

October 1, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Deadline for Weekly Announcements: As a friendly reminder, the Church Secretary prepares a draft of the weekly announcements on Thursdays. **Please submit all announcements by Thursday at 4 pm.**

2. No Adult Sunday School This Sunday: Though the 9:00 am worship service with St. Michael's has been cancelled, due to other obligations to prepare for the 11:30 am worship service there will not be Adult Sunday this Sunday, October 1, 2023. -Denise Pinchback

3. Lomax/St. Michael's World Communion Sunday Observance: Lomax and St. Michael's will again observe World Communion Sunday on October 1, 2023. **Due to illness, there will only be one joint service at 11:30 am at Lomax. The 9:00 am worship service at St. Michael's has been cancelled.**

Sunday's bulletin is attached, as well as the Prayer and Bereaved List. 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/>.

4. 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

5. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7 pm. The topic is on "The Kingdom of God." The handout and Zoom information will be provided during the week.

6. Floral Ministry: Would you like to help with making our altar look beautiful on Sunday mornings for our Lord? If so, you may do so by sponsoring flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one by filling out the form online (<https://forms.gle/4GVytPGopHBaK4cX6>). You will receive one vase and the

other will go to a nursing home, our sick and shut or to our seniors. The cost of the flowers will be \$75.00.

7. Health Unit: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A flyer is attached.

8. Lay Council (News from the Pews): We ask you to SAVE THE DATE(S):

- Sunday, October 15, 2023 is "Connectional Lay Day" and Holiday Food Drive Kick-off.
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7pm is the next "Virtual Lay Council Meeting".
- Sunday, October 29, 2023 is the Washington District "5th Sunday Fellowship". Time: 3:00 pm. Host church: Varick Memorial AME Zion Church, 255 Anacostia Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20019. Rev. Andre' Greene, Host Pastor, Rev. David Deverteuil, Guest Preacher, and Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, Presiding Elder.

*Additional details, information, and/or Zoom link to follow before the meeting/event.

9. Homecoming 2023: Please join us as we celebrate 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 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, in the church parking lot. (In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in Lomax's Fellowship Hall.) 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. (Any current or former members of Lomax interested in signing in the Homecoming Choir should attend the rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2:30 pm, immediately following the picnic.) The celebration will culminate in a Homecoming Fellowship Dinner in the Lomax fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunday worship service. -- The 2023 Lomax Homecoming Committee, Sis. Lorri Strachan and Rev. Monica Hargrove, Co-Chairs

10. NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet: On Saturday, October 14th 2023, the NAACP Arlington Branch will hold its "2023 Freedom Fund Banquet." The event is back in-person and will be held at the George Mason University -

Arlington Campus. If interested in attending, please leave a voice or text message for Sister Byrd at 703-965-7637 on/by Wednesday, 10/4/23. Visit the website at: <https://www.arlingtonnaacp.com/> for details, ticket, and sponsorship info. #NeverSilenced

11. Lomax's 2nd Quarterly Conference: Presiding Elder Durant will hold Lomax's 2nd Quarterly Conference on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 7 pm. Draft reports will be forwarded to those amenable to the Quarterly Conference by Sunday, October 8, 2023.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. MEDICARE Open Enrollment Event at Lomax: Lomax will be the host site for Medicare Counseling by Arlington County Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance (VICAP) representatives on Tuesday, November 7th 2023, from 10am to 4pm. All individual sessions are by appointment, so we at Lomax must get the word out to our membership, as well as the community-at-large. A flyer is attached.