Vale United Methodist Church



"The Winter of Our Apocalypse"

May 11, 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



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.

4th Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 "Winter of Our Apocalypse"

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	Psalm 23	UMH 137
*Hymn		UMH 381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Confession and Pardon Lay Read		Lay Reader
One:	God has been made known to us in signs, and wonders, and will not a confess the truth about our lives. P Prayer of Confession.	bandon us if we
Many:	God, you have made known to us Yet, too often, we put other thing turn away from the ways of life ways of death. Forgive us and gui your presence, that we may know joy. Amen	s above you and and toward the de us back into

One: My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another, for 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: Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Scripture

John 10:22-30

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

Rev. Jeff Haugh

"The Winter of Our Apocalypse"

Hymn "Rescue the Perishing"

Call for Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

"Lead Me, Lord"

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

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.

UMH 473

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music

Sonata No. 11, Mozart/arr. Clark Flute Duet – Kim Sheard, Jan Smith

*Doxology

UMH 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow" Praise God, from whom all blessing 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

UMH 445

"Happy the Home When God Is There"

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 Judy Jobbitt and Tom Marshall for providing our coffee hour treats! If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour, please contact us at <u>office@valechurch.org</u>

Lay Readers

10:00

Bob Lacy Virtual

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NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025 "Music Reprise" Rev. Jeff Haugh

RECENTLY AT VALE:



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Youth Bingo Night** fundraiser. The youth raised \$668.00 for joint youth missions.

Sun, May 11

- 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

Mon, May 12

7:00 pm	BSA Troop 1983 Meeting
7:15 pm	BSA Board Meeting

Tues, May 13

10:00 am	Vale Book Club
7:30 pm	Flute Choir

Wed, May 14

10:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5:30 pm	GS Troop Meeting
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thurs, May 15

1:00pm	United Methodist Woman
7:00 pm	Tree Sales Debrief*

Fri, May 16

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

Sun, May 18

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
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* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities "Not a Spectator Sport" May 11, 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



Photo Directory - We'd like to help our new pastor with a new photo directory. If you send individual photos to <u>Office@valechurch.org</u>, it would help out. Please label your pictures with your name.

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 <u>khaugh34@gmail.com</u> with questions. Scholarships are given in the memory of Bill DuBois, Ed Lowry, Ellenor DuBois, and Marilyn Haas and other saints of the church.

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, May 15 at 7:00 pm for an evaluation and reflection. Questions? Ask Mike Martin at mike.vumc@yahoo.com.

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 Walker Nature Center at 10 am. Registration opens on May 11, \$10 per person or \$30 per family at Bit.ly/valeconnections. We hope you will join us!



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 <u>icarryatune@gmail.com</u> and she will send you the Zoom link for this online study.

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.

Yard Sale- It is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! Decluttering your home? Found some treasures you would like to pass along? Drop off begins May 26 and the yard sale is June 7, 7am to 1pm.! Let your gently used items of all kinds become someone else's treasures.

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 <u>drdebcohen@gmail.com</u> if you have questions

Guys-Night- Out: A growing group of men here at Vale have been gathering monthly to have Guys Night Out. (Occasionally we bring the fairer gender too!) Among our outings, we've gone bowling, raced go-karts, hiked the Billy Goat Trail, gone to a comedy club, and hit at Top Golf. <u>ALL men of Vale</u> are invited to join the email list to be invited to these outings. You can join us for however many (or few) outings that interest you. To get your name on the email list, just **send an email to Eric Koefoot at** <u>ekoefoot@yahoo.com</u> with the subject "Guys Night Out" - please include your cell phone number as well.

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.

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

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