

JANUARY 10, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax Live! - Last Sunday, our worship service was live streamed. We hope that you noticed the difference in the live stream quality and features resulting from the installation of two new cameras and a new computer system. In the coming weeks, we will be making decisions about whether we will be returning to a live stream format for Sunday worship. Please be patient as we discuss this shift. Thank you to the Media Ministry for overseeing our technology upgrade, especially to Bros. Stephen Murray and Stephen Roye who focused on the camera and computer upgrades and Bros. Jasper Little and Todd Pincham who focused on the Comcast upgrades.

2. Adult Sunday School - The Adult Sunday School class will meet on Sunday at 9:30 am by conference call and Zoom. The 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.

3. Sunday Worship and Communion - This Sunday worship will be recorded and available at 11 am via Lomax's website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

4. 3rd Quarterly Conference - Lomax is scheduled to have its 3rd Quarterly Conference this Monday, January 11, 2021. Participation information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85712215353>
Meeting ID: 857 1221 5353

Dial-In Information: 1- 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 857 1221 5353

5. Lomax Intercessory Prayer Ministry - Weekday Prayer has begun and will continue each Tuesday at 6:30 am. Here is the Zoom information to participate. To join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752>, Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752. To dial-in: 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752. **During the month of January, we'd like to encourage our Class Leaders to participate Weekday Prayer.**

6. Bible Study - Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 7 pm. Our study book will be *The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives* by Peter Scazzero. (This is the book that Bishop Moore selected for Spiritual Emphasis Week.) All are encouraged to participate, Lomax's ministry leaders, including, but not limited to, ministers, Trustees, Stewards, and Class Leaders are strongly encouraged to participate.

7. Young Adult New Year Night of Prayer - The Washington and Baltimore Districts young adults will be joining for a New Year Night of Prayer on January 14, 2021, at 8 pm. A flyer with further information is below.

8. Arlington MLK Observance - The annual Arlington MLK observance will be held virtually on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 5 pm. A flyer with further information is below.

9. Preparing for Lent: During Lent, each week we will focus on this question: *"How Does Your Soul Prosper?"* --John Wesley. Details will follow. Please begin to prepare yourself for this holy season.

10. S.H.A.R.E - S.H.A.R.E orders should be submitted by Saturday, January 9th, 2021. Email Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voice mail message on the food pantry phone line 703.979.8408.

Email orders will receive a confirmation reply and telephone orders will be confirmed with a return phone call. Please submit the payment for your order by Saturday, January 16, 2021.

11. Check Request Policy - The Finance Team is requesting Lomax ministries, clubs, and boards to please submit your weekly invoice requests and receipts by Sunday, or not later than Monday at 12:00 noon. If your request is received after Monday at noon, your payment will be processed the following week. We will accept your request by mail and/or via email at rutbro@aol.com and you may contact Sis. Ruthy Brown at 703-339-4245. Thank you in advance, the Financial Team.

12. Spring 2021 Scholarships - Lomax college students seeking consideration for Spring Semester 2021 financial support must submit the following documentation to the church office or to Brenda Humphrey (humphreybk4@gmail.com) by January 15, 2021: official Fall 2020 transcript, confirmation of full-time Spring Semester 2021 enrollment, and documentation of church/community service activities. Please confirm community service activities with Bro. Ray Pincham, Youth Directory, prior to submitting your scholarship request. For more information, please contact Scholarship Committee President, Brenda Humphrey or Vice-President, Darlene Logan.

13. We want to acknowledge thank you notes that have been received by Lomax. The daughters of the late Bro. William Reed, Beatrice Reed Fuller and Barbara Reed, sent notes of appreciation for the support of Pastor Nelson and Lomax as it related to Bro. Reed's passing and Home Going Service. Rev. Wanda Polite delivered a note of thanks to Lomax for support provided. And, Bros. Stephen Murray, Stephen Roye, and Jordan Parham expressed appreciation for expressions given to them for their hard work through the Media Ministry during this pandemic.

14. As this pandemic stretches on, 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.

15. 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.

16. Continued thanks to Lomax's Financial Team, Media Ministry, Class Leaders, Trustee Board, and Steward Board for continuing to serve faithfully during this time.

17. 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!