

## **August 7, 2022**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Pastor Nelson's Health:** On Monday afternoon, Pastor Nelson learned that he had been in close contact with someone who had COVID. That day he tested negative but began to quarantine until he could test again. On Wednesday, Pastor Nelson tested positive for COVID. He is doing well, experiencing some symptoms, but is doing well overall. Pastor Nelson will continue to quarantine until he tests negative. Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove will preach this Sunday, August 7, 2022, and serve as the celebrant for Communion. Pastor Nelson would like to thank Dr. Hargrove and Rev. Polite for being available to serve. Please continue to keep Pastor Nelson and family in your prayers.

**2. Memorial Observance Kudos!** Kudos to the entire Memorial Service Committee for the meaningful service held on Saturday, July, 30th. Special thanks to the Committee Chairperson, Sis. Jerolene Pincham, and her special assistants, Sis. Denise Pincham and Rev. Wanda Polite for their hard work.

**3. Lomax Back-to-School Outreach:** Lomax's Steward Board and W.H.&O.M.S will be having a Back-to-School Outreach this Saturday, August 6, 2022, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon (or until supplies are gone). The backpack and school supplies giveaway will take place in the Lomax Church parking lot. A flyer is attached. Please share with others.

**4. 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

**5. 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

**6. Worship:** 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-in communion will be served from 1-2 pm. The bulletin for Sunday is attached, as well as the August Prayer and Bereaved List.

**7. 2022 Lomax Virtual VBS:** Lomax's Virtual VBS will begin this week, Monday, August 8th and run through Thursday, August 11th. This year's theme is: Ten X Flex. VBS will be from 7-8 pm each evening. Zoom participation information will be provided to those who register. There will be classes for children, youth, young adults, and adults.

**VBS Registration Is Still Open!** Please use the following link to register for VBS: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-vacation-bible-2school-tickets-390278582747>. Each person attending must register. If you are unable to register via the link, please contact Ms. Veronica Riley. Prior to the start of VBS, student books will be emailed to the email you provided at registration. If you are unable to access the student book electronically, please contact Ms. Riley and she will get you a hardcopy. Thank you. -- Rev. Tina Nelson, Sis. Veronica Riley, and Sis. Tiffany Jones, Co-Directors

**8. 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

**9. Bible Study:** Due to VBS, we will not have Bible Study this week.

**10. Lomax Community Worship Save-the-Date:** As a part of the Green Valley Civic Association "Gospel Night in the JRJ Town Square" series, Lomax will be sponsoring a community worship service on August 16, 2022, beginning at 7 pm. Please save-the-date. More information will follow this week.

**11. August S.H.A.R.E. Information:** S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Tuesday, August 17, 2022. Email Gloria at [ghc688@gmail.com](mailto:ghc688@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail message on the food pantry line 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, August 20, 2022. Distribution day is Saturday, August 27, 2022, during the hours of 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. Also, please see the previous email from the church office about the Food Pantry Ministry and SHARE Food Committee support needed to send love care packages to Lomax's college students every other month.

**12. Health Unit Information:** From Lomax's Health Unit, attached is health information about Monkeypox and August being Healthy Vision Month.

**13. Senior Ministry Information:** XYZ will gather at the rectory on Thursday, August 11, at 12 pm, 1421 N. Jefferson Street. The rector will delight to host the meal and fellowship. All are welcome, especially seniors. Please RSVP to the Rev. Beth Franklin at 703-241-2474 or [rector@stmichaelsarlington.org](mailto:rector@stmichaelsarlington.org). Masks may be required.

**14. Please note: Requests for Ministry of Kindness assistance have increased recently.** 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 and those who increased their MOK offerings over the past two weeks.**

**15.** 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.

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

**17.** 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!