

January 1, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. CED Winter Meeting 2022: The AME Zion Church Christian Education Department's Winter Meeting in Chicago, "Truthville 2022: The Reunion," held December 26-30, was a blessing. More information about the experience will be provided to the congregation. Know that Lomax's children, youth, and adults played vital roles at Winter Meeting and received invaluable training and discipling. Thank you, Lomax, for your support.

2. Spiritual Emphasis Week 2023: The Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District's Spiritual Emphasis Week 2023 will take place Monday, January 9, 2023 through Saturday, January 14, 2023. Each session will begin at 6:30 am. The selected book is *Contagious Faith* by Mark Mittelberg. To participate the Conference Call Number is 571-525-1698 and the access code is 1316778. Pastor Nelson will present Thursday, January 12, 2023.

3. Virtual Fitness "FUN" Workout: Join the Fitness class on Saturdays 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.

4. Sunday School: Please note that Sunday School will continue to be held via Zoom each Sunday. As a trial period, on 1st and 3rd Sunday, Sunday School will be hybrid, taking place both virtually and in-person from the Boardroom. You may participate in Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 am, by Zoom as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668>
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860
Meeting ID: 893 1123 2268

5. New Year's Sunday Worship and Communion: Please note that we will not have Watch Night Service this year. We will have in-person and virtual worship, as well as Communion, on Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 11 am. **Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant has indicated that he will worship with the members of Lomax this Sunday, January 1st. Please join us!** The bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List are attached.

In-person and virtual worship will be available as usual. Virtual worship may be accessed as follows:

Lomax's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lomaxamezionchurch/> or website using the Lomax Live tab at <https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/>. Sunday's bulletin is attached. Sunday's bulletin is attached.

6. Health Unit Information: Attached is information about meeting fitness goals in the New Year.

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 Information: 301-715-8592

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8. Bible Study: Bible Study will resume next week on January 11, 2023, at 7 pm.

9. 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observances:

- Arlington's annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2023, from 5-6:30 pm at Wakefield High School. The show will highlight Dr. King's visit to Arlington before the March on Washington in 1963. **Please note that the presentation will focus on the meeting Dr. King had in Lomax AME Zion Church's parking lot prior to heading to the March on Washington and will feature a scene with voices from a Lomax Choir made up of Lomax members. LET'S MAKE PLANS TO SUPPORT THIS PRESENTATION.**
- Lomax AME Zion Church is a financial sponsor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance being sponsored by the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy, which will take place on Monday, January 16, 2023, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. There will be a workshop at 10:00 am focusing on the "Beloved Community" and a worship service at 11:00 am featuring famed theologian, preacher, and civil rights leader Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. A flyer is below and attached.

10. Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference: Please mark your calendar for Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference, which will take place on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7 pm.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.)