

The Voice of Lomax

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2020

FLORAL MINISTRY: The love of a Godly father is with us forever! The altar flowers are in loving memory of my father, Ernest C. Hargrove, who would have been 99 years old on March 20. His presence is missed, but the love he shared will always be with me. - Rev. Monica Hargrove

Also, the Floral Ministry is accepting orders for Easter Lilies in honor of/or in memory of your loved one(s) until Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES: Please join us, and invite someone, for our Lenten preaching series each Wednesday at 7 pm. Our theme is "I Must Go to Jerusalem" based upon Mat. 16:21. This Wednesday, our scheduled preacher is the Rev. Patrick Barrett, of Alleyne AME Zion Church.

PHILADELPHIA & BALTIMORE CONFERENCE 3RD CHECK UP MEETING: The 3rd Check-Up Meeting presently is scheduled to be held at Judah Temple AME Zion Church, in Mitchellville, MD. The church bus will transport attendees to the meeting. It will depart Lomax's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule to reserve a seat.

SCOTLAND AME ZION CHURCH REBUILDING CAMPAIGN: Scotland AME Zion Church was severely damaged during the flash flood that occurred during the summer of 2019. They have been displaced since the flood occurred. As Scotland's pastor and first lady for eight years, Pastor Nelson and Rev. Tina are asking members of Lomax to make a special offering on March 22, 2020, to support Scotland's rebuilding effort. These funds will be presented to Scotland on the afternoon of March 22, 2020, when Pastor Nelson serves as the worship leader and Lomax's music ministry provides music for Scotland's afternoon Homecoming service.

SENIOR MINISTRY: All are invited to join the Lomax Senior Ministry, the Lomax Couples Ministry, and the Hill Toppers of Alleyne A.M.E. Zion Church on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for a presentation on "Essential Tools of Life Planning" given by our own Rev. Tina S. Nelson. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and receive important information on wills and trusts.

MY SISTER'S KEEPER FELLOWSHIP: Due to the funeral of the late Mrs. Lucille Kinston, this Fellowship has been rescheduled to March 28, 2020, from 1-3 pm.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: On Sunday, March 29, 2019, at 3 pm, members of the Washington District will gather for a 5th Sunday Fellowship at Union Wesley AME Zion Church, in Washington, DC. Rev. Pharaad Masah El, the pastor of Galbraith AME Zion Church, will be the afternoon preacher and music will be provided by the choirs from Galbraith and Union Wesley AME Zion Churches. All ministers and district officers are expected to attend, others are encouraged to attend.

INITIAL SERMON AND SPECIAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE: On April 5, 2020, at 3 pm, Bro. Ray Pincham will preach his initial sermon, as he moves forward toward Local Preach licensing. All members of the church are encouraged to be present to support Bro. Ray. Immediately following his initial sermon, Presiding Elder Durant will convene a Special Quarterly Conference to receive the wishes of the congregation relating to Bro. Ray moving forward toward Local Preacher status.

Also, during the Special Quarterly Conference, we will elect Lomax's Delegate to the District and Annual Conferences. **NO REPORTS WILL BE READ DURING THE SPECIAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.** Rather, all reports for the Fourth Quarter are due April 10, 2020, and should be submitted to Sis. Wilma Newby using quarterlyconferencesecretary@gmail.com.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT SUMMIT/DISTRICT CONFERENCE: The Washington District Summit/District Conference will be held on April 17 and 18, 2020, at Trinity AME Zion Church, in Washington, DC. A Men's Prayer service will be held on April 16, 2020, at 7:30 pm, at Trinity AME Zion Church.

FLORAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP: Join the Floral Ministry on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for a floral arrangement workshop. You will learn to arrange a vase of flowers. The registration fee is \$15.00 which includes a vase, flowers for the arrangement, and a lunch following the workshop. Please bring floral shears. Contact Andrea Peterbark for information.

COMMUNITY STEM FEST: Lomax is a contributing sponsor of the Community Stem Fest being organized by the Branches of Hope CDC. The event will be Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10 am to 2 pm at Hoffman-Boston/Carver Center, 1415 S. Queen Street, Arlington, VA 22204. This event is free and open to the public and is specifically designed for children and youth. Interested Lomax youth should contact Bro. Ray Pincham.

LOMAX MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Members are reminded that your annual assessments dues is \$350 (General Claims: \$265 plus Quarterly Conference: \$85) for FY 19/20 Conference Year ending May 31, 2020. Also, the "365" A Dollar A Day campaign is underway. This campaign helps with the continued maintenance and upkeep of the church. All financial support may be made through your church envelope or Givelify through May 31, 2020. – *Sis. Ruthy Brown.*

HEALTH MINISTRY:

The best ways to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses (which includes coronaviruses and the flu) are to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Immediately throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu vaccine if you have not yet done so.

THIS MONTH'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL SESSIONS

March 29, 2020

- ❖ Youth: *Generation Next Claps Back* (Pancakes with the Pastor)
- ❖ Adults: *Jiving, Striving, and Thriving*