

## **September 18, 2022**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Jackson, MS Water Crisis Support:** The Cathedral AME Zion Church in Jackson, MS is raising funds to support those impacted by the Jackson, MS water crisis. The Board of Bishops has donated \$25,000 toward this effort and is asking each local church to provide support. All funds will be used to purchase water for the residents of Jackson, MS. Those willing to support this effort should use your normal giving method and note: Water Crisis Donation. **Please make your donation by Sunday, September 18, 2022.** Lomax will send one check to Cathedral Church. Thank you in advance.

**2. Virtual Fitness:** Due to the 1st Check-up meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 17th; the Virtual Fitness Class **will meet on Monday, September 19th at 7 pm via zoom.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82471371758>

Meeting ID: 824 7137 1758

**3. Green Valley Civic Association Events:** All are invited to participate in Green Valley Day at Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School & John Robinson, Jr. Town Square in Arlington, VA on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 12pm-6pm. Festivities include a talent showcase, live music, games, activities, and food.

**4. September S.H.A.R.E Information:** Order payments are due Saturday, September 17, 2022. Distribution day is Saturday, September 24, 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 S.H.A.R.E. Food Committee support needed to send love care packages to Lomax's college students every other month.

**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. 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

**7. Worship/Christian Education Sunday 2022:** This Sunday we will observe Christian Education Sunday 2022. This year's theme is "Faith On Fire!" Speaker for this special occasion will be our very own Rev. Tina Nelson, the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Co-Director of Christian Education. Please join us (either in-person or virtually) as we celebrate CED 2022! Thank you. -- Brenda Humphrey and Veronica Riley, Local Christian Education Department Co-Directors. The bulletin is attached.

**8. Bible Study:** Bible Study continues on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom participation information will be sent out on Tuesday.

**9. Intergenerational Hope and Healing Sessions:** Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 24th for the first in a series of INTERGENERATIONAL HOPE AND HEALING SESSIONS. This series will be held jointly with St. Michael's and presented by the staff of Arlington's Children's Behavioral Health Team within the Department of Human Services. The focus will be on dealing with mental health stress in the world in which we live today. We are looking forward to the participation of children of God of all ages, from our seniors to our youth. We are looking forward to sharing in this series together. Following is Zoom participation information:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>  
Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

Dial-in Information: 301-715-8592  
Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

## 10. NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

~Washington District Voter Registration Committee invites you to a "Your Vote/No Joke" Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, September 24th at 2:00pm. A flyer with Zoom info was attached within the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Announcements email.

~ Less than 30 days to the walk! The Lomax Lay Council & Fitness Fun Group want you to lace up your shoes and join us in supporting "NAMI Walks Your Way Northern Virginia 2022". Cut & paste the link in your browser to support this fundraiser and the WALKING TO THE MAX Team. Supporting mental health and wellness together. <https://www.namiwalks.org/participant/Debra-Byrd>

\*If you do not like the online giving options, then send a check to the church. Remember to mark it LAY COUNCIL/NAMI WALK.

~Remember to pay your Lay Council Dues! It is only \$10.00 per year and helps us to support a variety of church and community causes.

**11. World Communion Sunday:** Sunday, October 2, 2022, Lomax and St. Michael's Episcopal Church will worship together as we observe World Communion Sunday. Both Lomax and St. Michael's will host services that day and members from both churches will worship together. At 9 am, St. Michael's will have its service and members of Lomax and St. Michael's with last names ending in A-M are especially invited to be present in person at St. Michael's. Pastor Nelson will preach at the 9 am service. At 11 am, Lomax will have its service and members from Lomax and St. Michael's with last names ending in N-Z are especially invited to be present in person. Rector Beth Franklin will preach at the 11 am service at Lomax. Members of Lomax and St. Michael's are encouraged to attend both services in-person if you like. Virtual participation will be available for both services. Let's look forward to participating in this ecumenical worship opportunity. A flyer is below and attached for you to share with others.

**12. Homecoming 2022:** Lomax will observe Homecoming on October 9, 2022. The theme is: "Celebrating Faith, Family, and Friends: A legacy of God's Grace." Rev. Dr. James Victor, Jr., the pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, is the confirmed guest preacher. Sis. Wilma Newby and Sis. Carolyn Blackmon have agreed to serve as chairs of Homecoming planning and will share additional information as confirmed. A flyer is below and attached for you to share with others.

**13. Lomax's Fall Revival:** Lomax will have a three-day Fall Revival Monday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 12, 2022, nightly at 7 pm. The theme will be "Restoration after Exile," based upon Jeremiah 23:3-4. The guest revivalists are being confirmed. Stay tuned!

**14. Mid-Atlantic LTI:** The Mid-Atlantic Leadership Training Institute (LTI) will take place October 13-15, 2022, at the Westfield Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Chantilly, VA.

**15. Coat Drive/Giveaway:** Lomax's Usher Board and Class #13 members are hosting a new winter coat drive for youths of elementary age as we strive to be an example of GOD's church. We are seeking support for new coats or monetary donations from all Lomax members, clubs, boards and any other organizations for "new coats" for elementary age youths from size 6 up to size 12 (small, medium, or large). 2 Corinthians 9:5 reminds us that GOD loves a cheerful giver.

The Coat giveaway will occur on Saturday 22, 2022, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the John Robinson, Jr. Town Square in Green Valley. It will be a "A New Coat Giveaway Party," which will include music, refreshments and games. Please make any monetary donations through your church envelope or Givelify. Actual Coat donations can be given to Lavonne Stewart or Jean Wright.

**16.** As the effects of the pandemic continue, 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.

**17.** 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.

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

**19.** 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.)