

June 4, 2023

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. End of the Conference Year/Annual Conference/New Conference Year:**

To the members of the Steward Board and Lomax, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the really enjoyable Pastor Appreciation observance held at the end of the conference year. Formal thank yous will be sent to members and clubs/boards for your cards and expressions. Also, thank you to the members of Lomax for supporting your pastor, delegates, and clergy/laity who are amenable to the Annual Conference meet our obligations. We thank Sis. Ruthy for the yoewoman's job making sure that our registrations and obligations were accurately taken care of. Lomax was well represented at Annual Conference -- from the Lay Council stolling (at which Sisters Byrd, J. Pincham, and Peterbark were stollod), to the Lay Council Lay Leadership Luncheon (at which Sis. Newby was honored and I spoke), to Christian Education Night (for which Rev. Tina served as Worship Leader), to the Missionary Service (during which Sis. Gloria Camp had a role as a District officer), to the Christian Education Convocation (which Rev. Tina co-organized), to the Closing Worship Service (at which Lomax's Ushers worked and marched with the Lomax banner.) *I must thank Rev. Wanda Polite for leading and preaching at Lomax on Pentecost Sunday, as we continue to pray for the "breath of God" to breathe on us in this new Conference year. Finally, I am excited to have been appointed the "new" pastor of Lomax for the sixth time, as we continue to Worship, Witness, and Work to the Max! -- Pastor Nelson*

**2. 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.

**3. Sunday School: Please note following: The Sunday school literature arrived a little late this quarter. Members who receive a book each quarter will be getting one before our next class. To prepare for this week's class please read Isaiah 52:7-12. -- Sis. Denise Pinchback, Sunday School Superintendent.**

Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, you may also participate in Sunday School in-person from the Boardroom. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am.

Following is Zoom participation information:

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

**4. Sunday Worship:** Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved list 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/>.

**5. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer is held 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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**6. Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom participation link will be sent out during the week.

**7. Health Ministry:** A document with guidance on the subject “Men: Take Charge of Your Health” is attached. Also, the Lomax Health Ministry is hosting a virtual talk on the topic of: **Men’s Health with a Focus on Mens Mental Health** on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Kwabena B. Owusu-Boateng, DO is the speaker. A flyer is below.

### **8. Connectional Children's Day Festival & Weekend Events:**

**The Usher Board**, in collaboration with the **Christian Education Ministry**, is hosting a **Lomax Summer Children’s Festival** to promote outreach in the Community. The festival will take place in the Church parking lot on **Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 12:00pm-3:00pm**. There will be games, activities, face painting, balloon art and a book giveaway. Please invite or bring your children, grandchildren/great-grandchildren, friends, neighbors, or any children for some ol' fashion family fun and fellowship!!! Also, **please consider donating new or gently used children’s books this Sunday.** **Annual Children’s Day Sunday: “BORN 4 THIS!”** – Let us continue to celebrate by attending our Annual Children’s Day Program on Sunday, June 11, 2023, 11 AM. Your support, especially the children’s participation, is greatly appreciated.

**9. Floral Ministry:** Want to learn to do floral arrangements? Come join the Floral Ministry. We are in need of more hands. We are not asking for perfection, Just a willing hand. If you want to get involved just talk to Darlene Logan, Barbara Ratliff, Donna Gainey or Andrea Peterbark. You may call Andrea at (703) 451-1552.