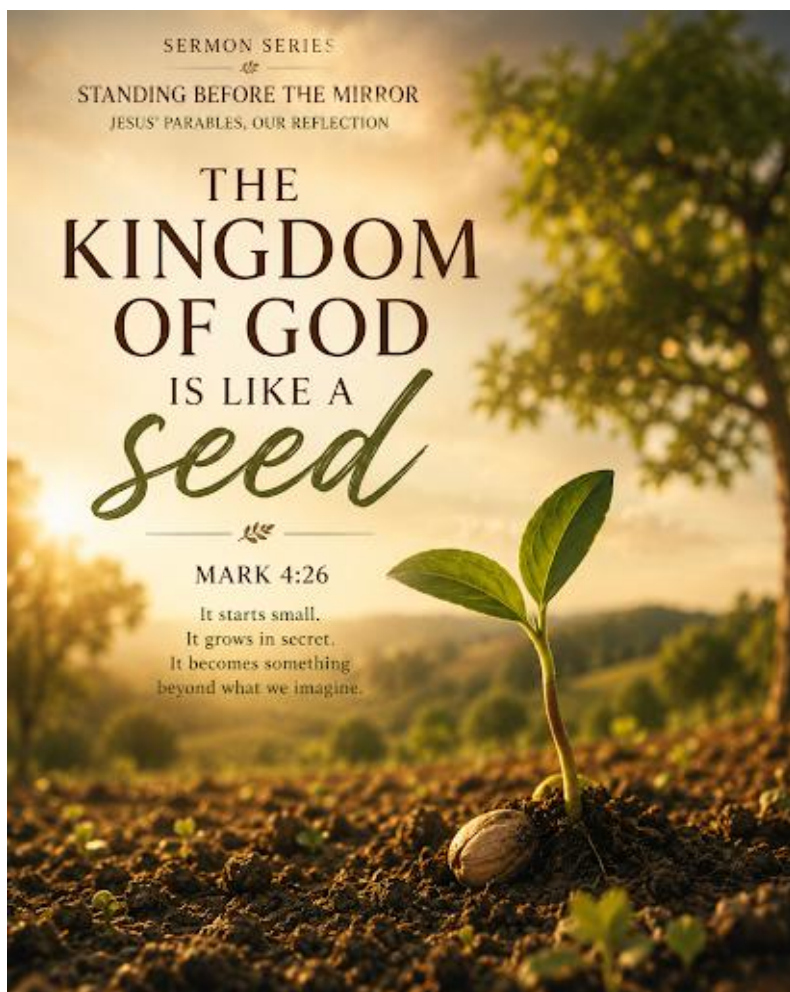

Vale United Methodist Church



August 16, 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: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices
and our lives in praise to God!

Many: **How good and pleasant it is when we live together
in unity!**

One: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together
to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

Many: **How good and pleasant it is when we live together
in unity!**

One: We gather to remember how God has worked
through us to share Christ's love with one another
and our neighbors through our prayers, our
presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Many: **How good and pleasant it is when we live together
in unity!**

One: Family of God, today we come as diverse and
unique members of the Body of Christ to learn
and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love
God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

Many: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn Sing**

Blue Book Only

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: O God, we yearn to be a community of believers united in your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, and theological. We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us, great God, for this great sin. Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we do and say. Help us to be as you call us, one heart and mind. Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can we achieve this.

Many: Amen.

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: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Mark 4:26-29

*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, 4”

*Hymn

UMH 540

“I Love Thy Kingdom. Lord”

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 715

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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)

A huge **thank you** to Sue Munson for filling in for Norm so the Flute Choir could travel to Bethel UMC in Warrenton!

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***Fellowship**

Following the service **you are invited** to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and snacks provided by Pat Gibson.

Thanks you, Pat!

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

Lay Readers:

10:00 Bob Lacy

Virtual Kim Sheard

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 23, 2026

“Parables: Standing Before the Mirror, 5”

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Aug 16 – Aug 23, 2026

Sun, Aug 16

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

Mon, Aug 17

- 7:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, Aug 18

Wed, Aug 19

Thurs, Aug 20

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Aug 21

Sat, Aug 22

- 2:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor

Sun, Aug 23

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am **Blessing of the Backpacks/Worship Service**
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee*
- 12:00 pm Sunday School Teacher training*
- 3:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA
- 4:30 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

Aug 16, 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, Tom Feeney at FinSec@ValeChurch.org



Blessing of the Backpacks & school 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 **Sun, 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.



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.

Volunteer Training for Sunday School – Join us on Sunday, Aug. 23, from 12:00 to 3:00pm 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.

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.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry –Our Vale Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 in the resource room to address the many projects in which we are now involved. This year we will have a table at the Sunday, September 20 Fall Festival to promote our ministry and raise funds specifically for Vale Missions by selling our cute handmade fall items. We will continue making Prayer Shawls for those needing comfort, Prayer Squares for new members and guests, as well as items for the Christmas Tree sale event. Scarves and hats that we were making for OPERATION GRATITUDE will now go to the homeless in the fall and winter. Many hands and opinions on projects are needed and welcomed. Contact Margie Koller at 703-380-8750 or kollermargie@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Missions – *activities his month*

SE DC Backpack program

Individuals in our church family serve as sponsors for children in Southeast DC. Each August sponsors provide a \$50 gift card for the children to purchase back-to-school supplies. This year the sponsors provided gift cards for 29 children. If anyone would like to know more about this program contact Mary Moran or anyone on the Missions Committee. Thank you to our generous sponsors.

FACETS “Hot Meals” Program

Every other month volunteers provide casseroles that are packaged at the church into individual meals and distributed to

food insecure people in Fairfax. Volunteers also donate apples, oranges, granola bars, bottled water, milk and juice that are distributed with the hot meal. Generally about 200-225 meals are prepared. In June 124 meals were given out at two locations. We had fewer people come to pick up a meal, likely due to stormy weather that evening. However, the remaining meals were delivered to Embury Rucker shelter and greatly appreciated. The next Hot Meals is August 24. We welcome new volunteers!

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

Tues, Sept 8:

- 7:30 pm Flute Choir rehearsals resume

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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