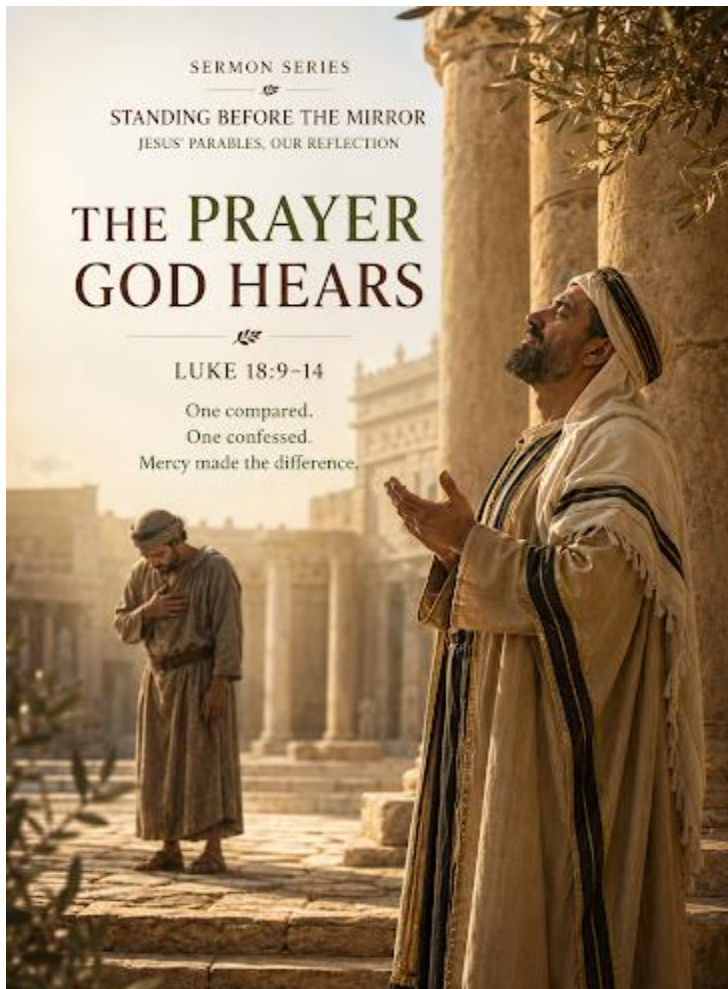

Vale United Methodist Church



August 23, 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: In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

Many: God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

One: In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

Many: God shows us through midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.

One: In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

Many: God exercises power with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.

One: Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?

Many: We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

Hymn Sing

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

One: While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives.

Many: We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, *as the hope, the joy, and the peace the world seeks.*

One: It is not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

Many: It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are

transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

We hear God's word proclaimed. We act in response.



Prayer for Illumination

Many: Merciful God, open our hearts to your Word.
Free us from pride, teach us humility, and help us
receive your grace. May your truth transform how
we see you, ourselves, and one another, Amen.

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

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*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer

Many: Loving God, we thank You for new beginnings
and for the chance to learn and grow. Bless these
backpacks and the people who carry them. Fill
each student with curiosity, courage, and joy. Give
teachers and school staff wisdom, patience, and
strength. Be with all who are starting something
new – a new job, a new school, or a new chapter
in life. Surround them with Your love, guide their
steps, and remind them that they never walk
alone. May the backpacks carry more than books.
May they carry hope, kindness, and Your presence
each day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Sermon

Rev Yun Kim

“Parables: Standing Before the Mirror, pt. 5”

***Hymn**

UMH 707

“Hymn of Promise”

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 664

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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 Laura Mead.

Thank you, Laura!

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

Lay Readers:

10:00 Patricia Gibson

Virtual Suzanne Michealis

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

“The War Against Myself”

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Aug 23 – Aug 30, 2026

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 Godly Play Training
- 3:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA
- 4:30 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Mon, Aug 24

- 4:00 am Hot Meals
- 6:30 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, Aug 25

Wed, Aug 26

- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Pot-luck
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thurs, Aug 27

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Fri, Aug 28

- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Sun, Aug 30

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee**
- 12:00 pm Sunday School Parent Orientation*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

August 23, 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



Hot Meals – Our Hot Meals delivery will be **tomorrow!** If you are interested in watching the process or learning more, please email Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com

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.

Items Needed for Families at the Homeless Shelter – The Missions Committee has received a list of needed items for some families at the homeless shelter on Fair Ridge Drive. If you want to provide any of these items they can be dropped off at the church or can be picked up from you. All items (food and personal care) need to be a small/regular size rather than large packages, as storage is limited in the rooms. Please Sign up on Vale's SignUPGenius page or go to bit.ly/Valemissionsforfamilies and choose what you would like to donate. There are some larger ticket items needed, such as car seats and strollers, twin and full sheets etc. If anyone would like to donate part of the cost toward these, please note that it is for The Homeless Family Needs. We have seen how much these things help and they are greatly appreciated by the families. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Chrosniak at lchrosniak@gmail.com.

