

MARCH 14, 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. S.H.A.R.E. - March is here! Everyone can SHARE! Will you? Plant a seed and watch it grow! Bless someone, please reach out. The S.H.A.R.E (Self Help and Resource Exchange) program is available for anyone who has a desire to participate. S.H.A.R.E orders should be submitted by Saturday, March 13, 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.

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 via Zoom - This Sunday our worship service will be at 11 am via Zoom and available via Facebook Live.

Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>.
Meeting ID is: 893 1123 2668.

Dial-in Information: 1-301-715-8592.
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4. Washington District Life Members Stoling Service - Please join the Washington District Life Members Department for its stoling ceremony, Sunday, March 14th at 3 pm. The attire is white with Life Member stoles. Lomax will have persons being stoled.

Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85478878>.
Meeting ID: 854 7887 8441
Passcode: 343421

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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 March, we are encouraging the members of Class #3 to participate Weekday Prayer.**

6. Lomax 2021 Virtual Lenten Preaching Series - This year, Lomax's Lenten Preaching Series will be held virtually via Zoom each Wednesday at 7 pm. Our theme is based upon John Wesley's famous question: *How Is It with Your Soul?* **On Wednesday, March 17th our guest preacher**

will be Rev. Beverly Jones, an associate minister at Patterson-Asbury AME Zion Church, who will preach from John Wesley's question: Am I defeated in any part of my life? (Please note: Rev. Jones was selected by Pastor Gant to preach in her stead as she continues to recover from surgery.) Following is participation information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84202628673>
Meeting ID: 842 0262 8673

Dial-In Information: +1 301 715 8592 (Washington, DC)
Meeting ID: 842 0262 8673

7. Washington District Conference - The Washington District Conference will be held March 18-20, 2021. Detailed information will be shared during the week. A flyer is attached.

8. Join Pastor Nelson - Pastor Nelson contributed to Trinity AME Zion Church's Lenten series "Preparing for Victory," seven preachers, seven conversations. This is a weekly series focusing on seven spiritual disciplines. Pastor Nelson shared on the "Spiritual Discipline of Rest." His conversation will be available Thursday, March 18th at 12 noon via Trinity's YouTube channel and Facebook page as follows:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI3xYegG0odDI1nKlmo0Y1w>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityAMEZ>

9. Holy Week 2021 - Following is a snapshot of worship opportunities during Holy Week:

- Wednesday, March 31: Lomax and St. Michael's will have a virtual Holy Wednesday service at 7pm. More information to follow.
- Friday, April 2: Several members of Lomax's ministerial staff will be participating in Good Friday services you may view:
 - Pastor Nelson will be preaching as a part of the Arlington Coalition of Black Pastors' Good Friday service. The service will be broadcast at 12 noon. Viewing information will be provided.
 - Rev. Monica Hargrove will be preaching in a Good Friday service among churches of the Harrisburg District. Viewing information will be provided.
 - Rev. Tina Nelson will be preaching for the Good Friday service of Trinity AME Zion Church. Viewing information will be provided
 - Please note: Lomax will not have its own Good Friday service this year.

10. Lomax/St. Michael's Small Groups - Coming Soon! In continuation of our racial reconciliation efforts, Lomax and St. Michael's will be forming small groups to discuss the book *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. Dates and sign-up information will be provided next week.

11. Health Unit Information - March is Colorectal Cancer Month. Information relating to Colorectal Cancer can be obtained via the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/pdf/no_pocket_brochure.pdf

12. Lomax Media Ministry - Persons interested in being trained to live stream Lomax's services are asked to contact Bro. Stephen Roye to schedule Sunday morning training. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth, young adults, and adults alike.

13. Lomax Member Assessment -As we approach the March 31, 2021 end of the FY 20/21 conference year, members are encouraged to pay your assessment of \$350.00, consisting of General Claims of \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference dues of \$85.00. Payment of assessments allows Lomax to meet its obligations to the annual conference. You may submit your payments through regular mail, your church envelope, or Givelify. Thank you in advance, the Finance/Budget Committee

14. Thank You! To the Ministry of Kindness, a very special thank you for helping me in my time of need. It was so much appreciated and eased lots of stress. Thank you to all involved. May our God continue to keep us all safe and healthy until we're able to greet each other soon again. Thank you so very much. -- Marlene Ellis

15. 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.

16. During these difficult times, please remember that Lomax has resources to assist those in need, including: the Ministry of 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.

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

18. 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!