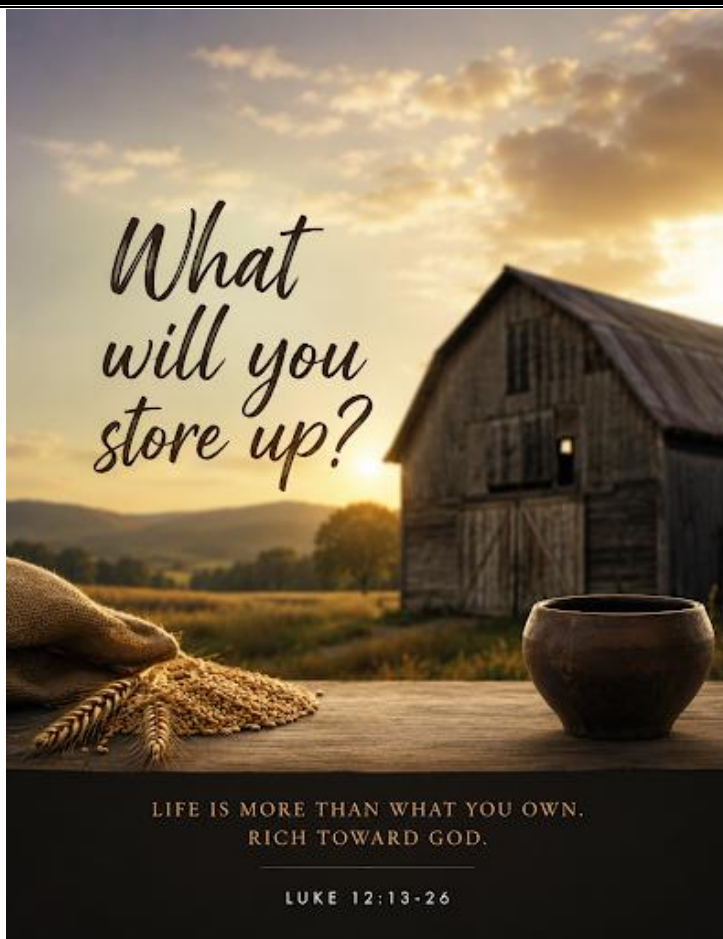

Vale United Methodist Church



July 26, 2026

11528 Vale Road • Oakton, Virginia 22124

8:30 am (virtual) worship & 10:00 am Worship

www.ValeChurch.org



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.

GATHERING

We gather as the people of God to be formed by God's grace.

**Please stand in spirit or in posture.*

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**

One: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

One: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

One: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

One: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Many: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

***Hymn Sing**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: Creator of all things, who rejoiced in your creation at the beginning of the world; forgive us our sins of greed, selfishness, and carelessness by which we daily damage the beauty to which we have become insensitive. By war and violence, we destroy families and their means of livelihood. We cut down great forests that are the homes of people, animals, and birds. We ill-treat our farm animals in the race to outstrip our rivals in food production, yet still leave millions of people starving. We pollute our air and water with the excess of our greed, without thought for the disposal of what we waste. For all this, we ask not only forgiveness, but also the power to turn away from our headlong course of destruction, and instead to share in your constant work of creation in preparation for the time when our kingdom comes to earth as it is in heaven. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who became part of your creation and gave his life for the whole world.

One: 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: Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 12:13-26

*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 invited to go
back to their seats with their families.*

Sermon

Rev. Yun Kim

“Parables: Standing Before the Mirror, pt. 1”

*Hymn

UMH 405

“Seek Ye First”

Call for Joys and Concerns

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

***Hymn**

UMH 404

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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.*

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TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* (Black)

W&S – *Worship and Song* (Green)

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****Fellowship**

Following the service **you are invited** to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats provided by Bette Rutherford and Diane DuBois. Thank you!

Lay Readers:

8:30am Tom Feeney

10:00am Terri Lowry

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 2026

“Standing Before the Mirror, part 2”

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: July 26– Aug 2, 2026

Sun, July 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee**
- 12:00 pm Godly Play Volunteer Training

Mon, July 27

Tues, July 28

Wed, July 29

Thurs, July 30

Fri, July 31

Sat, Aug 1

Sun, Aug 2

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee**

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

July 26, 2026

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 Vale Church community!

We look forward to meeting you—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”.

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



Godly Play Volunteer Training – Join us **TODAY** and Sunday, August 23 from 12-3pm in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for our new Sunday School curriculum. This training will introduce the Godly Play curriculum and will provide a hands-on opportunity to practice storytelling using the Godly Play materials. The session will also include our Safer Sanctuary training, making it a great opportunity for both new and returning volunteers to prepare for this important ministry.

Vale Ladies Brunch – Vale Ladies Brunch is held at the Silver Diner on the corner of West Ox Road and Fair Lakes Parkway. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month for fellowship and support. Our next meet-up is Tuesday, August 4! All women of the church are welcome. Please contact Linda Hefner at hefhl@verizon.net or by phone at 703-620-2571 if you would like to join us so that we make sure to save a seat for you at the table.

Rock and Roll for Golden Souls – An Elvis Tribute Event, Sunday, Sept. 20, from 3-5:00 pm, at Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. This event will feature Jesse Garron, a member of the International Elvis Tribute Hall of Fame. Tickets are on sale now. We have booked two tables of 10. One table is full and there are 7 spots available at the second table. Proceeds will benefit the Shepherd Center. For more information, contact Terri Lowry at tlowry2003@gmail.com

Fellowship – If you'd be willing to provide light refreshments on an upcoming Sunday, we would be so grateful. Sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page or email Melanie at office@valechurch.org. Thank you for helping us extend hospitality to one another.

Summer Visitations – Pastor Yun would like to spend time with our church family and community. Whether over coffee, at your home, or wherever is convenient, these casual visits are an opportunity to connect, share life, and pray. Sign up on Vale's SignUp Genius page or visit bit.ly/valepastorconnect to schedule a visit. Pastor Yun looks forward to meeting with you!

Yard Sale – Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the yard sale. We also extend our sincere appreciation to those who helped remove the remaining yard sale donations last week. Your willingness to pitch in from start to finish is truly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity, teamwork, and support.

*If you have a picture you would like to share, send it to
office@valechurch.org*

Upcoming at Vale

Sun, Aug 23:

10:00 am Blessing of the Backpacks

Wed, Aug 26:

6:30 am Chancel Choir Potluck

7:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsals resume

Sat, Sept 5:

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings resume

Sun, Sept 13:

10:00 am Godly Play Sunday School begins

11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal resumes

11:30 am Handbell Choir resumes

Sun, Sept 20:

12:00 pm Fall Festival

3:00 pm Off-campus Rock & Roll for Golden Souls

Sun, Oct 4:

11:00 am Luncheon of Gratitude

Sun, Oct 25:

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Also returning Fall 2026 - dates to be announced.

*Adult Sunday School – Wednesday morning Bible Study – Vale Lunch Out
– Vale Book Club – Troop 1983, Scouts BSA activities – UMW gatherings*

2026 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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