

January 2, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Watch Night/New Year's Eve: Lomax's Watch Night/New Year's Eve service will be virtual, beginning at 11 pm on New Year's Eve. Please join us for a time of prayer, testimonies, and preaching. The Order of Service is attached. Below is the Zoom information to participate:

Topic: Lomax AME Zion Church Watch Night/New Year's Eve Service
Time: Dec 31, 2021, 11:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84450940874>
Meeting ID: 844 5094 0874

Dial-In Information: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 844 5094 0874

2. Holiday Office Schedule: The office will be closed December 24, 2021- January 3, 2022. Messages will be checked periodically but not daily. Please be reminded that the Church Secretary will not be in the office until Wednesday, January 5, 2022, per her normal schedule.

3.COVID-19 Surge: As has been reported by the media, COVID-19 cases have surged due to both the Delta and highly transmissible Omicron variant. Pastor Nelson will be making a decision, after consulting with some Lomax Church leaders, about whether to pause in-person worship during the current surge. Please look for an update this week.

4. Sunday School: Sunday School will take place at 9:30 am. You may participate as follows:

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

Dial-In: 301-715-8592.
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

5. In-Person Worship and Communion: This Sunday, at 11 am we will have in-person worship, for those who have registered, and virtual worship via Facebook Live and Lomax's website. Drive-in Communion will be available from 1-2 pm for those who do not participate in in-person worship. The bulletin for Sunday is attached, as well as a list of those who we should keep in prayer.

Those who have registered and will be worshipping in-person this Sunday, January 2, 2022, are reminded that Lomax's COVID-19 protocols will be strictly enforced in an effort to keep everyone safe.

6. Spiritual Emphasis Week: The Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District will observe Spiritual Emphasis Week January 3-8, 2022, at 6:30 am, each morning. The resource that will be used this year is *The Trellis and The Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne. The Conference Call Number is 571-525-1698; the Access Code is 1316778. Rev. Tina Nelson will be one of the presenters on January 5, 2022. Members of Lomax are strongly encouraged to participate each morning. A flyer is below.

7. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will continue on Tuesday at 6:30 am. God is moving on Tuesday mornings! Why don't you join in? Here is the Zoom information to Participate:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752>
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

8. Lomax Bible Study: Due to Spiritual Emphasis Week, there will not be Bible study this week. Bible study will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

9. Celebrating the Lomax Senior Ministry 20th Anniversary: The Lomax Senior Ministry will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 9:00 am. You're invited to join the Lomax Church family and friends as we celebrate this special occasion. The Senior Ministry will be featuring our own seniors, ages 80-plus years old, and solicit your participation and prayers. If you are interested in participating in this special and historical event, please contact, by January 4, 2022, the co-chairs, Sis. Ruthy Brown at (703) 339-4245 or Sis. Jerolene Pincham at (301) 868-2084. **Theme: Remembering our Past, Embracing our Present, and Preparing for the Future.**

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. 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.

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.)

Happy New Year and have a blessed week!