

July 3, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. A Reminder About Our COVID-19 Protocols: Since we adopted our COVID-19 Protocols, we recently had our first instance of a worshiper testing positive for COVID-19 after having worshiped in person. This was bound to happen and demonstrates the importance of each of us adhering to our COVID-19 protocols, which are still in effect. First, we are thankful that the person who tested positive notified the church so that we could make proper notifications. Second, this week's events make clear the importance of all worshipers registering and legibly filling in the sign-in information. Legible handwriting and email addresses are vital so that we can make proper notifications. Third, while we are learning to live with COVID-19, the pandemic is not over, surges are continuing to occur, and so physical distancing and mask wearing must continue. Some are pressing to return to in-person meetings and rehearsals. **In-person meetings and rehearsals are not permitted under our current COVID-19 Protocols except where approved by Pastor Nelson.** I will be revisiting our protocols with church leaders prior to our organization meeting. But until such time, **no in-person meetings and rehearsals should take place that have not been previously approved by the pastor.** Thank you for your cooperation as we try to keep everyone in our faith community safe. --
Pastor Nelson

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 in-person worship and communion will be available for those who have registered. Virtual worship via livestream will be available through Lomax's website and Facebook Live. Drive-by communion will be available on Sunday from 1 to 2 pm. The bulletin for Sunday and the Prayer and Bereaved List are attached.

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 take place on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. We will continue with our current Bible Study series 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 information will be sent out on Tuesday.

7. Lomax Organizational Meeting: Pastor Nelson will convene Lomax's 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 10 am - 12 noon. Following is Zoom participation information:

Topic: Lomax 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting
Time: Jul 9, 2022, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Participation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84059762506?pwd=2pSptgwqNUf6eEKCKdYarWX5rOFPTi.1>
Meeting ID: 840 5976 2506
Passcode: 876555

Dial-In Information: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 840 5976 2506
Passcode: 876555

8. Lomax Health Unit Information: Please see the attached information from Lomax's Health Unit about the importance of physical activity.

9. S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E orders should be submitted by Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Email Gloria at gnc688@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message on the food pantry phone line 703. 979. 8408. Email orders will receive a reply confirmation and telephone orders will be confirmed with a return phone call. S.H.A.R.E. order payments are due Saturday, July 16, 2022. The S.H.A.R.E. distribution day is Saturday, July 23, 2022, during the hours of 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

10. An Important Invitation from Lomax's Usher Board: Have you ever wondered how to be in service to GOD and our church? Why not join the Usher Board? The Usher Board is seeking new members to be doorkeepers in the kingdom of GOD. We welcome anyone with a caring spirit to meet and greet members/visitors during church services. Ushering one Sunday a month for a couple hours is very rewarding and spiritually gratifying as you offer assistance to others. Please contact Lavonne Stewart (703-568-8456) or Breeana Roseboro (703-772-3560) to express your interest or ask any questions that you might have.

11. Lomax's 1st Quarterly Conference: Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant will hold Lomax's 1st Quarterly Conference of the 2022-2023 Conference year on July 18, 2022, at 7 pm. Please save the date. Due dates for reports will be shared during the week.

12. Senior Ministry Information: Save-the-Date -- Thurs., July 21, 10-3. St. Michael's and Lomax AME Zion parishioners will travel west to Floris United Methodist Church, in Herndon, to enjoy the popular **Sacred Threads Exhibition**, 2022 Edition. Hundreds of quilts—exploring themes of joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief, and peace—will be on view in this biennial juried exhibition of work by quilters from throughout the U.S. The cost for round-trip group transportation from St. Michael's and docent introduction is \$10/person (cash on arrival). Before returning to Arlington, the group will have lunch (buy-your-own) in Herndon. Reserve your spot on the bus now! Space limited. Contact: Brenda Cox if interested.

13. Farewell Recognition -- As many are already aware, Sis. Veronica Riley has relocated to Richmond, VA. Bro. Bill and Sis. Elise White will also be relocating out of the area in the near future. On Sunday, July 17, 2022, immediately following the morning service, we will say farewell to the Whites and thank you to Sis. Riley and the Whites for their years of dedicated service to Lomax. Please save the date.

14. Memorial Observance: On Sunday, July 30, 2022, Lomax will have a memorial service to remember those Lomax members who because they transitioned during the pandemic their ones were unable to funeralize them at Lomax. This service will take place in the afternoon after the regular morning worship service and should last about one hour. Please save-the-date.

15. 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.

16. 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

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

18. 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!