

September 17, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Thank You: The Food Pantry Ministry would like to thank our Lomax family for your generous response to our Agape Love Appeal. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of people like you. Thank you for being kind enough to understand the needs of our brothers and sisters. Your compassion lifts the lives of many. May God bless you for the donations given to the cause of human dignity.

2. 1st Check-Up Meeting and Home Missions Luncheon: Bishop W. Darin Moore will hold the 1st Check-Up Meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 10 am. The Check-Up Meeting will be hosted by Trinity AME Zion Church 3505 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20010. A Home Missions Luncheon will be held immediately following the 1st Check-Up Meeting. Lomax's tickets for this ticketed luncheon have been assigned.

3. 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. 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.

4. Sunday School:

Survey

Sis Denise Pinchback, Lomax's Sunday Superintendent, is asking that members of Lomax take the following Sunday School survey using the following link: <https://forms.gle/Cjjq358MZUKiNzRe7>. We would appreciate it if you would complete the survey by Monday, September 18, 2023.

Participation

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

5. Christian Education Sunday/Sunday Worship: This Sunday, join Lomax's Christian Education Department as they observe Connectional Christian Education Sunday. The CED Month theme is: "Generation Now: Securing our Future Tomorrow by SEEing our Future Today!" based upon Deuteronomy 6:4-7. The invited morning speaker will be Mr. Eric Smith, a young adult and the immediate past president of A.C.E. (The Assembly of Christian Educators). Eric is a member of Judah Temple AME Zion Church.

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/>.

6. Birthday/Anniversary Recognitions: Join us on Sunday, September 17, 2023, following the morning worship service, for a fellowship following as we celebrate those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. All are invited to attend.

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. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer takes place each Tuesday at 6:30 am. 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

9. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7 pm. The topic is on "The Kingdom of God." The handout and Zoom information will be provided during the week.

10. Senior Ministry: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 am on Saturday, September 23, 2023, as Sara Pappa, NV Falls Prevention Alliance Coordinator at Marymount University will speak to our group on Falls Prevention. Looking forward to sharing with you!!!

11. Lay Council (News from the Pews): 1 more week until "WALKING TO THE MAX 2023!" Take a stroll with us for a bit of exercise, gathering resources, and raising awareness about mental health. Not too late to join our team and/or donate to the fundraiser for NAMI Northern Virginia programs, education, and advocacy. Festival activities begin at 10:00am and end at 2:00pm. Saturday, September 23, 2023 at George Mason University - Merten Hall, 4441 George Mason Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030. 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.-and Marie)

12. S.H.A.R.E. Information: S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, September 16, 2023. Email Gloria at gbc688@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. Order payments are due Saturday, September 16, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

13. A Message from Lomax's Outreach Coordinator: To my Lomax family, I am seeking our prayers and GOD's guidance as I accept this challenge with this new ministry role serving as Lomax's Outreach Coordinator. As I move

forward trying to fulfill this new role to the best of my ability, I will be contacting all ministries to offer any assistance as we endeavor to enhance our outreach within the community. I am excited to see what GOD's plans are for our church. Praying for our continued spiritual growth as we seek to expand our community outreach impact. -- Lavonne Stewart, Lomax's Outreach Community.

Coat Drive/Giveaway: Lomax is hosting a new winter coat drive for children as we strive to be an example of GOD's church. We are seeking support for new coats or monetary donations from all Lomax members, clubs, boards and any other organizations for "new coats" for elementary age youths from size 6 up to size 12 (small, medium, or large). 2 Corinthians 9:5 reminds us that GOD loves a cheerful giver.

The Coat giveaway will occur on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the John Robinson, Jr. Town Square in Green Valley. It will be a "A New Coat Giveaway Party," which will include music, refreshments and games. Please make any monetary donations through your church envelope or Givelify. Actual Coat donations can be given to Lavonne Stewart. A flyer is attached.

14. Lomax/St. Michael's World Communion Sunday Observance: Lomax and St. Micheal's will again observe World Communion Sunday on October 1, 2023. Members of Lomax are asked to worship at St. Michael's at 9 am. And members of St. Micheal's will worship with Lomax at 11:30 am. **(Please note the 11:30 am time change for the start of Lomax's worship service.)**

15. Homecoming 2023: We are pleased to announce and invite you to join us in celebrating the 157th anniversary of God's presence and favor on Lomax African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The theme for our Homecoming weekend celebration is: "Back-to-the-Future: Generation through Generation." The theme scriptures are Genesis 28:10-17 and Revelation 7:9-17. The colors will be purple and cream.

The celebration will begin with a homecoming fellowship praise-filled picnic celebration from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, on the church parking lot at 2704 South 24th Road, Arlington, Virginia. Our homecoming worship service will be held on Sunday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lomax sanctuary. The service will also be live-streamed. The celebration will culminate in a Homecoming Fellowship Dinner in the Lomax fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunday worship service. Please share news of our

church homecoming activities with former members, friends and loved ones. A flyer is attached and below.

Pray for God's continued presence with our congregation as we lift up the kingdom of God to and through all generations! -- The 2023 Lomax Homecoming Committee, Sis. Lorri Strachan and Rev. Monica Hargrove, Co-Chairs.

16. Cornerstone Baptist Community Church's 57th Anniversary Worship Service - Save the Date – Tuesday, October 17, 2023: Pastor Nelson will be delivering God's message for the anniversary service, and the Lomax congregation, choir, and ushers are invited to share in the celebration! The address is 3636 Dixon Street, Temple Hills, MD 20748. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.