

# The Voice of Lomax

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2019

**THE FLORAL MINISTRY:** The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 2019 *Father's Day*. We wish all the Lomax fathers a blessed and wonderful day of celebration and honor. *Donna V. Gainey*

*Request you review the floral calendar in the vestibule and sign up for available dates. Also, please sign up for the dates of June 23 and June 30 as appropriate.* *Mrs. Andrea Peterbark*

**LOMAX CHURCH OFFICE:** The Lomax church office will operate on a modified schedule for the next several weeks until the secretarial position has been filled and training has occurred.

**WASHINGTON DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING:** Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant will hold this meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019, at Union Wesley AME Zion Church. Light dinner will be served beginning at 6 pm, the meeting will begin at 7 pm. Unless excused by Presiding Elder Durant, all clergy and district officers are required to attend.

**LOMAX ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** Lomax will have its 2019-2020 organizational meeting on Saturday, June 22, 2019, from 11 am to 2 pm. All leaders are expected to attend, all members are encouraged to attend. The budget will be presented and Trustees and Stewards will be elected and confirmed respectively.

**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS.** I am excited about the new conference year with our new pastor. The New Members Class will meet Sunday, June 23rd at 0945 in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin our study with the 25 Articles of Religion. All are welcome to join us. *Rev. Karen Kennedy*

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY:** All high school and college graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 23, 2019. Please contact Rev. Ingrid Gant and Sis. Darlene Logan to provide the names of your graduates.

**YOUNG ADULT EMPHASIS SUNDAY:** On Sunday, June 30, 2019, Rev. Brandon Moore, Pastor of Faith AME Zion Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will preach as we worship young adult style. **It will be a come as you are Sunday.**

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**JOB OPENING:** The church is currently recruiting for a new Church Secretary. Great interpersonal, communication (oral and written), organizational, and computer skills are a must! The position is part-time and hours are negotiable. If you or anyone you know have an interest in the position, then please forward a resume to the attention of the TRUSTEE BOARD to lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com.

**LOMAX SENIOR MINISTRY:** On Thursday, July 18, 2019, the Lomax Senior Ministry will again be travelling with the XYZ Ministry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church to see the biennial exhibit of the "Sacred Threads" quilts at the Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia. The show's theme this year is "Eye Contact: Creating a Connection". The cost is \$10 general admission; \$8 for groups of 8 or more. The bus will leave Lomax at 9:30 and return to Lomax around 5:30 pm, which will include lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Payment for the show and lunch will be on YOU. If you are interested in participating, please sign the sheet in the vestibule.

**DID YOU KNOW?** A food pantry is available at Lomax for those who may need assistance in this regard. For additional information on this topic please talk to Mrs. Gloria H. Camp.

*"Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help." Isaiah 58:7 (NLT)*

**HEALTH MINISTRY:** **Swimming is an important skill that saves lives**, yet so many children (particularly African Americans) do not know how to swim. According to the CDC, (when excluding birth defects) the most common cause of mortality and morbidity of youth in the U.S. are unintentional injuries.

According the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)\*, amongst those unintentional injuries, drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages 1-4 years old. Drowning remains the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 5-19 years old. Thus, not only is knowing how to swim important, the skill must be introduced as early as possible. You can start swimming lessons as early as age 1. It is encouraged by the AAP to start lessons by age 4.

There is no better time to start than this summer! For the adults, as you take your child to swimming lessons, make sure you can swim too!

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