

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax has received a number of cards expressing thanks for support that Lomax has provided. (Those cards have been scanned and are attached to this email.) Cards have been received from:
 - Sis. Roxie Johnson in thanks for the support she received during her surgery and recovery.
 - Sis. Mary Still for the support she received during the loss of her sister.
 - Sis. Brenda Humphrey for the support she received during the loss of her mother.
 - The family of the late Sis. Garnetta Spriggs in support of the loss of their mother and for the Home Going service.
 - Rev. Brenda Clark for Ministry of Kindness support she received to further the ministry of New Covenant AME Zion Church.
2. **Also, we want to acknowledge a \$500.00 contribution from Ms. Slyvia Gladden to assist any church member who may be experiencing financial hardship. This offering will be placed in the Ministry of Kindness and used for this purpose**
3. The Lomax Senior Ministry will meet by Zoom at 9:00 am this Saturday, August 22, 2020. The speaker will be Samantha Brann, Community Engagement Manager-ACEM from Arlington County. The topics to be covered are 1) General Preparedness; 2) Preparing for storms/local hazards; 3) Preparing for COVID-19; 4) Mental Health Preparedness Tips during the ongoing emergency. Looking forward to sharing with you.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86085137751>

Meeting ID: 860 8513 7751

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

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4. Lomax's Lay Council will meet this Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 2:00 pm. Following is the Zoom information to participate:

Topic: Lomax A.M.E Zion Church Lay Council

Time: Aug 23, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84396507518>

Meeting ID: 843 9650 7518

Dial in number: +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

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5. The Adult Sunday School class will meet on Sunday at 9:30 am by conference call and Zoom. The new dial-in number is 1-301-715-8592. To connect by Zoom please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>. If requested, the Meeting ID is: 893 1123 2668.
6. The Sunday worship video will be available at 11 am via Lomax's website and YouTube channel.
7. Following the completion of the painting and flooring/carpeting installation in the sanctuary, Pastor Nelson and some church officers will have a brief dedication observance on the afternoon of Saturday, August 29th.
8. Bro. Ray Pincham's trial sermon has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 30, 2020, at 3 pm. A reminder, due to our physical distancing protocols, 25 seats will be reserved for Bro. Pincham's family, friends, and invited guests and 10 seats will be assigned to representatives of the ministerial staff, Steward, Trustee, and Leaders Boards, Music Ministry, Media Ministry, and Ushers. All others are invited to watch via livestream.
9. The time to respond to the Survey relating to reopening Lomax has been extended to August 31, 2020. Here is the Survey link: <https://form.jotform.com/ArlingtonEA/lomaxame-zion-churchs-return-to-church> Please anticipate a call from your class leader encouraging you to complete the survey. For those, who assistance, your class leader will note your feedback about reopening the church.
10. As this pandemic stretches on and unemployment benefits end, or are reduced, for many, please consider increasing the amount that you give to the Ministry of Kindness each week so that we can meet the needs of those who are looking to the church for help. Thank you for your generosity in advance.
11. During these difficult times, please remember that Lomax has resources to assist those in need, including: the Ministry Kindness, the Food Pantry, our class Leaders, and our Pastor. Please reach out if you are in need. Please note the confidential phone number for the Food Pantry is: 703-979-8408.
12. Continued thanks to Lomax's Financial Team, Media Ministry, Class Leaders, Trustee Board, and Steward Board for continuing to serve faithfully during this time.

13. Lastly, thank you to each of you for continuing to send in your tithes and offerings. The congregation continues to be very generous, and for that we thank you. All offerings should be given using Givelify or by sending them to the church using the U.S. mail. (Please do not send cash.)

Have a blessed week!