

MARCH 28, 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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 is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87838867342>
Meeting ID: 878 3886 7342

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 878 3886 7342

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

THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS. If you will be picking up palms on Saturday, consider making a donation. The following items are needed: **1. boxes of disposable gloves (large/x-large), 2. canned tuna and/or canned fish, 3. boxed milk, 4. Vienna sausages, 5. small juices (orange, cranberry, apple), 6. water, 7. single packs of tissue or paper towels, and 8. ready to eat tuna and chicken.**

3. Palms Distribution - Palm branches will be distributed to members of the congregation tomorrow, Saturday, March 27, from 12-1 pm in the vestibule of Lomax on the ramp side of the church. Also, palm crosses were mailed last 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.

4. 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.

5. Palm Sunday Worship via Zoom - This Sunday our Palm Sunday worship service will be at 11 am via Zoom. We are excited to welcome The Four who will be providing music. If you have picked up your palms or received them in the mail, you are asked to have them available during the worship service. You may also view the worship service via Facebook page, and later via Lomax' website and YouTube channel. The Zoom participation information is as follows:

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

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6. 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.**

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

- Holy 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.
- Good 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 at 12 noon among churches of the Harrisburg District. To join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84229800183?pwd=WmhMRUhsS1RVcDJKMkdGcURsUjhZZz09>; Meeting ID: 842 2980 0183; Passcode: 293450. If you are calling in, the number is: (646) 558 8656.
 - **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.**

8. 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 or calling the church office at 703-979-3738.** A flyer is below.

9. Lomax Member Assessment - This is the final week of the Conference year. 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

10. 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.

11. 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.

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. 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.)