

August 20, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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.

2. VBS Kudos: It was a great week of Vacation Bible School. Congratulations to Sis. Tiffany Jones and Sis. Veronica Riley, our VBS Co-Directors, Rev. Tina Nelson, our VBS consultant, the teachers, Media Ministry, and students for "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus -- 4 Miles Per Hour."

3. Mass Meeting Thank You!: Thank you to Lomax's WH&OMS members, Stewards, Trustees, Media Ministry, and Hospitality Ministry for preparing and hosting what we know will be a successful Washington District 1st Mass Meeting on Saturday.

4. Lomax Back-to-School Outreach: Way to go Lomax in terms of the support we provided to the Drew Elementary School Back-to-School Party. We provided 100 backpacks filled with school supplies (70 provided by the Steward Board and 30 provided by Althea Roseboro's Family Foundation), as well \$200 in gift cards and \$300 in food assistance. Thank you to Sis. LaVonne Stewart, Lomax's Outreach Coordinator, for working with all of the different Lomax Ministries, as well as Bro. Tommy Baugh, Sis. Stephanie Gaskill, Sis. Andrea Peterbark, Sis. Althea Roseboro, Sis. Denise Pinchback, and Sis. Breanna Roseboro, for filling backpacks and distributing them on the day of the event.

5. "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.

6. 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.

7. Sunday School: Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1st and 3rd 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

8. 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/>.

9. Intercessory Prayer: 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

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

11. Washington District 1st Mass Meeting: Please note that Lomax will host the hybrid Washington District 1st Mass Meeting on Saturday, August 19, 2023. The meeting begins at 9 am. Zoom information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9385163403?pwd=ckpVdkZ0d0FaOTNCLzZnRDI2RWFBUT09>

Meeting ID: 938 516 3403

Passcode: WD2023

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

Meeting ID: 938 516 3403

Passcode: 024541

12. S.H.A.R.E.: August S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, August 19, 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, August 19, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, August 26, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

13. 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.)

14. Lomax Senior Ministry: Please join the Senior Ministry on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 9 am for a special session relating to Donate Life. By educating and sharing the Donate Life message, we can help each take small steps every day to help save and heal more lives.

15. 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 179th 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.

16. 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