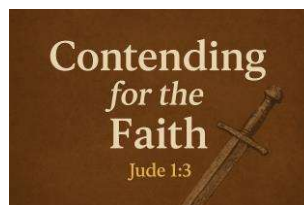




Welcome to the Wildermuth Church Newsletter!

From the Pastor's Desk



Our Jewish neighbors marked *Rosh Hashanah*, the beginning of their new year on Sept 23rd. It is a time of repentance, reflection, and renewal—a season of turning toward God with a sincere heart. As Wesleyan-Arminian Christians, we can find deep resonance with this holy observance.

John Wesley often spoke of God's *prevenient grace*—the grace that goes before us, awakening our hearts and calling us to repentance. Rosh Hashanah reminds us that God's call to turn back is always fresh and urgent. Like Israel hearing the trumpet (shofar) blast, we too are summoned to awaken from spiritual slumber and to walk more fully in the life of grace. This reminder is certainly timely given the topics which I wrote about last week.

For the Jewish people, Rosh Hashanah also points forward to *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement, when sins are confessed and forgiveness sought. As Christians, we understand atonement to be fully realized in Jesus Christ. In Him, we see that God's grace is not only prevenient—going before us—but also justifying and sanctifying, making us new creations.

Arminian theology emphasizes human response to God's call. We are not passive in the work of renewal. Rosh Hashanah, then, becomes a reminder that the new year is an opportunity to cooperate with grace: to repent, to seek holiness of heart and life, and to love God and neighbor more faithfully.

As we move into the rhythms of autumn, may the spiritual themes of Rosh Hashanah inspire us to embrace new beginnings in Christ. Let us hear the Spirit's trumpet call and respond with willing hearts, trusting that "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor. 5:17).

As our Jewish neighbors may say - Shanah Tovah—may you have a good and holy year in the Lord.

On another note, I want to thank Pastor Jim Miller and his wife Brenda for being with us this past Sunday and bringing a wonderful message encouraging us to "Face Our Giants". It is greatly appreciated.

— Pastor Vance



Pastor Vance's Ventures

For your convenience, below is Pastor Vance's tentative schedule for the next few days. (It may vary depending on emergency situations, meetings, etc.)

Appointments can be made by calling/texting 614-706-3040 or email at PastorVance@WildermuthChurch.com

Wed 9/24

Kiwanis Meeting

GPS Ministries - Somerset – details below

Thurs 9/25

Office and by appointment

Fri 9/26

Office and by appointment

Sat 9/27

Day Off

Sun 9/28

Worship

Small Group is moved to
Lighthouse Memorial Church
2600 Walnut Rd, Millersport OH – 6 PM
– Pastor is singing there

Mon 9/29

Office and by appointment

Tues 9/30

Office and by appointment

Wed 10/1

GPS Ministries Somerset – details below

Meetings, events, and Worship services

- GPS Ministries stands for God and People Stares Ministries, an outreach ministry by Pastor Vance in our area.

GPS Ministries – Somerset

- Everyone is welcome to join us Wednesday evenings at Wannabees (the sign out front says “Main Grill”) at 105 W Main St, Somerset, OH. We fellowship over a meal between 5-7 PM (arrive as you can, purchase your own meal from their great menu) and Bible study starts at 7.
 - Contact Pastor Vance if you would like transportation to this service.
- Current series is Discussing “**Why Studying the Bible Matters**”

GPS Ministries – Airport



- Join us for a Fly-In (or you can drive in) Church service.
- Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM at Fairfield County Airport (KLHQ) located at 3430 Old Columbus Rd NW, Carroll, OH.
- Enjoy Coffee and donuts in the Terminal Building as we gather around and learn about a Pilot Story, how it relates to a God Story, and discover how we can apply it to our lives.

Small Group Opportunities

- Sunday Evenings at 5 PM – Wildermuth Annex - Moved this week only to Lighthouse Memorial Church, 2600 Walnut Rd, Millersport OH – 6 PM – Pastor is singing there
 - Join us for an engaging small group study featuring **Dr. Dino (Kent Hovind)**'s **Creation Seminar video series**. Each week, we'll watch a segment of the series and then dive into a discussion time.



- This study will help you:
 - Defend and boldly share your faith in today's skeptical world.
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Ministry / Volunteer Opportunities

- We invite all to share your gifts during our Worship Service
 - This can be by serving as a Greeter or a Bell Ringer some week
 - It could also be by sharing a poem, some musical gift, or other talent during our services
 - It could even be to serve as a Song Leader during our Worship time
 - or in some other way.
- BC Food Pantry - Monthly (typically the 3rd Friday of the month but subject to change) we can minister to our community by helping to set up for the Bloom Carroll Food Pantry. 6:30 PM to ? at Shalom UMC, 4925 Plum Rd NW, Carroll, OH 43112
 - Donations of canned Dog and Cat Food can be brought to Wildermuth.
- As Fall approaches we need assistance in keeping the leaves raked. Please consider giving of your time and energy as we strive to keep the leaves under control.

Please contact Pastor Vance if you would like to assist in any of these ways!



Looking to the Future


- Make plans now to attend and help spread the word about our next Concert on Saturday Oct 11th at 5 PM. - See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.
- Our current plans are to have a singer/group come and be with us whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month and a carry-in dinner after.
- One of our long-range visions for our church is to become a host church for two different youth groups.
 - **Trail Life** for boys and **American Heritage Girls** are Christian based Scout-like organization for youth ages 5 to 18.
 - We will need a minimum of 5 adult males and 5 adult women to commit to being the leadership teams in order to get these troops chartered.

If you have any interest in learning more about these, please contact Pastor Vance.

An Evening of Worship in Song

Come and enjoy a powerful evening of worship as three gifted ministries lift high the name of Jesus through music!

 **Date:** Oct 11, 2025

 **Location:** Wildermuth Memorial Church,
3405 Carroll Eastern Rd, Carroll, OH

 **Time:** 5 PM



Michael King is an extremely talented and gifted singer with a heart to draw people into the presence of God thru his music and personal testimony. Michael is a founding member of One True North and has performed with numerous artists. His anointed voice and passion for worship inspire believers to encounter God in a fresh way.



John & Debi Levier from Heath, Ohio, have been singing and ministering in song for over 16 years. Their love for worship has led them into nursing homes, hospital rooms, parks, barns, churches, restaurants, county fairs, and even the Christian TV station in Marion, Ohio. Wherever the door opens, they faithfully share the gospel of Jesus Christ through music.



John Westling is a gospel singer/songwriter from Greeneville, TN, originally from Southeastern Ohio. The proud son of a preacher, John built his foundation of faith early, which continues to shape his heartfelt gospel songwriting. In 2018, he founded **Spirit-Born Ministries** and has since recorded four albums. with his newest project. *NEW SONGS OF FAITH*. set