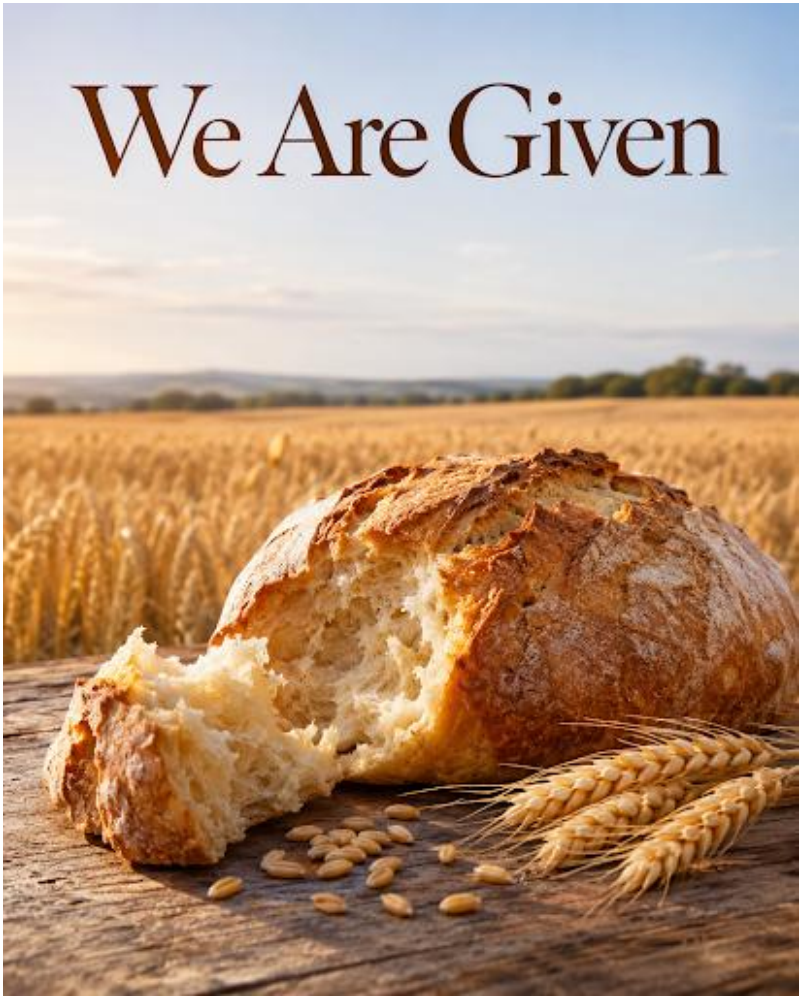
Vale United Methodist Church



Nov 15, 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...

*A*lign our lives with the way of Jesus Christ.
*I*nvite others to journey with us.
*M*ove beyond our walls to create a more just and loving world.

25th Sunday after Pentecost **Nov 15, 2026**

"We Are Given"

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

Thanksgiving Medley – arr. Hurlbutt
Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship

One: Family of God, whom do you serve?

Many: We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.

One: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?

Many: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and Sabbath for all.

One: Family of God, in a world that privilege power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?

Many: We serve God, who calls us to privileges the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.

One: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is love.

Many: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn UMH 396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Confession and Pardon Lay Reader

One: Merciful God, we have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation: Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel: Christ have mercy.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts: Lord have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Confident in God's free gift of forgiveness, I declare to you: In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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: **Open our hearts as we hear your Word. Help us recognize the gifts we have received and the life we have to share. Through your Spirit, let your Word take root in us and bear fruit in compassion, courage, and generosity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture **Matthew 26:26-29**
Scripture **John 12:24-26**

*The reading will end with **"A word of God that is still speaking."***
*Please respond with **"Thanks be to God."***

Sermon **Rev Yun Kim**

"We Are Given"

***Hymn** **TFWS 2171**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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

Dona Nobis Pacem – arr. Austin
Handbell 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 430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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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**Fellowship

Following the service **you are invited** to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats provided by Debbie German. Thank you Debbie!

Lay Readers:

8:30 am Virtual	Kim Sheard
10:00 am	Patricia Gibson

RECENTLY at Vale:

Praise & Worship



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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Nov 22, 2026 – Thanksgiving Sunday
"A Place for All" Rev. Yun Kim

This Week at Vale: Nov 15 – Nov 22, 2026

Sun, Nov 15

8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
9:30 am	Luminary Youth Bible Study*
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
11:00 am	Children's Choir
11:00 am	Fellowship Coffee**
11:30 am	Handbell Choir

Mon, Nov 16

7:00 pm	Troop 1983, Scouts BSA

Tues, Nov 17

Wed, Nov 18

10:00 am	Bible Study
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thurs, Nov 19

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

Sun, Nov 22 **Thanksgiving Sunday**

8:30 am	AlterNatives sale*
8:30 am	Worship Service (Virtual)
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
9:30 am	Luminary Youth Bible Study*
10:00 am	Worship Service (In-Person)
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School
11:00 am	Fellowship Coffee**
11:00 am	Children's Choir
11:30 am	Handbell Choir
7:30 pm	Wire Choir

** see announcement for details*

Vale Mission and Ministry Opportunities

"Your presence matters"

Nov 15, 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

AlterNatives – Our dear partners at the Highland Support Project are returning to Vale to host their AlterNatives sale **Sunday Nov. 22 at 8:30 am.** They will also participate in our Christmas Tree Market Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 am through 5 pm! Come shop and for beautiful handmade Christmas gifts and support the indigenous peoples of Guatemala and other nations in the Americas!

