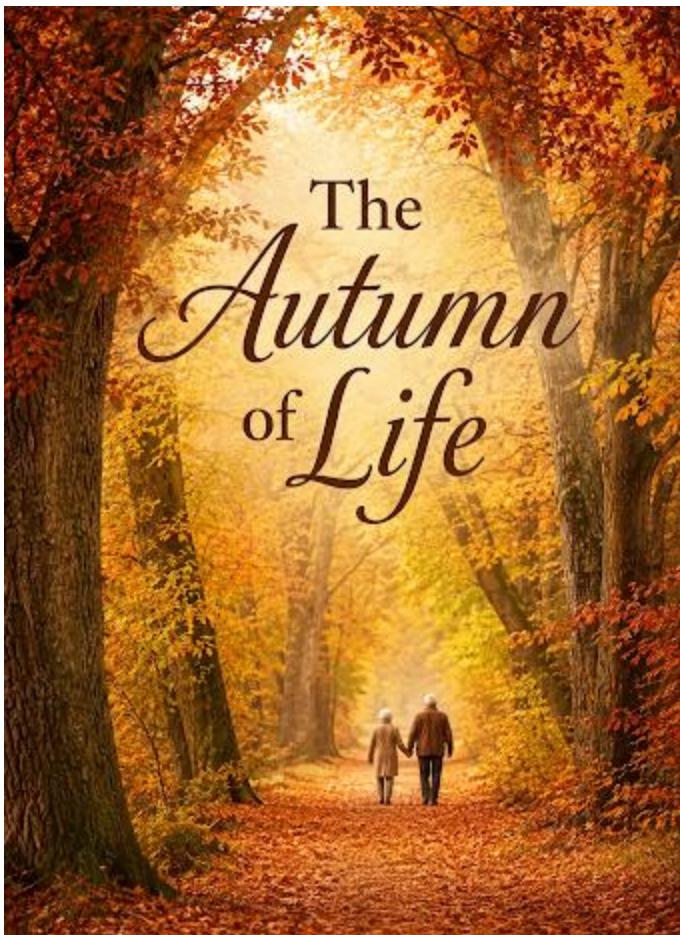

Vale United Methodist Church



Sept 13, 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: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Many: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

One: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

Many: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

One: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

Many: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

One: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

Many: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

***Hymn**

UMH 92 vs. 1,2,6

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Confession and Pardon

Lay Reader

Many: O God, we seek your mercy...yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it “only fair” and “what is right” when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship. The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend; still, we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty items. We are eager to do your judging. And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.

One: God’s gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew, and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

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



Prayer for Illumination

Many: Eternal God, as your Word is read, quiet the noise within us and open our hearts to your wisdom. Help us recognize your presence in this moment, to trust your purpose even when we do not understand, and to receive the grace you have prepared for us today. Make your Word beautiful in our hearts, in your time. Amen.

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The reading will end with “A word of God that is still speaking.”

Please respond with “Thanks be to God.”

Sermon

Rev Yun Kim

“The Autumn of Life”

*Hymn

TFWS 2203

“In His Time”

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

Special Music

"Sing Unto the Lord" Yannerella
Chancel Choir

***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 356

"When We Are Living"

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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Lay Readers:

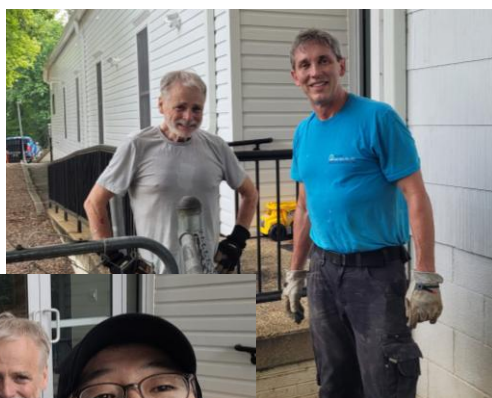
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10:00 am Kim Sheard

RECENTLY at Vale

The Men are at it again – keeping Vale looking her best!

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



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sept 20, 2026

“Abide in Me”

Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Sept 13 – Sept 20, 2026

Sun, Sept 13

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Children's Choir*
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee**
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir*
- 2:30 pm Cub Scout Pack 1530

Mon, Sept 14

- 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (off-campus)
- 7:00 pm Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, Sept 15

- 10:00 am Vale Book Club (Virtual)*
- 7:00 pm Wire Choir

Wed, Sept 16

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Sept 17

- 1:00 pm United Methodist Women*
- 2:00 pm Music Group

Fri, Sept 18

- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 1530

Sun, Sept 20

- 8:30 am Worship Service (Virtual)
- 10:00 am Worship Service (In-Person)
- 11:00 am Children's Choir*
- 11:00 am Fellowship Coffee**
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir*
- 12:00 pm Fall Festival*

* see announcement for details

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

Sept 13, 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



Vale Lunch Out –Spend a little more time with others at our monthly Vale Lunch Out at Famous Dave’s in Oakton. We reserve a table and the restaurant gives us separate checks, so please let us know if you can join us, Famous Dave’s, Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11:45 am! RSVP: Pat Gibson at pgibsondc@gmail.com or call (614) 218-4594

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Join us September 16 at **10 am** for a time of studying God’s Word, fellowship, and growing together in faith. Join us **in person at church or via Zoom**. Whether you’re a longtime Bible student or just beginning your journey, we’d love to have you with us!

Vale Book Club – Book Club will meet on Tues., Sept. 15, 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.

United Methodist Women – All women of the church are invited to our next meeting on Thursday, September 17, in the Resource Room, from 1:00 to 3:00. We will be discussing and planning for projects for the rest of the year. The UMW supports a wide variety of community missions, including our local police, veterans, military, service dogs, literacy, senior citizens, domestic abuse prevention, and local animal welfare organizations. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Leniart at karen.leniart@gmail.com. We hope to see you on the 17th.

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.

Children's Choir – resumes weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals **today!** 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 – resumes weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals **today** 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.

Embry Rucker Shelter – On Sunday, September 27 starting at 9 am in the church kitchen, come help make sandwiches and pack bags for the Embry Rucker Shelter. We will be done before the 10 am service. We also need help with a few food donations if you can help in that way. Sign up to help [here](#). Food donations (except bread) should be delivered to the church by Friday, Sept. 25 and be labeled for Embry Rucker Shelter. Bread should be delivered on 9/27 by 9am (to ensure freshness). For more information please contact Mary Morran at mmorran01@gmail.com



FALL FESTI-VALE



Sunday, September 20 from 12:00 to 2:00PM

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a day filled with fun! Enjoy the live music and DJ, games for all ages, cook-out, ponies, snowcones, face painting, moon-bounce, and more! If you have a special talent, we would like for you to share it for this special outreach event! Come be a part of celebration. Please take this opportunity to make the Festi-Vale a success! We're looking forward to seeing you there! Please email Melanie Emerick at Office@valechurch.org if you have questions.

Autumn at a Glance:

Sun, Sept 13:

- 10:00 am Godly Play Sunday School begins
- 11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir resumes
- 11:45 am 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

Thurs, Sept 17:

- 1:00 pm United Methodist Women

Sun, Sept 20:

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

Sun, Sept 27:

- 9:00 am Embury Rucker Bagged Lunches

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 & Mental Health Awareness
- 11:00 am Luncheon of Gratitude

Sun, Oct 25:

- 4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

Sun, Nov 1:

- 10:00 am All Saints Day

Sun, Nov 22:

- 10:00 am Thanksgiving Sunday

Mon, Nov 23:

- 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Potluck, Scouts BSA

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