

Notes:

Self-discipline and the Christian faith

A new year offers us the opportunity to make dramatic changes in the practice of our faith as Christians. Making ourselves more disciplined, for example, especially in our spiritual life.

Self-disciplined Christians see to it that they pray regularly and often. They will want to learn as much as they can about the Bible, the “owner’s manual” which helps us understand what God requires of us. Self-disciplined Christians will take advantage of learning opportunities at their church. Lessons in theology, church history, Christian family living, operating a business along Christian principles, etc. can bring enlightenment and guidance to us. Remember that Sunday school is for all ages and offers fellowship as well as learning.

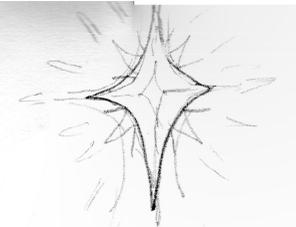
In *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*, Pastor John Ortberg writes, “Disciplined people can do the right thing at the right time in the right way for the right reason.”

The letter to the Hebrews is very realistic when it points out that “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful.” It goes on to say, “Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” (Read Hebrews 12:7-11.) It is that wonderful reward we should seek by deepening our spiritual life.

Once again, many thanks to all of you from the pastor and family for your countless kindnesses to us through the past year. Many thanks, too, for the Christmas gifts to our family. They will be put to good use!

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Genesis 3:1-4:26	Genesis 5:1-7:24	Genesis 8:1-10:32	Genesis 11:1-13:4
NT	Matthew 2:13-3:6	Matthew 3:7-4:11	Matthew 4:12-25	Matthew 5:1-26
PSA	Psalms 2:1-12	Psalms 3:1-8	Psalms 4:1-8	Psalms 5:1-12
PROV	Proverbs 2	Proverbs 3	Proverbs 4	Proverbs 5
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Genesis 13:5-15:21 Matthew 5:27-48 Psalms 6:1-10 Proverbs 6	Genesis 16:1-18:15 Matthew 6:1-24 Psalms 7:1-17 Proverbs 7	Genesis 18:16-19:38 Matthew 6:25-7:14 Psalms 8:1-9 Proverbs 8	



When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Matthew 2:10



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Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to worship on Epiphany Sunday. Today we celebrate the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem to visit the infant Christ. The importance of this day is that Christ is meant to be the Lord of all the nations of humankind.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men.

R: *The Lord is at hand.*

L: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

R: *Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

L: Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

R: *This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

L: Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

ALL: *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*
Philippians 4:1, 4-9; 3:13-15

Let us worship with a sense of expectance for the presence of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair offering.
- **We will be celebrating communion this morning.**
- There will be a **Singspiration** in the evening service. Invite everyone whom you know to come!
- **January 6** - Epiphany
- January 14 - 16 - Midwinter Youth Convention
- January 23 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week remember to pray for our sister church in **Millville, New Jersey. Gary Mills** is the pastor.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Neighbors, relatives, and friends for whom prayer has been requested, especially **Bonnie Cramer**, and the **Whittaker family**.
 - Remaining issues with the building remodeling.
 - Our young people.
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical needs:
 - **John Cheatham, Rylan Vosburgh, Ron Cleve, Lillian J, Tori W., Myra, Kathy Moltzen, Ernest Cook and family members who are caring for him, Sandy Griesemer and her mother, Judy Williams, Peter E., Ron & Ruth Sperbeck, Maureen G, Doreen W, Clay Jones, Susan Ford, Duane and Dorothea Maxey**
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Prayer Requests And Praises:

- May be shared with the church
- Share details with prayer groups only
- Confidential for Pastor only

*Tear off and place
in the offering plate
or give to the pastor*

*SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.
Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.*