

May 1, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 2022-2023 Conference Year Planning: Each Lomax ministry is asked to meet virtually to develop ministry plans that focus on worship, witness, i.e. disciple-making, and/or work, with an emphasis on in-reach and/or outreach. Please develop ministry activities for the entire 2022-2023 conference year and submit them to Pastor Nelson by May 22, 2022. Also, by May 22nd, please submit any budget requests to Sis. Ruthy Brown, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Thank you.

2. Virtual Fitness "FUN" Workout: Join the Fitness class on Saturday at 8:30 am for a "FUN" condensed workout. Bring your water, towel, mat, stretch bands, weights and "Smiles". The line will open at 8:15 am. See you on Saturday, Donna V. Gainey and the CREW!!! Zoom participation information is as follows: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82471371758> Meeting ID: 824 7137 1758

3. Sunday School: On Sunday morning, 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 Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

4. Worship and Communion: This Sunday, we will have in-person worship for those who have registered and livestream the service through Facebook Live and Lomax's website. Communion will be available for those in-person and who would like to drive-in between 1 and 2 pm. Those who have registered and will be worshipping in-person are reminded that Lomax's COVID-19 protocols will be strictly enforced to keep everyone safe. Sunday's bulletin is attached, as well as the Prayer and Bereavement List.

5. 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 Information: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

6. Bible Study: Bible study will resume this Wednesday, May 4, 2022. **Over the next four weeks, our Bible Study series will be entitled "Got Questions?" and focus on contemporary issues and/or questions that you may have about life situations and what the Bible has to say about them.** Please feel free to submit a topic to

Pastor Nelson directly via his email address, avnelsonlaw@msn.com. Zoom participation informatino will be sent out on Tuesday.

7. Health Information: Please see the attached information from Lomax Health Unit about Eye Health.

8. Grand Opening of the John Robinson, Jr. Town Square: The Green Valley Civic Association would like to invite you to participate in the celebration and grand opening of our new John Robinson, Jr. Town Square on May 7, 2022. The event will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Town Square is located at 24th between Kenmore St. and Shirlington Rd. As you know, the late Mr. Robinson was a member of Lomax.

9. Celebrating Mothers/Women: On Saturday, May 14, 2022, from noon to 2 pm, the Men's Ministry will celebrate the mothers and women of Lomax. Enjoy a soul food lunch and a time of fellowship outside behind Lomax. Margaret's Soul Food Truck & Catering is the vendor expected to provide lunch. More details will follow. (The week after Mother's Day was chosen so as not interfere with other Mother's Day Weekend plans.)

10. Annual Conference: Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene the 193rd Annual Session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference Thursday, May 26, 2022, through Saturday, May 28, 2022. The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. All persons amenable to the Annual Conference are expected to be present in-person unless excused by Bishop Moore (with a "cc" to Presiding Elder Durant and Pastor Nelson) for health-related reasons. Those persons excused by Bishop Moore will be permitted to participate virtually.

11. 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 you2r church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown. Thank you in Advance!

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.d

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!