

**September 3, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. 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.

**2. Birthday Recognitions:** Beginning this month, during the morning worship service, we will no longer read the names of those persons celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Instead, we are excited to announce that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we will have a fellowship immediately after the morning service to celebrate those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. All are invited to attend.

**3. 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

**4. Sunday Worship - Worship in White Communion Service:** This Sunday, September 3, 2023, you are invited to join us in-person for a "Worship in White," communion service. As this Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer, we invite you to dress casually in white as we celebrate communion. (If you don't care to wear white, come as you are.) Virtual worship via livestream will be available through Lomax's website and Facebook Live. The bulletin for Sunday is attached, as well as the Prayer and Bereavement List.

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 tab at <https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/>.

**5. 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.

**6. Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7 pm, to allow Pastor Nelson time to preview materials that have been ordered.** Our new Bible Study topic will be on "The Kingdom of God."

**7. NAACP Arlington Fall Candidate Forum:** The virtual forum, scheduled for **September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** during the General Membership Meeting, is an opportunity to hear directly from candidates running for local and state offices on how they will prioritize issues affecting Black and other people of color in Arlington if they are elected. Information on the election and early voting are available at the links provided below.

NAACP Arlington Fall Candidate Forum Zoom Registration:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkce6przovGdB68jLz9jy2ZdDb8F5Teqmw#/registration>

General Election: <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Elections>

Early Voting: <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Early-Voting>

**8. UPDATED Location for Philadelphia Baltimore Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Check-Up Meeting and Home Missions Luncheon:** Please be advised that the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference First Check-Up Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 10 am, at **Trinity AME Zion Church (3505 16th Street, NW Washington, DC, 20010).** Following the Check-Up Meeting there will be a Home Missions Luncheon. The theme for the luncheon is "We Are Stronger Together!" Lomax has purchased ten (10) tickets for those who are amenable to attend the Check-Up Meeting. Those who will be provided one of the tickets have already been so advised.

**9. 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.)

#### **10. Green Valley Civic Association Events:**

**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. They are seeking donations of the following: cases of water, sponsors for kids' activities, meals for volunteers, gift cards for a raffle. Membership (at varying levels) is open to anyone who wishes to support the organization. Membership applications received between September 1, 2023 - September 16, 2023 will be effective 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024. Contact information: (703) 486-0058 and [greenvalleyciv@gmail.org](mailto:greenvalleyciv@gmail.org).

**11. Homecoming 2023/Save-the-Date:** Lomax's 157<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Celebration will be held on October 8, 2023. The theme will be: "Back to the Future: Generation through Generation." Stay tuned for additional information about our planned weekend celebrations!