey Fund” on your donation. Contact Mary Morran mmorran01@gmail.com with any questions.

Christmas Tree Sales – The season is approaching! The SignUp Genius for our tree sales is up and running at bit.ly/ValeTrees. Early volunteers will be getting some “thank you” gifts this year. Help us make this year’s sale more successful than ever! Contact Mike Martin at mike.vumc@yahoo.com with any questions.

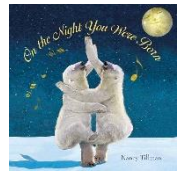




Fall Cleanup - On Saturday, November 30th from 10 am to 12 pm, we will be hosting our Vale Fall Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We need everybody who is able to come help out and be part of this fellowship!

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. Vale Church members are invited to join Troop 1983 on Monday, November 25 for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner from 6:30-8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. It's a time for fellowship, enjoying other's favorite Thanksgiving dishes, and an opportunity to share your favorite dish with others. While not required, if you'd like to bring something to share, you can sign up using the link on bit.ly/ValeChurchInfo. Please label your item if it is vegetarian or includes tree nuts. Contact Dwight Reed, sm1983bsa@cox.net if you have any questions

Christmas Nativity - Save the date! On Sunday, Dec 22 at 4pm, Vale & Community of Faith will come together for a Christmas Nativity Play. We are looking for all ages to participate and offer their gifts as we tell the story of when Jesus was born. If you are interested in helping us get ready by decorating or prepping costumes, we would love that too! Please let Miracle know if you are interested in participating by talking with her directly or emailing her at valedcym@gmail.com.



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