

February 6, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Pausing In-Person Worship: Please be reminded that in-person worship has been paused for an additional month through the end of February due to the surge in COVID-19 cases primarily due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. We will revisit the current pause prior to the First Sunday in March.

2. Prayer and Bereaved Families List: Attached is a list of persons who are in need of prayer, as well as families who are bereaved. *"And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* (1 John 5:14 NRSV)

3. February S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by this Saturday, February 5, 2022. Email Gloria at gbc688@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, February 12, 2022. Distribution day is Saturday, February 19, 2022, during the hours of 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

4. Washington District 3rd Mass Meeting: This Saturday, February 5, 2022, beginning at 9:00 am, Lomax will host the Washington District 3rd Mass Meeting on. Lomax will be responsible for the opening devotion. Zoom participation information is below. **Thank you to those who registered for the meeting toward Lomax's goal of winning the category of most registered members for a large church.**

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84385300129?pwd=Z1NBQ3pFUU5QRnFwcWISakhSRsSxZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 8530 0129

Passcode: 403120

Dial In by Phone: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 843 8530 0129

Passcode: 403120

5. 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.

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6. Sunday Worship: This Sunday, at 11 am, we will have virtual worship via Facebook Live and Lomax's website. The bulletin for Sunday is attached.

7. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will continue on Tuesday at 6:30 am. 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: Bible study will continue this week on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. We will continue our deep dive of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District Spiritual Emphasis book, *The Trellis and The Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne. Zoom participation information will be sent out during the week.

9. February Health Information: Attached is Heart Health information from Lomax's Health Unit.

10. Save-the-Date: On February 20, 2022, tentatively at 9 am, Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove will be preaching for worship service of our sister church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, where the Rev. Beth Franklin is the rector. Please save-the-date, as we are hoping that members of Lomax will support Rev. Hargrove by participating in this service. The time of the service and the format of the service will be confirmed as the date draws closer.

11. Talley 50 Years of Service Celebration: It is with great pleasure that we announce that Rev. Wilbert Talley, a son of Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church, will be honored on April 23, 2022 at Third Union Baptist Church in King William, VA on the occasion of his 50th year of service to his congregation. In recognition of his accomplishment, we are asking for contributions that will be forwarded to this auspicious occasion. Rev. Talley is a son of our church who has frequently come back home to support events at Lomax. Donations will be collected through the month of February. For further information please contact Marie Gee.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

15. 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!