

The Voice of Lomax

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019

THE FLORAL MINISTRY: The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of the late Charles S. Chapman, who would have been 91 on July 8; my sister, Andrea Peterbark whose birthday is July 15th and my sons Brandon and Brendon Murray who will be 27 years old on July 19th. Love from your daughter, sister and mother. *Towana C. Murray*

The altar flowers are also to celebrate the 6th birthday to Mommy's little diva, Maya. May God continue to let your little light shine. Love you always, Mommy. *Wanda Williams*

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.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a three-part Bible Study series focusing upon "The Great Commandment and Commission." We will meet on July 17, and 24. ***There will be no Bible study during the month of August.***

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.

CLASS LEADERS MEETING: Class Leaders Veronica Riley (Class # 9) and Anne Williams (Class # 3) will meet with their class members Sunday, July 21st immediately following the morning worship service. For additional details, please see either Sis. Riley or Sis. Williams.

FINANCIAL MATTERS MEMBERS' MEETING: This Members' Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 7 pm. The FY 2019-2020 Budget will be presented for adoption, as will new Financial Practices and Procedures.

LOMAX ON THE LAWN: Our first **Gospel & Jazz Concert** will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019, at 7 PM. This event will be held on the lawn adjacent to the parking lot. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. This event is an evangelism and outreach effort so invite someone who is unchurched to join us.

CALLING ALL MISSIONARIES: (Parent Body & Life Members Council); we will meet on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 12:00 noon for our 1st business meeting of the conference year. Please plan on attending and refreshments will be served. *Mrs. Donna Gainey*

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CONFERENCE LAY COUNCIL RETREAT: The Philadelphia and Baltimore Lay Council will hold its Lay Council Leadership Retreat on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Retreat will be held at the Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center, 1525 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104. **Pastor Nelson will be giving the closing charge to the laity.** Registration is \$50.00. Registration forms are available in the office and should be submitted to Sis. Donna Moore, the Conference Lay Council Financial Secretary, with payment by July 18, 2019.

THE “WHOOOSH: Take Flight to Where God Leads You!” Vacation Bible School 2019 will be held on Monday, July 29 – Thursday, August 1st here at Lomax. We will be partnering with the Alleyne AMEZ Church and would like members to invite people from the community as well. Online Registration info will be forwarded via email. Paper registrations will be available in the vestibule and the office. Please contact Rev. Tina Nelson or Veronica Riley if you have questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE: Due to a scheduling conflict, Lomax's 1st Quarterly Conference has been changed to Monday, August 12, 2019, at 7 P.M. *All Quarterly Conference reports should be submitted electronically to Sis. Wilma Newby at quarterlyconferencesecretary@gmail.com by Monday, July 29, 2019.*

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 to 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! Itohan Otasowie, MD, FAAP – Board Certified Pediatrician