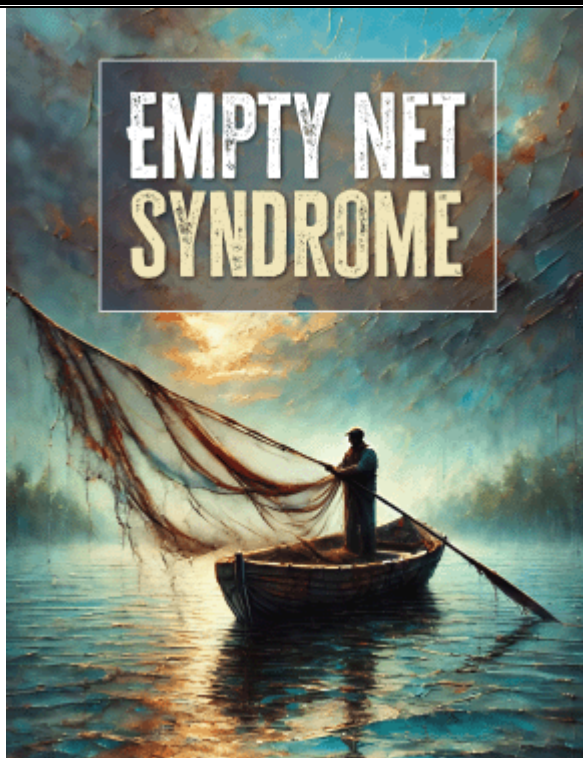

Vale United Methodist Church



“Empty Net Syndrome”

May 4, 2025

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.

“Empty Net Syndrome”

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 762

***Hymn**

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH 308

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

Many: Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. 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: O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture

John 21.1-19

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 “Empty Net Syndrome” Rev. Jeff Haugh

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer “Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH 641

*Fill my Cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and
quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I
want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

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-621

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

*Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;
thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.*

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. Gluten-free 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

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

“One Bread, One Body” UMH 620

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 Bob Collum and Debbie German
for providing our coffee hour treats!

*If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour,
please contact us at office@valechurch.org*

Lay Readers:

10:00

Mike Martin

Virtual

Suzanne Michaelis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025

“The Winter of the Apocalypse”

Rev. Jeff Haugh

This Week at Vale: May 4 – May 11, 2025

Sun, May 4

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 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
- 4:00 pm Bingo Night***

Mon, May 5

- 6:00 pm GSA Troop 56122 Meeting
- 7:00 pm BSA Troop 1983 Meeting

Tues, May 6

- 7:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wed, May 7

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 pm All Staff Meeting**
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, May 8

- 11:30 am Pre-school Event**
- 4:00 pm SGA Troop 56051 Meeting
- 6:30 pm CoF Food Pantry Committee meeting

Fri, May 9

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Virtual)***

Sun, May 11

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
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* See announcements for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Not a Spectator Sport"

May 4, 2025

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* 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



Bingo Night – TONIGHT, you are invited to join the youth group for their Bingo Night fundraiser event! Join us in the Vale Fellowship Hall from 4-6pm for Bingo, a bake sale, and raffle. Donations will



support youth who want to attend the Harvest of Hope mission trip this summer, as well as future youth endeavors. This is open to all - Vale, COF, friends, neighbors, and all Bingo enthusiasts! Let us know you plan to attend by clicking the link on Vale's webpage.



The Closet – Our next volunteer day at The Closet is Thursday, May 8. We are asked to volunteer a total of 12 hours of manpower. Shifts are 10-1 and 1-4 pm. This is a great opportunity for high school students who are out of school and want service hours to participate. There are plenty of fun and easy jobs. If you can help out, please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page, or on the Missions board in the hallway. If you have questions contact Nancy Abramson at StronachNW@aol.com.

Tree Sales Debrief – For all who participated in our tree sales, thank you! If you have thoughts on ways we can improve these activities, please join us on Thursday night, May 15 at 7:00 pm for an evaluation and reflection. If you have any questions, ask Mike Martin at mike.vumc@yahoo.com.

Vale Scholarship Program for 2025. Vale High School Scholarship: We have three Scholarship types available. 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. Application Deadline is **Fri. May 16th**. Contact Kim Haugh at khaugh34@gmail.com with questions. **Scholarships** are given in the memory of Bill DuBois, Ed Lowry, Ellenor DuBois, and Marilyn Haas and other saints of the church.

Woman's Bible Study – The Women's Bible Study group will be reading *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde beginning May 2 from 9:30-10:30 am. You are invited to join us in reflecting upon how our beliefs should motivate us to respond in uncertain times. This study shares biblical foundations, history, personal experience, and pop culture to direct our responses. The study will be 8 weeks long, beginning with the introduction on May 2. If you would like to join us, please contact Joanna Dietz at icarryatune@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link for this online study.

Community Connections Weekend – June 20-22, join Vale and Community of Faith for a weekend of spiritual growth! We will have a block party cookout on Friday with guest speakers and learning opportunities for all ages. Saturday will be a day of service with multiple hands-on ways to serve in our community in the morning or afternoon. Finally on Sunday, we will have a worship service at Frying Pan Park at 10 am. Registration opens on May 11, \$10 per person or \$30 per family. We hope you will join us!

Flood Buckets -- One of the service events for our Community Connections weekend (June 20-22) is to pack 100 flood buckets (filled with cleaning supplies) for victims of natural disasters. The packing will be done at Vale on Saturday, June 21. The buckets will then be delivered to the UMCOR warehouse to be distributed as needed. The cost of supplies per bucket is about \$75.00. Donations to support this important outreach would be greatly appreciated. Go to <https://bit.ly/valebuckets> or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, you can contact the church or Linda Chrosniak, Missions chair. Mike Martin has graciously agree to oversee much of this event, as he did in the fall. Thank you, Mike and everyone ahead of time.



Guatemala Mission Trip 2025-

Our Guatemala Mission Trip is scheduled for July 12th through July 19th. Please consider this wonderful opportunity. Contact Deb Cohen at drdebcohen@gmail.com if you have questions



Vale Forever – The Vale Forever Fund Campaign is pushing towards our minimum goal of \$500,000 pledged commitments by June. Vale Forever's progress is thanks to the significant generosity of our congregation. For those not yet aware, the Vale Forever Fund Campaign is creating an endowment and, ultimately, seeking at least \$1.5 million over the coming years. The fund will be for expenses that our general operating budget and mission gifts do not cover. This includes major capital expenses (facilities and grounds) as well as seed funding for new Christian education programs. Many thanks to all of you who have already stepped forward with your support as well as those who are considering what you may do. For more information about the Vale Forever Fund Campaign, please go to: valechurch.org/endowment

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed – Sponsoring a fellowship hour is an easy and meaningful way to contribute to the vibrant community we call Vale! We need volunteers! Please sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page.

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