

April 4, 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Thank You! - Thank you to Sis. Andrea Peterbark for ordering our palm branches and Easter lilies. Additional thanks to Sis. Peterbark, Sis. Darlene Logan, Sis. Barbara Ratliff, and Bro. Tommy Baugh for preparing the palms for distribution, and to Sis. Denise Pincham for assisting Sis. Peterbark and Sis. Logan with distribution of the palms.

2. S.H.A.R.E. - Envision April as a month filled with Love and Hope! Everyone can SHARE! Will you? April showers bring May flowers; if you believe, plant a seed and watch it grow! Bless someone, please reach out. S.H.A.R.E orders should be submitted by Saturday, April 10, 2021. Email Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, April 17, 2021. Orders will be distributed Saturday, April 24, 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. Easter/Resurrection Sunday Worship via Livestream - This Sunday our Easter Sunday worship service will be at 11 am via livestream. As usual, you may also view the worship service via Lomax' website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. We are excited that a quartet, featuring Sis. Carolyn Blackmon, Sis. Portia Linton, Bro. Fred Peterbark, and Sis. Veronica Riley, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jackson Nichols-Jackson. Also, there will be a special Easter video for our children. So, we hope that they will also participate in the worship service. You may also view the worship service via Facebook page, and later via Lomax' website 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 March, we are encouraging the members of Class #5 to participate in the Weekday Prayer.**

6. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. THERE WILL NOT BE BIBLE STUDY THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021.

7. 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.

8. Lomax Member Assessment - As we approach this FY 20-21 Budget year, ending May 31, 2021, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your assessment of \$350.00, consisting of General Claims of \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference dues of \$85.00, to please make your payment. 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. If you need your balance, please contact your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown at (703) 339 4245.

9 . 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.

10. 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.

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

12. 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!