

# Pilgrim Promoter

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## What to Give Up for Lent

- Give up watching television one evening a week. Visit some lonely or sick person instead.
- Give up looking at other people's worst points. Concentrate on their strong points and positive attributes.
- Give up speaking unkindly. Let your speech be generous and understanding.
- Give up your worries. Trust God with your problems and frustrations.
- Give up hatred or dislike of anyone. Learn to love instead.
- Give up the fear which prevents Christian witness. Seek courage to speak about your faith to others.
- Give up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Use some of that time to study your Bible.
- Give up grumbling. Learn to give thanks in everything.
- Give up ten to fifteen minutes each day. Use that time in prayer.
- Give up buying anything but essentials for yourself. Give that money to God's work or someone in need.
- Give up judging by appearance and by the standards of the world. Learn to give up yourself to God.

## **PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**

Spring, 2020

On Ash Wednesday we entered the season of Lent, when Christians are traditionally challenged to examine their relationship with Christ and to consider “giving something up” (see cover) as a means to growth as believers. Ironically, this year my family is looking for a house that we would consider “desirable” as a home for our “retirement” years. The main difficulties thus far in choosing one have been, not the appearance or location, but the size and the price – big enough that we would not have to “downsize” too much (that is, part with things we like, but don’t really need) or pay too much (asking price and estimated taxes to live there).

As a Christian, I have always tried to be a good steward of what God has given me and/or our family. Materially, I do not buy what I don’t need, and I try not to waste what I have. When it comes to homes, we have always lived in church-owned parsonages, so deciding on a house is a new experience. The stress is in determining what we “need” in order to live functionally versus what we “want” in order to be “comfortable”. As I pray for our missionaries in dangerous situations, and many of Pilgrim’s families in relatively uncomfortable housing conditions, I am challenged by the Apostle Paul (“I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content.”) and John the Baptist regarding Christ (“He must increase, but I must decrease.”), as well as Jesus Himself, Who said, “The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head,” and that our Heavenly Father knows our needs and what is best for us. “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

Thus, it seems to me the key is what we “desire” – is it personal comfort above all else (“the American dream”) - or is it to do God’s will, to live lives pleasing in His sight? Is it our will, or His will that is most important to us? Regardless of size or price, may we use the home (and everything else) He provides to honor Him and bless others in addition to ourselves! Let us each use Lent to meditate and act on such issues in our lives – may we decrease, and He increase!

Pastor Dirk

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### **CAN YOU DO THIS? EVEN BETTER??**

Pilgrim is looking for a volunteer to take over regular secretarial duties (weekly bulletins, office management, etc.) as Nathan transitions out as church secretary.

Please see Nathan if you feel God leading you to use your gifts in this capacity.

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### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*(Please inform Pastor of any members or attenders not listed)*

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Alfred Baack  
2 - Matthew Charles  
4 – Jonathan Otusanya

6 – Nathan Spalding  
23– Christina Coates

23 – Tony Mansolino, Sr.  
31 – Jeremiah Dorilus

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### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Harry Kiesel	9 – Zoe Wright	18 – James Coates
3 – Guerschon Dorilus	11 – Whama Morris	19 – Odette Lompo
4 - Wayne Kosik	13 – Jerry Tate	22 – Bruce Brown
6 - Wendy Overlander	15 - Lynwood Roberts	23 - Dolly Willing
8 – Aser Ossel	15 – Emily Overlander	24 - Maeghan Coates
8 - Raymond Dorilus	17 - Marlene Williams	27 - Paul Lepore

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### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

5 – Dina Charles	10 – C.J. Mignott	29 – Louise Mignott
7 – Dale Ainsley	13 – Kathy Lynch	31 – David Bainbridge
7 - Elaine Brooks	24 - Will Coates	31 – Paul Mansolino

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

17 – Ricky & Edna Hebron

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### **SPRING SPECIALS**

Put a new spring in your step with the following:

- ❖ **Sun., 3/8** – Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't be late for Sunday School & Worship!
- ❖ **Sat., 3/14** – Silent Prayer in the sanctuary, 7:00am – 2:00pm Deepen your Lenten renewal by spending quality time with your Best Friend, Jesus!
- ❖ **Sat., 3/21** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 9:00-10:30am. SIGN UP in the foyer to enjoy discussion and devotional time with men (older and younger) of the church!
- ❖ **Sun., 3/29** – NAB Missions Sunday. Updates and prayer for missionaries in Adult Sunday School, 9:45am. Missions Offering in Worship and Rev. Chris Coates preaching (5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of March, May, August & November).
- ❖ **Sat., 4/4** – Kouples Klub at the parsonage, 12:00pm. Please let Barb Spalding know you plan to attend.
- ❖ **Sun., 4/5** – Palm Sunday. Children process with palms at 11:00am. Two choir anthems featured.
- ❖ **Thu., 4/9** – Maundy Thursday Communion, 7:30pm
- ❖ **Fri., 4/10** – Good Friday Worship, 12:00pm
- ❖ **Sun., 4/12** – Resurrection Sunday. Easter program and Kaffee Klatsch in Sunday School hour, 9:45am. Two choir anthems and Easter Offering in Worship, 11:00am
- ❖ **Sun., 5/10** – Mother's Day. Honor your mother!
- ❖ **Sat., 5/30** – Bethany Christian Services 5K and children's runs at Ft. Washington State Park, 8:30am. See Pastor or Nate for info.
- ❖ **Sat, ?** – Watch for Spring Work Day date. "Many hands make light work."

## PRAISE and PRAYER – Spring, 2020 (March - May)

**NOTE:** New individual prayer requests will only be put on the list for 1 quarter unless an update is received by Pastor by the 3rd Sunday of the 3rd month. *Thanks* for praying and for helping to keep the list current.

