

February 27, 2022
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Resuming Limited Capacity In-Person Worship: Effective Sunday, March 6, 2022, Lomax will resume limited capacity in-person worship, with all previously existing protocols in place (registration, temperature checks, physical distancing, and masking). According to the most current Virginia Department of Health information, the level of community spread in Arlington County remains at the high level, however, new cases have plummeted to extremely low levels. We will continue to monitor the data and make adjustments as necessary.

2. Lomax Senior Ministry Meeting: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 am this Saturday, February 26th as we view the second half of the 2005 video program of our members sharing their oral histories with us. Looking forward to sharing with you!

3. Washington District Black History Program: The Washington District Christian Education Department presents "Black History Month -- Be Still: A Wellness Workshop," this Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 9 am. Learn whole health from the scriptures and practice the presence of God through stillness, meditation, and breathwork. Danielle Anderson is the presenter. Register to participate at: <https://tinyurl.com/WDwellness>. A flyer is below.

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 26682

Dial-In: 301-715-8592.

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

5. 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.

6. Lomax Lay Council Information:

NEWS FROM THE PEWS: The Lomax Lay Council Meeting on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 2:00 pm will include a timely presentation on "Dementia Care" by Dementia Friendly America. This is in conjunction with the Health Ministry, as we focus on "Health & Wellness" during Black History Month. The Zoom link is included on the attached flyer. The presentation is for everyone!

CONNECTIONAL LAY COUNCIL NEWS: The Connectional Lay Council will hold a series of book reading sessions beginning February 24, 2022, to discuss "Pot Changers: Innovative Change in an Ever-Changing World - Principles of Leadership for Organizational Effectiveness" by Dr. J. Elvin Saddler, General Secretary-Auditor for the A.M.E. Zion Church. The sessions will be held the fourth Thursday during the months of

February, April, June, and August. These sessions will be beneficial for both new and seasoned leaders. There is no cost to attend these sessions, however, you will need to register in advance to receive the link to attend. Please complete the Registration Form in this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN9TLAV3zBoRiC2wHwoI5PHiHnWkDUH_kRNrXnVuRARlvtpg/viewform

The Lomax Lay Council will have a limited number of books available. Please send an email message to Sister Byrd at VAbyrds@aol.com if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book

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. Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes: This Wednesday, March 2, 2022, is Ash Wednesday. There are two ways that you may obtain your ashes:

- 12 - 1 pm: Ashes will be distributed curbside in the same manner that drive-in communion is served.
- 7 pm: We will have a traditional Ash Wednesday service that will be both in-person (for up to 40 people) and livestreamed. Registration will be required to participate in the in-person aspect of the service. The link follows: <https://rsvp.church/r/jL1ibUed>

9. Lomax Discipleship Training: During Lent, each Thursday at 7 pm. we will be offering Discipleship training based upon the Master Life Discipleship series. These sessions will be via Zoom and led by Rev. Alanna Thomas, the pastor of The Bridge AME Zion Church/Ministry. Books have been ordered and upon arrival will be mailed and/or made available for pickup from Lomax depending upon preference. All Trustees, Stewards, Class Leaders, ministers, and ministry leaders are expected to participate if available. The dates for the sessions will be on Thursday with one exception as follows: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, and April 7, 13 (Wednesday), and 21. Zoom participation information will be sent out during the week.

10. Lenten W.O.W. Preaching Series: Also, during Lent, each Wednesday at 7 pm, we will have a W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) Preaching Series. These services will be virtual and take place on March 9, 16, 23, and 30, as well as April 6. Our Theme is: "Following Jesus," based upon John 8:12. Additional information will be provided next week. Let's get excited!

11. Philadelphia and Baltimore 3rd Check-Up Meeting: On March 5, 2022, Bishop Moore will hold the 3rd Check-Up Meeting for the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. All persons amenable to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference are asked to save this date. More information will be provided as it is received.

12. Lomax Membership Conference Assessments: As we approach the FY 2021/2022 conference year ending, May 31, 2022, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00 for General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru your church envelope, givelify, or you may see your [Class Leader](#) or Sis. Ruthy Brown. Thank you in Advance!

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

16. 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.)

THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BE STILL: A WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Description of Event:

- o Learn whole health from the scriptures
- o Practice the presence of God through stillness, meditation & breathwork

SATURDAY
FEB. 26TH
2022

9AM EST

Registration Link For Event -
<https://tinyurl.com/WDwellness>

A portrait of Danielle Anderson, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a grey patterned top and a necklace. The background behind her is a stylized graphic with yellow, red, and green sections.

**DANIELLE
ANDERSON**

Speaker, Doula, Fitness
Instructor, Mom of 4

Dayna Minor, Washington District Director of Christian Education
Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, Presiding Elder Washington District

Have a blessed week!