Thanksgiving Potluck – Vale church members are invited to join Scouts BSA Troop 1983, Monday, November 23 for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship while enjoying traditional and also not so traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Bring your favorite dish to share!

Fall Cleanup – On Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 am to 11 am, we will be hosting our annual Vale Fall Cleanup. This is a very social event, and almost all of the work is easy: pruning, raking, and leaf blowing of the planting beds. If you have them, bring rakes, wheelbarrows, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves. We need everybody who is able to come help out and be part of this fellowship!

Pictures with Santa & the Grinch! Bring your family and friends, to Vale on Saturday, December 5 from 12 to 2 pm for a festive photo op with both Santa and the Grinch! Enjoy a fun, atmosphere perfect for making memories and kicking off the Christmas season. All are welcome!

Free Pony rides at Vale – Saddle up for some great fun on Saturday, December 5th, from 12 pm to 2 pm, children are invited to enjoy free pony rides right here at Vale.

United Methodist Women – All ladies of the church are invited to the UMW meeting on Thursday, Nov 19, in the Resource Room, from 1:00 to 3:00. Please bring a snack to share and your drink.

Holiday Tea and Sweets – sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, Dec. 8, 2026, 12-2 pm (doors open at 11:30), at St. Mark's (9970 Vale Rd, Vienna, VA). Come and enjoy music and merriment and get in the holiday spirit. Tickets are $20. Call 703-281-0538 to reserve your seat.

American Flag retirement ceremony – The community is invited to an American flag retirement ceremony at Vale UMC's outdoor sanctuary on December 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., hosted by Troop 1983, Scouts BSA. Bring your worn-out American flags and join us as we honor them with a respectful farewell. All are welcome to attend and share in this meaningful community gathering.

Vale Community Cookie Party – is Sunday, Dec. 13th at 11:30 am. Let's get into the Christmas spirit with a Christmas Cookie Party! Wear your favorite holiday attire and enjoy Christmas music, sweet treats, and games as we decorate and share cookies together!

Sweats for Vets – For Veterans Day, the UMW is participating in the Freedom Museum's Sweats for Vets program, collecting sweats—pants and tops, sizes L, XL, XXL for our Veterans. We are inviting members of the congregation to join us in this effort as a way of giving back to those who have sacrificed so much for us. We have put a labeled container in the Fellowship Hall to collect them during the week. The Freedom Museum is delivering the sweats to the veterans Dec. 3rd, so please get your donations to us before Thanksgiving. The Museum will also take monetary donations. Donating sweats is a small way to say, Thank you! to those who have fought to secure the freedoms we enjoy every day. Contact Karen Leniart at karen.leniart@gmail.com

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Cookie Masters – We are looking for two dedicated volunteers to step up and lead our Hospitality team for the annual Christmas Tree Sale! Affectionately dubbed Cookie Master 1 and Cookie Master 2, this dynamic duo will take charge of running our festive community treat stand for everyone stopping by to buy their holiday trees, while also helping share our church/community life with visitors. *The Schedule is* Fridays through Sundays, kicking off on Nov. 21 and running until our sell-out goal on Dec. 13. *Responsibilities will include:* soliciting food donations and supplies (SUG provided), recruiting helpers, managing inventory, individually packaging treats for our tree-buyers, and sharing our *Events* and *Missions* brochures with visitors to help connect them with our community. If you have a passion for spreading holiday cheer (and baked goods!) and can help support us, we want you. Please reach out to Melanie to claim your title as Cookie Master!

Vale Fall Stewardship Appeal for the 2027 operating budget is now underway. As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, it's time to reflect on our many blessings, including Vale as our faith home. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you may support Vale's 2027 operating budget, the financial foundation for Vale. You can help Vale plan for the year ahead by letting us know your estimate of 2027 giving by Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22nd. Either return the response card via the mail, drop-off at the church office, in the Sunday collection plate, or email to Vale's Finance Chair Tom Feeney at FinSec@valechurch.org. We anticipate the 2027 general operating budget will be about $420,000 next year but recent giving estimates have been less than $375,000. We urge you to review and consider an increase whether you can add just a bit or meet recent inflation with 5% or more. Questions? Please contact Tom Feeney or Judy Jobbitt, Stewardship Chair, (571-241-9595) or jjobbitt@msn.com)

Events at a Glance

Sun, Nov 22:	
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Sunday Christmas Tree Sale opens AlterNatives
Mon, Nov 23:	
6:30 pm	Scouts BSA Trp 1983,Thanksgiving Potluck
Sun, Nov 29:	
10:00 am	AlterNatives
Sat, Dec 5:	
9:00 am	Fall Clean-up
12:00 pm	Pony Rides
12:00 pm	Pictures with Santa and the Grinch
Sun, Dec 6:	
4:00 am	American Flag retirement ceremony
Sun, Dec 13:	
11:00 am	Cookie Party
Thurs, Dec 24:	
5:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship
8:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Sun, Dec 27:	
10:00 am	Pajamas and Stories

2026 VALE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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