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Sermon Text

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Spiritual "To Do List"

(things God has shown me today)

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## *Enter to Worship; Depart to Serve*

Today we are celebrating communion, a means of grace to the believer. A means of grace is a way in which God works invisibly in disciples, quickening, strengthening and confirming faith.

What is a channel of grace? Holiness people believe that the grace of God is increased in our lives through private prayer, fasting, and reading the Scriptures; assembling together with the church, praying together, hearing the Word preached, and celebrating the Lord's Supper together; baptism of the believers; and in doing the will of God in works of mercy and service to others.

Careful attention to the means, or resource, of God's grace, is important to grow in the Christian walk and in fellowship with God.



Many Christian denominations celebrate Epiphany each year on or near January 6. *Epiphany*, which means *showing forth*, celebrates the visit of the magi, or wise men, to the baby Jesus. These men, sometimes called kings because of the rich gifts they brought, saw the star that led them to Bethlehem.

The fact that these wise men were Gentiles, not Jews, teaches us an important theological lesson: Their search for the Savior shows that Jesus came for all people.

In 1875, Philip Bliss wrote the hymn "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The first stanza captures the meaning of Epiphany, a season of light:

The whole world was lost  
In the darkness of sin,  
The Light of the world is Jesus!  
Like sunshine at noonday,  
His glory shone in.  
The Light of the world is Jesus!



**Planning ahead** - The 2012 Interchurch Holiness Outreach and Bus Convention will be held at Lebanon, Pennsylvania March 6-8, 2012. This is a time of encouragement and learning for those, such as Sunday School teachers, who work in the church.

*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.  
— FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.*

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