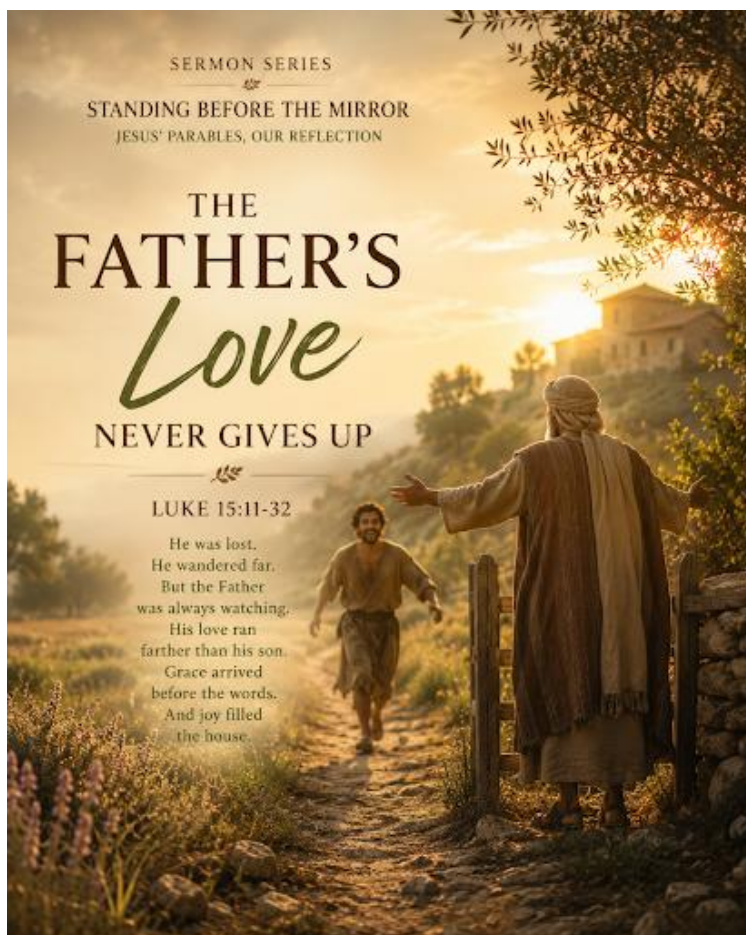

Vale United Methodist Church



August 9, 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: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

Many: **We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

Many: **We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

Many: **We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

Many: We come to sing God's praises, for in all things,
God's steadfast love and faithfulness never fail.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn Sing**

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: God is with you, Christ is present, the Holy Spirit
surrounds you and unites us all.

Many: But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of
this life, lost our focus on God, and are sinking in
sin.

One: You can begin again. Imagine a new way of being.

Many: We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the
familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others,
fearful of what they might mean.

One: God loves you, Christ will lift you from the waves
of doubt, and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from
currents of insecurity and alienation. In these
moments of quiet reflection, confess to God all that
separates you from God and one another.

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: Gracious Father, open our hearts and minds as we
hear Your Word today. Quiet every distracting
voice, and let us hear Your voice of love and grace.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us receive Your truth with humble hearts and respond with faithful lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 15:11-32

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, the children are asked to return to their seats with their families

Sermon

Rev Yun Kim

“Parables: Standing Before the Mirror, pt. 3”

*Hymn

UMH 340

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

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**

W&S 3110

“By Grace We Have Been Saved”

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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Thank you to Linda Poe
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 Tom Feeney

Virtual Tom Feeney

RECENTLY – Vale off-campus
Vale Ladies Brunch Group



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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

“Standing Before the Mirror, pt 4”

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Aug 9 – Aug 16, 2026

Sun, Aug 9

8:00 am Graveyard Service Project

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*

Mon, Aug 10

Tues, Aug 11

10:00 am Vale Book Club (Virtual)

Wed, Aug 12

5:30 pm Team Sync Session

Thurs, Aug 13

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri, Aug 14

Sun, Aug 16

8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)

10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)

11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*

* *see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

August 9, 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 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”.

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, at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Blessing of the Backpacks & bags – We invite **students of all ages, teachers, school staff, preschool teachers, and everyone who serves in our schools** to bring a backpack, school bag, briefcase, or tote to worship on **Sunday, August 23 at 10:00am**. During the service, Pastor Yun will offer a special blessing for the new school year, praying for God's wisdom, protection, and guidance. This blessing is for our whole community, not just our church family. Invite your friends, neighbors, children, and grandchildren to join us as we begin a new school year with Christ's blessing and encouragement.

Second Story Meals – Vale provides dinner once a month for teens in crisis staying in the Second Story Emergency Shelter in Vienna. Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver (or order takeout and have it delivered) for 4-12 people on **Sept 22**. Please sign up on Vale's Signup Genius page. The meal should include the main course and sides (beverage is provided by Second Story). Dessert is optional but much appreciated! You will need to call Second Story the day before for the exact number of meals needed, contact Jan Feeney at jrmfeeney@aol.com or 571-217-6172 for their unlisted number, or with any questions.



Chancel Choir – will resume weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals on August 26, from 7:30 to 9pm. The Chancel Choir performs for worship every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Children's Choir – will resume weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals on Sept 13. Ages 3-12 meet in the Sanctuary right after worship for about 15 minutes. The Children's Choir performs for worship as they are ready.

Handbell Choir – will resume weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals on September 13 right after Children's Choir. Rehearsals run from about 11:30 to 12:30 pm. The Handbell Choir performs for worship the 3rd Sunday of every other month.

Flute Choir – will resume regular rehearsals starting September 8, 2026, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Rehearsals are 7:30-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. Flute Choir performs for worship the 3rd Sun of every other month.

Sunday School Parent Orientation –Inviting all parents of Sunday school participants to join us for a brief informational session about our Sunday School programming for 2026-2027 school year! We will meet August 30th in the Resource Room from 12-1pm to discuss our lesson plan and ways parents can support us and their children in this ministry.

Godly Play Volunteer Training – Join us on Sunday Aug. 23 from 12 to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for our new Sunday School curriculum. This training will introduce the Godly Play curriculum and provide a hands-on opportunity. 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.

Hot Meals – Our Hot Meals delivery will be on Aug 24th and we will need more cooks. We will be missing a few of our regular cooks this month so it would be great if some of you could do two hamburger casseroles instead of one. If you haven't cooked before, but would like to try, Mary can send you the super easy recipe. Please let her know if you can cook (and how many) prep/pack or help with delivery. For more information email Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com

What's Ahead at Vale:

Sun, Aug 23:

- 10:00 am Blessing of the Backpacks & Bags
- 12:00 pm Godly Play Sunday School training

Wed, Aug 26:

- 6:30 am Chancel Choir Potluck
- 7:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsals resume

Wed, Aug 30:

- 12:00 pm Sunday School Parent Orientation

Sat, Sept 12:

- 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

Tues, Sept 15:

- 10:30 am Book Club (Zoom)

Wed, Sept 16:

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study opens

Sun, Sept 20:

- 12:00 pm Fall Festival
- 3:00 pm Rock & Roll for Golden Souls – off campus

Sun, Oct 4:

- 11:45 am Vale Lunch Out – off campus

Sun, Oct 18:

- 11:00 am Luncheon of Gratitude

Sun, Oct 25:

- 2:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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