

August 27, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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 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

2. Pastor Nelson's Vacation: Pastor Nelson will be on vacation August 21, 2023 - Monday, September 4, 2023. If any spiritual needs arise, please reach out to Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove as a resource of first result. She will reach out to me as needed. For other needs, please reach out to Bro. Tommy Baugh, Lomax's Preacher's Steward.

3. Washington District Mass Meeting Thank You: A heartfelt thank you to all of the participants in the Washington District Mass Meeting on Saturday, August 19. Your willingness to serve was evident and all of you made our guests feel welcome. The WH&OM Society and the Food Pantry Ministry also sends a special "thank you" to everyone who donated human dignity items giving life to the current theme, "Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World, The Journey Continues!" with a focus on "Self Care and Wellness." Your generosity was evident in all that was collected. ***"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices god is pleased."*** Hebrews 13:16 Peace & Blessings,
Wilma Newby.

4. 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.

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.

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

11. S.H.A.R.E.: August S.H.A.R.E. order distribution day is Saturday, August 26, 2023, during the hours of 11:15 am and 12:30 pm.

12. March on Washington 60th Anniversary Events:

Friday, August 25, 2023:

Alleyne AME Zion Church

1419 King St. Alexandria, VA 22314

Film Screening/Discussion – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Contact 571-451-9649 for information. A flyer is attached.

Saturday, August 26, 2023:

Alleyne AME Zion Church

1419 King St. Alexandria, VA 22314

Watch Party – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Contact 571-451-9649 for information. A flyer is attached.

WH&OMS

Missionary Supervisor Mrs. Devieta Moore has invited members of WH&OMS to participate in the March on Washington 60th Anniversary event this Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A flyer with details was shared earlier this week.

Monday, August 28, 2023:

Project 100's She Speaks Moral Monday Call to Consciousness

A gathering of 30 women's voices from across the country will convene at 6:00 p.m. for a virtual assembly to discuss the state of the nation and the demands made at the March on Washington 60 years ago that remain unfulfilled today.

Visit <https://shespeaksmonday.org/> for additional information.

13. Philadelphia Baltimore Conference's 2023 Home Missions Luncheon:

The luncheon will be held at Union Wesley AME Zion Church 1600 Michigan Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20018. The theme for the luncheon is "We Are Stronger Together!" is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 16,

2023. Luncheon immediately following the Check-Up Meeting. Tickets are \$20 each. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, August 31, 2023.** A flyer is attached.

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

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

2) 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.)

15. 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. A flyer is attached.

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 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.