

**August 13, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. A Note of Appreciation from Sis. Wanda Richardson:** She is well on her way to a full recovery. She sends her sincere appreciation to all of our members for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and other expressions on her behalf.

**2. "Come as You Are" in August:** For Sunday worship, Lomax members and friends are invited to "come as you are" during the month of August.

**3. Two Special Appeals:** This Sunday, August 13, 2023, the Ministry of Kindness offering will be used to support a community request for donations to support the food needs for the August 19, 2023, Drew Elementary "Back-to-School Party." Please come prepared to make a special donation for this purpose. Also, we are looking for 20 people to donate a \$20 gift card each, preferably a Visa gift card, to support the Drew back-to-school effort. Please provide your gift card to Sis. LaVonne Stewart or a member of the Steward Board.

**4. Food Pantry Ministry's August Agape Love Appeal:** Please join the Food Pantry Ministry in Sharing GOD's Love to the Maxx by helping those in need of simple "human dignity" items such as: laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toilet tissue, paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine pads, shampoo and conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant, adult diapers, etc. Thank you. We appreciate your help! Sis. Gloria Camp, and the Food Pantry Ministry. A Flyer is attached and below.

**5. Sunday School:** 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

**6. Sunday Worship:** Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday 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 tab2 at <https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/>.

**7. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer takes place each Tuesday at 6:30 am. Sis. Linda Mitchell will be vacationing in August and September, and **there will be no prayer meetings on August 29, 2023, and September 5, 2023.** Prayer meetings will resume on September 12, 2023.

Here is the Zoom information to participate this week:

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:** There will not be Bible Study in the month of August. Bible Study will resume in September.

**9. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference:** Presiding Elder Durant will hold Lomax's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7pm. All persons amenable to attend this meeting should be present unless excused by Presiding Elder Durant. If you are unable to attend, please send a request to be excused to: [quarterlyconferencesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:quarterlyconferencesecretary@gmail.com) by Sunday, August 13, at 5 pm, so that one list of those requesting to be excused can be provided to Presiding Elder Durant.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference will be a virtual meeting. Here is the Zoom participation information:

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110868692?pwd=YmQ3ekowbDdMaEhyK0dlcGNEa2NtUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 1086 8692

Passcode: 5398592

Dial-in Information: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 841 1086 8692

Passcode: 539859

**10. Lomax Virtual VBS 2023:** Lomax will have its annual Vacation Bible Study session Tuesday, August 15 - Thursday, August 17, 2023. VBS will be held virtually. **This year's VBS subject will be "4 Miles Per Hour,"** focusing on the fact that Jesus completed his mission by

moving four miles per hour (the average speed of a human walking), reaching the entire world walking at least 3,000 miles during the three years of his in-person ministry. Materials will be emailed out to each person registered. We will have an **in-person close-out at Lomax on Friday, August 18th, with a light dinner served beginning at 6:30 pm.** If you have questions, please contact Sis. Tiffany Jones at 202-423-4731 or Sis. Veronica Riley at 703-989-4929. **Please REGISTER** using the following link: <https://www.Eventbrite.com/Lomax-Vacation-Bible-School-Registration>. VBS books/materials will be emailed to those persons who register on the evening of Sunday, August 13, 2023.

### **To participate in VBS via Zoom:**

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86927889079?pwd=d0ZyUFC0dkFQeE16NnZQZkJLeINEdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 2788 9079

Passcode: 467237

Dial-in Information: 1-301-715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 869 2788 9079

Passcode: 467237

**11. Birthday Remembrance for John Robinson:** The Green Valley Civic Association will remember the late John Robinson's birthday on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 3 pm. **If you are available to support this observance, please contact Sis. LaVonne Stewart ASAP.**

**12. Washington District 1<sup>st</sup> Mass Meeting:** Please note that Lomax will host the hybrid Washington District 1<sup>st</sup> Mass Meeting on Saturday, August 19, 2023. The meeting begins at 9 am.

**13. S.H.A.R.E.:** August S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, August 19, 2023, email sis. Gloria at [gbc688@gmail.com](mailto:gbc688@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line at 703.979.8408. Order payments are due Saturday, August 19, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, August 26, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

**14. Drew Elementary Back-to-School Party:** This community event will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10 am - 5 pm at Drew E.S. Lomax's Steward Board will provide 70 backpacks filled with school supplies and Sis. Althea Roseboro's family foundation also will provide 30 backpacks filled with school supplies. We thank Sis. LaVonne Stewart, Lomax's Outreach

Coordinator, for working with Bro. Tommy Baugh, Sis. Stephanie Gaskill, Sis. Althea Roseboro, and Sis. Andrea Peterbark to make Lomax's support of this event possible. We also thank those persons who have already volunteered to represent Lomax at this event on August 19, 2023. To volunteer on your own, please use [this link](#).

**15. Lay Council (News from the Pews):** We invite your participation in the following:

1) Next Lomax Lay Council Meeting is **THURSDAY, August 24th, 2023 at 7pm. NEW TIME & DATE!**

2) Membership Drive Kick-off...Renewals or New membership are still only \$10.00. Pay via Givelify or the envelope system.

3) WALKING TO THE MAX 2023 Take a stroll with us. Join our team and donate to the fundraiser for NAMI Northern Virginia. Festival activities, vendors, health & wellness information and mental health resources scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 10am to 2pm at George Mason University. Follow the link to register and/or support our team.

#Together4MH. <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.participant&participantID=481638>

HAVE QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH. ~Sister Byrd on behalf of the Executive Board (Wilma-Jeri-Stan-Michele-Brenda H.)

**16. Green Valley Civic Association Events:**

- **Green Valley Back-to-School Event** -- The Green Valley Civic Association is having a back-to-school event on August 26, 2023. They are seeking volunteers for upcoming afterschool programs.
- **Green Valley Day 2023** – The Green Valley Civic Association will celebrate the community's 179<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Green Valley Day on September 16, 2023. Festivities will include live entertainment, vendors, health and job fairs, a kid's fun fair, community resources, educational forums, scholarship awards, and more. Sponsors, volunteers, and donations are welcome. Contact information: (703) 486-0058 and [greenvalleyciv@gmail.org](mailto:greenvalleyciv@gmail.org).

**17. Pastor Nelson's Doctoral Project:** As I shared during our organizational meeting, I will be doing a project and writing a project paper/dissertation, which must be completed by the end of 2023. My focus will be on Black Theologian Howard Thurman's writings and church as a model for churches becoming racially welcoming congregations. This project will involve members

of Lomax and St. Michael's. I am hoping that a good number of the members of Lomax will participate. At present this will involve participating in three joint Bible study sessions (on selected Thursdays) and a half-day conference (on a Saturday), with members of St. Michael's, over the next several months. Also, I am hoping that you will participate in a pre-project survey and a post-project survey. You need not participate in the surveys to attend the Bible study sessions and half-day conference. If you are willing to participate in any way, please provide your name to me by email (avnelsonlaw@msn.com) by Friday, August 25, 2023. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support my project! -- Pastor Nelson

**18. Homecoming 2023:** Please be advised that Sis. Lori Stracham and Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove have agreed to serve as the chairpersons for this year's Homecoming Planning Committee. They look forward to your ideas and support, and they solicit your prayers.