

May 9, 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Pastor Nelson's Appointment Hours - Pastor Nelson is now fully vaccinated. Effective Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Pastor Nelson will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, by appointment, between 11 am and 4 pm, to meet in-person with members. Virtual meetings can also be scheduled with Pastor Nelson during the same times. Please make your appointment directly with Pastor Nelson at 301-613-6343 or via email at avnelsonlaw@msn.com. Masks will be required for all in-person meetings. **Also, please check your email/junk mail for a survey that was sent out on Friday, May 7th as we begin to make decisions about reentering the church building and resuming in-person worship and ministry.**

2. Congratulations to Sydney Wright - Sydney Wright has been selected as the Samantha Wormley Scholarship winner for the Washington District. We are proud of Sydney and all of our Lomax youth who submitted applications for this scholarship.

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 Zoom - This Sunday our worship service will be at 11 am via Zoom. **As we celebrate all Mother's Day, your guest preacher will be Rev. Karen Kenner, who is an Associate Minister at Allen Chapel AME Church in Silver Spring, MD.** You may also view the worship service via Lomax's Facebook page and website. Following is the Zoom participation information:

Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-in Information: 1-301-715-8592.

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5. Happy Mother's from the Children's Department - The Children's Department wishes a blessed and very Happy Mother's Day to all mothers (biological, adoptive, spiritual, and otherwise.) A special poem is attached and dedicated to all mothers.

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 #7 to participate in the Weekday Prayer.**

7. Lomax/St. Michael Book Study - The Lomax/St. Michael's small group book study will continue on Monday, April 26 at 7 pm. The book study will center around the book *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. **Those who will participate in the book study are asked to read Chapter 9 for Monday's session.** Following is Zoom participation information:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84913480562>

Meeting ID: 849 1348 0562

Dial-In Information: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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8. Lomax Bible Study - Bible study will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 pm. We will continue our study of the Gospel of John. Zoom participation information is as follows:

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

9. S.H.A.R.E. - S.H.A.R.E. celebrates its 31st anniversary this month! Everyone can SHARE! Will you? Bless someone, please reach out . The May menu (in English and Spanish) is attached. S.H.A.R.E orders should be submitted by Saturday, May 8, 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, May 15, 2021. Distribution day will be Saturday, May 22, 2021, between 11:15 and 12:30 pm .

10. 2021 Conference Lay Council Convocation - Attached is a flyer about the 2021 Conference Lay Council Convocation to be held virtually on May 22, 2021, at 10 am. The Convocation will focus on mental health using the theme: "On the Other Side of Through." Presenters will be Dr. Grady Dale, Jr., a Clinical Psychologist, ,and Dr. Jocelyn Gainers, President of The Family Recovery Program. Registration and all other information may be obtained from the flyer.

11. 192nd Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference - Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene the 192nd Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Thursday, May 27, 2021, through Saturday, May 29, 2021. Annual Conference will be held virtually again this year. A detailed schedule will be provided once it is received. Please note: All ministers, lay persons, and delegates, who are amenable to the Annual Conference have been registered.

12. Arlington Time Capsule - The Center for Local History of the Arlington Public Library is preparing a Time Capsule to document significant events during the 2020s. The time capsule will be opened 25-50 years from now. Themes to be addressed are: 1) the 2020 Census; 2) the COVID-19 pandemic; 3) racial justice and civil unrest; 4) Arlington County's Naming Centennial; and 5) the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. If Lomax members or ministries have documents or artifacts to contribute, please contact Sis. Brenda Cox, Chair of the Archive Committee.

13. Earnest Hargrove Celebration - Earnest Hargrove is being honored and celebrated for 50 years of ecumenical and community service. The celebration will take place Sunday, June 6, 2021, at 4 pm at Plymouth Congregational UCC, 5301 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20011. Those wishing to financially support a love gift for Mr. Hargrove may do so through your giving envelope by indicating: Earnest Hargrove 50th Anniversary.

14. Thank You! - Lomax family we want to acknowledge receipt of two thank you cards from Sis. Denise Pinchback and Sis. Portia Linton acknowledging expressions sent to them from Lomax acknowledging the passing of their respective brothers.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

19. 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!