

July 18, 2021
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Thank You!

- From Ernest Hargrove: Thank you Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church for your support and very generous monetary gift in honor of my 50th Anniversary at Plymouth Church on Sunday June 6, 2021. Special Appreciation to Brenda Cox who gave the speech and Marie Cox Gee, coordinator. I am honored to have been a member of Lomax, the Church that I received my Christian foundation and where I grew up. I have fond memories of those days. Love, Earnest Hargrove, Minister of Music at Plymouth UCC.
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- From Sydney Wright: Dear Lomax Church Family, Thank you so much for the card and gift. You will all be in my prayers while I am in Durham. I appreciate your love and support over the years. Love, Sydney Wright.
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2. Lomax/St. Michael's Book Study Video - Earlier this spring, members of Lomax and St. Michael's churches participated in a Book Study of the book *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist*. This study continued our work toward racial reconciliation. Following is a YouTube link to a video that provides reflections from some participants on the discussions that took place: <https://youtu.be/qfw9vklOlzw> We hope that Lomax's members will watch the video, especially if you did not participate in the Book Study, and that the video will keep all members of both churches engaged in the important and continuing work of racial reconciliation. -- Pastor Nelson

3. Adult Sunday School - The Adult Sunday School class will meet this 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. You may also view the service via Facebook, Lomax's website, and Lomax's YouTube channel.

5. Lomax Intercessory Prayer - Weekday Prayer continues 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 July, we are encouraging the members of Class #10 to participate in the Weekday Prayer.**

6. Lomax Bible Study - Bible study will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 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)

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7. Members' Organizational Meeting - Lomax will have its Members' Organizational Meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 7 pm. Zoom information will be sent via a separate email. During this meeting, Trustees and Stewards will be elected and confirmed, the 2021-2022 budget will be presented, and the final Plan for Resuming In-Person Worship and Ministry will be presented.

8. July S.H.A.R.E. Information - S.H.A.R.E. order payments are due Saturday, July 17, 2021. Distribution day will be Saturday, July 24, 2021, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

9. Lomax Senior Ministry - Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 9:00 am, as they receive a presentation on "Navigating Re-Entry" given by Haley Sanner Care Specialist at the Lutheran Family Services in Denver, Colorado. Looking forward to sharing with you!

10. Lomax's VBS 2021 - Please Save-the-Date: Lomax's Vacation Bible School will take place August 16-20, 2021. This year's VBS will be virtual and use the Global Vacation Bible School platform being offered by Pastor and AME Zion Christian Educator Rev. Tajuan Kyles and her VBS Team. The Theme is: "As For Me and My House," based upon Joshua 24:15. Classes will be offered via breakout sessions for children, youth, young adults, and adults. More information will be shared. Registration will be required. **Let's get excited!**

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

14. 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!