

**MARCH 21, 2021**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Washington District Conference** - The Washington District Conference will continue Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, 2021. Participation and schedule information has already been provided.

**2. S.H.A.R.E.** - S.H.A.R.E orders will be distributed next Saturday, March 27, 2021, between 11:15 and 12:30 pm.

**3. 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.

**4. Sunday Worship via Livestream** - This Sunday our worship service will be at 11 am via livestream and may be viewed via Lomax' website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

**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 March, we are encouraging the members of Class #3 to participate in 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 24th our guest preacher will be Dr. Asa Lee, Associate Dean for Campus Life and Director of African American Church Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary. He will preach from John Wesley's question: Is Christ real in me?** 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)

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**7. Lomax Senior Ministry Meeting** - Come join the members of the Lomax Senior Ministry as they receive a presentation on Tax Scams presented by Martin Bailey of AARP on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 9:00 am. Participation information will be provided.

**8. Palms Distribution** - Palm branches will be distributed to members of the congregation on Saturday, March 27, from 12-1 pm in the vestibule of Lomax on the ramp side of the church. Also, palm crosses were mailed this week to our senior and convalescing members in the event

that they cannot pick up palms from Lomax. We hope that you will use your palms or palm crosses during our virtual Palm Sunday worship service.

**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. You may access this service via St. Michael's website: [www.stmichaelsarlington.org](http://www.stmichaelsarlington.org).
- 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. A flyer with viewing information is below.
  - 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. You may access this service at 12 noon via Trinity's Facebook page or YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI3xYegG0odDI1nKlmo0Y1w>).
  - Please note: Lomax will not have its own Good Friday service this year.

**10. Lomax/St. Michael's Small Groups - Forming now!** In continuation of our racial reconciliation efforts, Lomax and St. Michael's are forming small groups to discuss the book *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. Groups will meet on Mondays from 7-8:30 pm from April 12-May 17. For those interested in participating, you may purchase the book via Cokesbury, Barnes & Noble, and a number of other bookselling sites. **Interested persons are asked to register to participate either by sending an email to [lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com) or calling the church office at 703-979-3738.** A flyer is below.

**11. 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

**12.** 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.

**13.** 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.

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

**15.** 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.)