

**February 26, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Black History Month 2023:** This Sunday, February 26, 2023, we will conclude our observance of Black History Month and the 2023 theme of "Black Resistance." This Sunday will be **Black Resistance Today Sunday**. Lomax's Christian Education Department will focus on examples of Black resistance today. **Worshippers are invited to wear black, black tee shirts, and/or shirts with positive Black expressions.**

Please note: For those interested in the information shared by Sis. Brenda Cox last Sunday relating to Black Resistance in Arlington, her notes are attached.

**2. Lent 2023: Please join us for Lomax's 2023 Lenten Preaching Series.** Our theme this year is: "Devoting Ourselves to Worship and Community Service," based upon 2 Cors. 8:5-6 (MSG)("They had first given themselves unreservedly to God and to us. The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives.") A **Worship Service** will take place each Wednesday in March at 7 pm both in-person and online. During Lent, each week, members are encouraged to engage in one act of **Community Service** of your own choosing.

We hope that members will commit to be present for in-person worship each Wednesday, but if your schedule will not permit this, we are asking you to be present in-person in worship by Classes as follows:

- March 1: Classes No. 2 and 15
- March 8: Classes No. 3, 4, and 14
- March 15: Classes No. 5 and 13
- March 22: Classes No. 7 and 8
- March 29: Classes No. 9 and 11

**Please Note: On March 1, our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Wayne Hosten, the Pastor of Glenridge SDA Church, Capitol Heights, MD.** A flyer is below and attached for you to share with others.

**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. 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!!!!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>

Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US

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#### **5. News From the Pews/Lay Council:**

First, on Saturday 2/25/23 at 2:00pm let us support the Union Wesley Lay Council. They are having a Virtual Lay Academy where Dr. Yvonne Tracey (former International President of the Connectional Lay Council) will present on the subject, "Zion Laity - On Your Mark, get Set and Go...Higher". A flyer was attached in a separate email yesterday.

Second, the Lomax Lay Council invites you to a ministry meeting on Sunday, Feb 26, 2023 02:00 PM following our Sunday Worship Service. Join via Zoom or come to the Boardroom. The link is listed below. Catch-up as we discuss topics of interest to you, and view the local, district, and connectional calendar for the next 3 months. We are journeying to the end of this conference year.

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87697551338?pwd=anQrNDICZzI0ekhwOVZwa1hDZXISUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 9755 1338

Passcode: 314032

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

**6. 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

**7. Sunday Worship:** We will have in-person and virtual worship this Sunday, February 26, 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/>. **Worshippers are invited to wear black, black tee shirts, and/or shirts with positive Black expressions.**

**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: We will not have Bible Study due to our weekly Wednesday Lenten Preaching Series.** Please join us in-person or online each Wednesday at 7 pm.

**10. 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!

**11. Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society (WH&OMS) Corner!!!:** As we prepare for the 194th Philadelphia Baltimore Annual Conference May 25-28, 2023, we are asking you to consider Leveling Up to

purchase a Life Member Stole as a Matron or Patron. Please pay for your Stole by April 9, 2023 by using the church envelope and indicate Life Members Council Stole. The cost for the Stole is: **Red Stole \$40** and **Purple Stole \$100**. Our goal is to Stole at least 14 during the Missionary Candlelight Service, generally on Friday night. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Wilma Newby, Life Members Council Chairman. Thank you so much.

**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.)