



This past Sunday we continued our Pre-Advent sermon series, **Timeless Truths for Today**. As I mentioned during the message, last year we made it through the first five Commandments:

1. God First,
2. God Only,
3. Take My Name Seriously,
4. Work Six – Rest One, and
5. Honor Your Father and Mother.

As we resumed the series, we took a closer look at the commandment, **“You Shall Not Murder.”** This is never an easy topic to examine, as it touches on deeply sensitive areas such as murder, abortion, euthanasia, and suicide. Even more challenging is the call to look inward and honestly examine whether there is hatred in our own hearts.

If you were unable to join us in person, I encourage you to watch the service on our Facebook page; it will also be uploaded to our website soon. As I shared on Sunday, these subjects can be difficult to hear and, for some, may stir painful memories. I am truly grateful for the kind and encouraging words from those of you who have walked through one or more of these difficult experiences and thanked me for addressing them. Please know that my commitment to you is this: I will continue to challenge all of us—myself included—to seek how God’s Holy Word applies to our daily lives. That is my prayer as we finish exploring these Timeless Truths over the coming weeks—that we allow God to reveal where change is needed and that we are transformed by Him. **A new us in 2026!**

Looking ahead to the new year, I have begun advertising our first concert of 2026, which is just a few weeks away. Since doing so, several artists and ministers have reached out, and our calendar is quickly filling—potentially with a concert nearly every month. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to invite others to Wildermuth and are often more readily accepted by those who may be hesitant to attend a worship service. So, as I challenge each of us to allow God to transform us, may I also challenge you to invite friends, family, and neighbors to these concerts. You never know how God may use an invitation to change a life.

Together toward a new us in 2026
— 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 1/7
Kiwanis @ Noon
GPS – Somerset @ 7PM

Sunday 1/11
Worship @ 10AM
Church Board Meeting @ 11:30 AM

Thurs 1/8
Office by Appointment

Monday 1/12
Office by Appointment

Friday 1/9
Office by Appointment

Tuesday 1/13
Sharing the Good News at Eastland Career Center – postponed from last week

Saturday 1/10
Day Off

Wednesday 1/7
Kiwanis @ Noon
GPS – Somerset @ 7PM

Meetings, events, and Worship services

God and People Staories (GPS) Ministries, an outreach ministry by Pastor Vance in our area.

GPS Ministries – Somerset

- o 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.
- o Contact Pastor Vance if you would like transportation to this service.

GPS Ministries – Airport



- o Join us for a Fly-In (or you can drive in) Church service.

- o 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.
- o 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.

Ministry / Volunteer Opportunities

- We invite all to share your gifts during our Worship Service
 - o 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)
 - o Come join us as we minister to our community by helping with the setting up for the Bloom Carroll Food Pantry.
 - Approx 6:30 - 8 PM at Shalom UMC, 4925 Plum Rd NW, Carroll



Ministry / Volunteer Opportunities (Continued)



- Minister to others by bringing in donations of canned Dog and Cat Food to Wildermuth Memorial Church. We serve as a collection site for these items.
- Would you consider helping Wildermuth Church in supporting missionaries by linking your Kroger rewards card to Wildermuth Memorial Church, ID # RJ186.



- If you do not shop at Kroger, then please note that all money donated in the Missions cup by our offering plate also goes to this mission's support.

Looking to the Future

- January 24th at 6 PM we will be hosting a Gospel Concert featuring Kameron Waits!
 - Many of you thoroughly enjoyed his songs when he joined us in November so we have asked him to come back and do an evening concert with us.
 - Current plans are to have a dinner after the concert
- Several Concerts are getting scheduled for 2026. Flyers will be attached to the newsletters.
- 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.

January 7, 2026

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES CONCERT

JAN 24TH • 6 PM

Kameron Waits



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3405 CARROLL EASTERN RD NW • CARROLL, OH

**FREE ADMISSION • ALL AGES
DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

January 7, 2026

New Promise



Palm Sunday Concert

March 29, 2026

10:00 AM

Wildermuth Memorial Church

3405 Carroll Eastern Rd, Carroll, Ohio

January 7, 2026

Bryan & Yvonne Hutson

Rescue Me Ministries



In Concert

Saturday, May 23, 2026

6:00 PM

Wildermuth Memorial Church
3405 Carroll Eastern Rd, Carroll, Ohio

January 7, 2026

★ IN CONCERT ★



**BRYAN
LANGLEY**
LIFE IS GOOD



★ **SUNDAY** ★

28 JUNE 2026

6:00PM

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CHURCH**

**3405 CARROLL EASTERN RD
CARROLL OH**