

**January 29, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Black History Month 2023:** This year's Black History Month theme is "Black Resistance." Each Sunday, we will have a presentation or video during the worship service as follows:

- February 5: **African Heritage Sunday**, focusing on free and enslaved African resistance. Pastor Nelson has scheduled Lorenzo Calendar II, a storyteller/griot/drummer. **Worshippers are invited to wear African attire.**
  
- February 12: **Zion History Sunday**, focusing on Black Resistance and the Freedom Church. On behalf of the ministerial staff, Dr. Hargrove and Rev. Polite are planning a presentation.
  
- February 19: **Arlington History Sunday**, focusing on Black Resistance among Arlingtonians. Sis. Cox and others are planning a presentation and/or video.
  
- February 26: **Black Resistance Today Sunday**, focusing on examples of Black resistance today. This presentation will be presented by the Christian Education Department under the leadership of Sis. Humphrey and Sis. Riley.

**2. Senior Ministry Meeting:** This Saturday, January 28, 2023, the Lomax Senior Ministry will have its monthly meeting at 10 am. (Please note the time change for this month.) In conjunction with the Arlington County Department of Human Services and St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Saturday's meeting will focus on "Understanding Well-Being: The Role of Resiliency." This session is open to persons of all ages. **To join the Zoom meeting, use the link or the QR code on the flyer that is attached.** (Please further note, for those who plan to attend the viewing and/or funeral for the late Eva Conyer, the Boardroom will be open at 10 am for the Lomax Senior Ministry Meeting so that you can participate in both the meeting and the funeral services.)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Sunday Worship:** We will have in-person and virtual worship on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 11 am. **Lomax's youth and young adults will lead us in worship this Sunday. Please join us!** Sunday's bulletin is attached. 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/>.

**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

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**7. Bible Study:** Bible Study will continue this week on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7 pm. We will continue our study of the Book of Jonah, as we explore the topic of "Sharing our Faith." The handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

**8. Lomax Parent Body Meeting:** This meeting will take place on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 7 pm. Please join us using Zoom as follows:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81825270489>

Meeting ID: 818 2527 0489

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 818 2527 0489

**9. News From the Pews/Lay Council:** The 2023 Samantha M. Wormley Memorial Scholarship is available for any graduating high school seniors within our congregation. It is a complete process which requires an application and Pastor's Recommendation. The application may be submitted by snail mail or electronically. This year's deadline for application submission is **March 18, 2023**. The application was sent in a previous email. Got questions? Get in touch. Thanks, Sister Byrd

**SAVE THE DATE!** The next Lay Council meeting will be via Zoom on Sunday, February 26th, 2023, at 2:00pm.

**LAST CALL** for membership renewals, new memberships, and life memberships in the Connectional Lay Council.

**10.** 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.

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

**12.** 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.)