

February 19, 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 19: **Arlington History Sunday**, focusing on Black Resistance among Arlingtonians. Sis. Cox has planned the presentation.

- 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. **Worshippers are invited to wear black, black tee shirts, and/or shirts with positive Black expressions.**

2. Supporting Evan Strachan: Lomax youth Evan Strachan has the opportunity to participate in the Global Student Leadership Summit 2023. Here is a note from Evan on how we can support him:

I am fund raising for a trip and lifetime experience. A couple years ago I was selected to participate in a Global Student Leadership Summit. COVID came and well, finally in July 2023, I and approximately 50 Fairfax Cnty High School Students will travel to Berlin, Germany to meet with students and leaders worldwide. We will be bringing ideas together to learn about earth sustainability efforts. The summit will culminate with a team project/competition based on our learnings. After the summit we will continue our learning in Rome and Naples, Italy. Any support to help make this a life experience for me is truly appreciated. Donations can be made at the link below. Note, 100% of donations go directly toward my account balance, no admin fees. Thank you and God's Blessings for your support. ~Evan Strachan.

Link to support Evan: account.eftours.com/donations/PokeAO

3. S.H.A.R.E. Information: S.H.A.R.E. order distribution day is Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 11:15am to 12:30 pm.

4. 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.

5. 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

6. Sunday Worship: We will have in-person and virtual worship this Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 11 am. 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/>.

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. Ash Wednesday Service: Lomax will have its Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7 pm. Ashes will be distributed during this service. Rev. Wanda Polite will bring the evening meditation. (Please note: Pastor Nelson will be having a medical procedure on February 22, 2023, and will be in attendance if physically able.) **Due to Ash Wednesday service, we will not have Bible Study on February 22nd.**

9. Senior Ministry: BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!! All are invited to join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 25th as we, as a church, watch the Martin Luther King holiday observance sponsored by the county. A discussion of that event will follow the showing. Looking forward to sharing with you!!!!

10. News From the Pews/Lay Council: The next Lomax Lay Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 26th 2023 at 2:00pm. Zoom link to be provided. We appreciate YOUR INTEREST & INVOLVEMENT!

The Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council will hold its "Black and Gold Banquet" on Friday, March 3rd 2023 in Salisbury, MD. Good food, fellowship, activities and meals are part of the registration. Cost is \$50.00. The Lomax Lay Council is looking for individuals to represent us, and may reimburse part of your expenses! Contact Sister Byrd at 703-965-7637 for more details. SEE ATTACHED FLYER.

11. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments: As we approach the May 31, 2023, end of the FY 2022/2023 conference, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00 (General Claims of \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference Dues of \$85.00) to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations. You may submit your assessments through your church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown. Thank you in Advance!

12. 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.

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

14. 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.)