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.

Vale Book Club – Book Club will meet on Tues., Sept. 15 (not our regular meeting day of the 2nd Tuesday in the month), on Zoom, at 10:00 am. We will be selecting books for our future meetings and discussing THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY, by Matt Haig. We would love to have new members join us! For more information or to get the Zoom link, contact Terri Lowry at tlowry2003@gmail.com or Mary Morran, our leader, at mmorran01@gmail.com.

Vale Lunch Out – Quick conversations at the fellowship hour after church are nice, but it's hard to really get to know each other. Spend a little more time with others in our church family at our monthly Vale Lunch Out at Famous Dave's. We reserve a table and the restaurant gives us separate checks, so please let us know if you can join us.

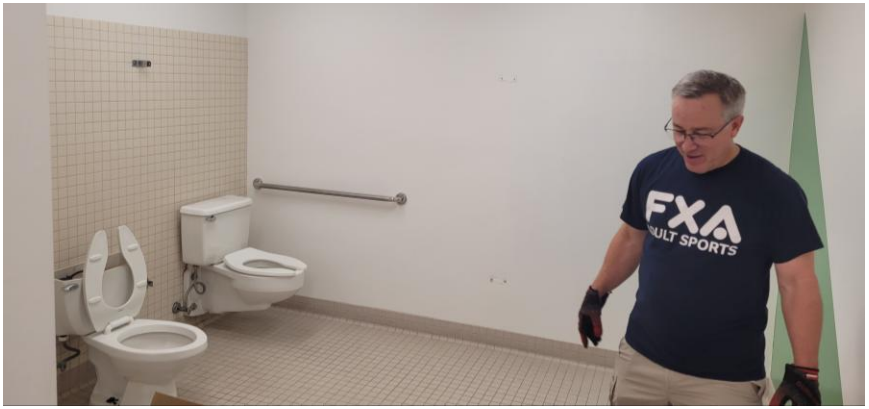
WHEN: Sunday, September 13th at 12 pm

WHERE: Famous Dave's, 2910 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton 22124

RSVP: Pat Gibson at pgibsondc@gmail.com or call (614) 218-4594

RECENTLY at Vale:
Freshening Up Our Facilities
The bathroom renovation is coming along nicely!





Bathroom Reno update – Greg Heberle and Eric Koefoot have been devoted and hardworking. Eric reports: The men's room is complete: 2 new toilets (water saving/anti-clog,) new urinal, re-tiled wall section, 7 new water valves ¼ in turn type, new stall dividers. The woman's room is in progress: 2 of 3 toilets installed. The ADA toilet (water saving/anti clog,) will be done soon. We have installed 7 new water valves ¼ turn type. Stall dividers require most of a full day. It may take another week to complete the improvements in the woman's room. Thank you, Gentleman for your commitment to quality and attention to detail.

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

Proposed Sanctuary Monitor — Please Share Your Input

The Church Council is considering installing a TV monitor at the front of the sanctuary for Pastor Yun to use during sermons. We are sensitive to the historic character and beauty of our sanctuary, and we want to preserve the special atmosphere of our worship space. At the same time, we are hearing requests to better support Pastor Yun's use of images, video, and other multimedia in his sermons. The TV-on-a-cart currently being used is difficult for many worshipers to see, particularly those seated toward the back of the sanctuary. The proposed monitor would be larger and permanently mounted at the front of the sanctuary. We believe the size we are proposing will be clearly visible without being overwhelming in the sanctuary. The photo below shows the proposed location and approximate size of the monitor.



Before making a decision, the Church Council would very much like to hear from you. Do you support the proposal? Do you have concerns or suggestions? Please share your thoughts with Bob Lacy (robertklacy@gmail.com), Tom Feeney (tomfeeney@cox.net), or Eric Koefoot (ekoefoot@yahoo.com). We appreciate your input as we try to balance the traditions of our historic sanctuary with the evolving ways we worship and communicate.

What's Ahead at Vale:

Wed, Aug 26:

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Potluck

7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsals resume

Wed, Aug 30:

12:00 pm Sunday School Parent Orientation

Tues, Sept 8:

7:30 pm Flute Choir rehearsal resumes

Sat, Sept 12:

10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting

Sun, Sept 13:

10:00 am Godly Play Sunday School begins

11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal

11:30 am Handbell Choir resumes

12:00 pm Vale Lunch Out - off campus

Tues, Sept 15:

10:00 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 11:

7:30 pm Luminary youth /Fields of Fear

Sun, Oct 4:

10:00 am World Communion Sunday

11:45 am Vale Lunch Out - off campus

Sun, Oct 18:

10:00 am Laity Sunday

11:00 am Luncheon of Gratitude

Sun, Oct 25:

4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

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