### PRAISE God for:

- \* God's effecting His plan for the world, including our Salvation – also, Haitian school & teachers helped by Pilgrim
- \* Our church: - Weekly Ministries, incl. Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer, Choir, CRT, Youth, Food Pantry
  - Bardins' Missionary Visit (2/1)
  - Blood Drive here (2/22)
  - Willing church officers, board members
  - Men's Breakfast Fellowship planned for Mar. 21 (see SIGN UP)
- \* Our nation: - Many freedoms & blessings, including the responsibility of praying for our leaders
- \* Our families: - Thankfulness for our blessings & concern for others' needs
  - Joshua Lompo (b. 12/15/19)
  - College students: Gina Lepore, Matthew Charles
  - Graduate School student: Joe Ballantine; Serviceman: Demetrius Cardwell
  - At a distance: Courtney Ballantine, Harry & Irene Kiesel, Dolly Willing, Zoe Wright
- \* Answered prayers: (Please inform Pastor....) improving health: Marlene Williams; Ellen Howell; Lori Pawlishyn; Itania Dorilus' mother; Rhonda Tate; Pastor's mother; many from flu, colds & coughs; Rev. Randy Brubaker (see God's Touch below)

### PRAY for:

- \* Multiple ongoing "unspoken" (anonymous) requests
- \* Salvation from sin, and Eternal Life for family, friends, all contacts
- \* Growing love for God, time with Him in prayer (esp. Sats., 10:30am & Day of Silent Prayer, 3/14)
- \* Marriages and families' relationships to honor God, set godly examples
- \* Pilgrim's Church ministries, to further God's work – incl. Missions.
- \* Missionaries' safety & fruitful ministries
- \* International, National, State, & Local Authorities – to promote **world peace and stability**, esp. an end to multi-year violence in Cameroon, and recurring violence in Haiti
- \* Job situations: Bruce Brown; Chris Coates; Dale Ainsley (green card awaited); Courtney Ballantine; Peter Humber (to have some Sundays off work)
- \* Housing : Dorilus, Spalding, Mignott & Howell families (Ellen now at Deer Meadows, Rm. G-71)
- \* Food Pantry (see weekly bulletins for items needed) and Deacons Benevolent Fund: to help meet families' needs
- \* God's Touch – members & attenders of Pilgrim (shut-ins or current needs):  
Anonymous requests (ongoing); Dave & Joanne Ballantine (physical health & increasing need for wisdom & resources for his mother's care); Chris Coates (arthritis, Meniere's); Maeghan Coates (back & knee); Yvonne Desouza (knees); Ruth Lepore (knees); Kathy Lynch (leg blood clot concern); Cathy Menzel (M.S.); Drew Menzel (God's wisdom); Dee Mitchell (managing her pain); Marie Ossel (stress re. family & final exam 3/26); Megan Overlander (M.S.); Bebot Patnugot (ankle); Lynwood Roberts (legs); Dolly Willing (M.S., speech & phys. therapy); Zoe Wright (rheum. arthritis, polymyalgia, diabetes)
- \* God's Touch – friends, relatives, co-workers:  
Anonymous requests (ongoing); Dave Ballantine's mother, Doris (markedly worsening Alzheimer's dementia); Rev. Randy Brubaker (no more dialysis [kidneys functioning] or chemo at present, but stem cell transplant by May); Chris Coates' parents, Jim & Trudy (physical issues); Merrie Coates' brother, Jack (many infections); Raymond Dorilus' sister (can't speak, not eating); Itania Dorilus' teacher, Winifred (cancer); Ellen Howell's son, Mark (chemo); Humber's son-in-law, Jeff (pancreatitis & gallbladder); Mansolinos' neighbor, Ann (liver cancer); Cathy Menzel's brother, Thomas (colon cancer); Dee Mitchell's mother, Joyce (cancer, but good prognosis); Lori Pawlishyn's brother, Bob (surg. recup.); Pastor's mother, Elaine (physical strength); Marlene Williams' son, Rev. John (Bell's Palsy); Dolly Willing's brother-in-law, Bill Bainbridge (Parkinson's)
- \* N.A.B. related: Rev. Larry Burd (rotator cuff surg. 3/6; ministry to Atl. Ass'n. pastors/churches); Rev. Joe Thomas (recup. fr. Heart surg. 2/24); Alice Zeeb (Alzheimer's)
- \* Grief: families of Edna Witzke (d. 12/16/19); Edna Hebron's much older brother, Ben (d. 1/30/20)
- \* Your Requests:

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship & Communion 12:15 Trustees 1:00 Youth Boys	<b>2</b> 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates'	<b>3</b> 7:30 Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 2:00 CRT 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30 Prayer Gathering
<b>8</b> 9:45 SS all ages 10:30 Kaffee Klatsch 11:00 Worship 12:15 Deacons 1:00 Youth Boys	<b>9</b> 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates'	<b>10</b> 7:30 Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2:00 CRT 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00-2:00 Prayer in Sanctuary
<b>15</b> 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship 1:00 Youth Boys	<b>16</b> 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates'	<b>17</b> 7:30 Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2:00 CRT 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 Anchormen Breakfast Fellowship 10:30 Prayer Gathering
<b>22</b> 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 Worship Rev. Chris Coates preaching	<b>23</b> 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates'	<b>24</b> 7:30 Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2:00 CRT 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 Prayer Gathering
<b>29</b> 9:45 SS all ages 11:00 NAB Missions Sunday Rev. Chris Coates preaching	<b>30</b> 4:30 Youth Girls at Coates'	<b>31</b> 7:30 Bible Study				

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