

March 5, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Black History Month 2023: Thank you to each of the individuals and ministries at Lomax who made our 2023 Black History Month observance a rich and meaningful experience.

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 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 8, our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, the Presiding Elder of the Washington District. We are excited to share that members of the George Mason University Gospel Choir will be providing our music for this service. A flyer is below and attached for you to share with others.

3. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting: Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene this meeting on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10 am, at St. Paul AME Zion Church, 410 Delaware Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801. All persons amenable to the Conference are expected to be present unless excused by Bishop Moore, with a copy of your request to Presiding Elder Durant and Pastor Nelson.

Also, this evening, Friday, March 3rd, the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Lay Council will have its Black and Gold Banquet. Lomax's Lay Council has purchased tickets, which have been distributed.

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, March 5, 2023, at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List are 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

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

8. 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.

9. Floral Ministry: If you like flowers and want to beautify our church altar, then come and be a part of the Floral Ministry. Contact Andrea Peterbark 703-451-1552

10. Health Ministry: Attached is information from Lomax's Health Ministry about Colorectal Cancer Risks.

11. March S.H.A.R.E.: March S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, March 18, 2023, email Sis. Gloria at ghc688@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, March 18, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, March 25, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

12. 2023 Women's Day Weekend: Lomax will celebrate Women's Day Weekend, March 18-19, 2023. We are excited to be back in-person for the first time since 2020! The theme is "*New Beginnings*." The Rev. Anna Benjamin Cooper of Alleyne A.M.E. Zion Church will be our guest preacher. All women are asked to wear white with accents of purple for the 11:00 service. A sacrificial offering will be collected of whatever amount God places on your heart to give. Plans are underway for a Saturday activity and choir rehearsal will be held that day as well. Please contact Rev. Tina if you're willing to help out with the planning. We solicit your prayers for a blessed weekend and worship experience.

13. 2023 Deaconess Day: Please join the Lomax Deaconess Board Ministry as they observe Deaconess Day on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 3 pm. The theme for this service is "More Than White," based upon Acts 9:36. Presiding Elder Scot C. Moore, the pastor of Judah Temple AME Zion Church will be the guest preacher. A flyer is attached for you to share with others.

14. 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!

15. 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.

16. 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.

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

18. 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.)