



**What an incredible week we've had!** Last week's Candlelight Service was truly beautiful, and it was made even more special because of each of you—your presence and participation brought it to life. I trust you enjoyed a blessed Christmas surrounded by loved ones. Lisa and I certainly did!

After Christmas, we took a last-minute trip to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. While we've been there before, this was our first time experiencing their stunning Christmas light display. Sharing that moment with our oldest daughter, son-in-law, and grandson made it extra meaningful.

Tonight, we're excited to continue the joy of the season with fellowship at the Parsonage during our Open House. We'll gather to watch OSU in the Cotton Bowl and maybe even play a little Euchre together!

In the midst of all these celebrations, we were reminded during Sunday mornings powerful message that **GOD WANTS TO DO A NEW THING IN OUR LIVES.**

That's my personal challenge for 2026—and I'll be inviting you to join me in that challenge! What new habit could help you draw closer to Jesus? Perhaps it is having a more consistent time in Scripture. Maybe it is finding and sticking to a focused daily devotional. Why it could even be joining a small group—or even leading one!

What is God saying to you? How does He want to do a new thing in your life? Let's hold each other accountable and challenge each other so we can together discover, how we can reach our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.

Before Advent, we began a journey through the **Timeless Truths of the Ten Commandments**, having covered the first five. This Sunday, we'll review those and then dive into the sixth commandment. What better way to prepare our hearts, minds, and actions for God's new work than by grounding ourselves in His eternal Word?

Let's together, step into this new year ready for all that God wants to do in us and through us!

In service with you  
— Pastor Vance

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## 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](mailto:PastorVance@WildermuthChurch.com)

Wed 12/31

Open House 7 PM

Sunday 1/4

Worship – Communion Sunday

Thurs 1/1

New Year Day – Office is closed

Monday 1/5

Office by Appointment

Friday 1/2

Office by Appointment

Tuesday 1/6

Sharing the Good News at Eastland Career Center

Saturday 1/3

Day Off

Wednesday 1/7

Kiwanis

GPS - Somerset

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## Meetings, events, and Worship services

God and People Stores (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## Looking to the Future

- January 24<sup>th</sup> 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
- 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.

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