

**October 22, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Lay Council (News from the Pews):** Many thanks to all those who participated in and attended last Sunday's Connectional Lay Day Worship Service. You are appreciated! The Word was Truth!

- Apologies to our Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Brenda Humphrey whose name was left off of our Officers List in the bulletin insert.
- Remember to support the Holiday Food Drive. Help to re-stock the Food Pantry and fight "food insecurity". READ: Matthew 25: 31-40
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7pm is the next "Virtual Lay Council Meeting". Link to be provided.
- 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.

**2. Life Members Council Updates:**

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

The Washington District Life Members Council is hosting a stoling ceremony Saturday, October 21st at Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, DC. The service will begin at 11 a.m. Your presence is requested. The dress is white and your stole. The program for tomorrow's stoling service is attached.

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

Theme: 'Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World: The Journey Continues!!'

The Anna L. Anderson Day Celebration at Lomax is Sunday morning, October 22, 2023. Rev. Tracie Forte, on staff at Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, DC will deliver the message. Please plan to attend and remember to wear your white attire along with your Life Members stole.

Carolyn Blackmon, Lomax Life Member Chairperson

**3. 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.

#### **4. Senior Ministry:**

**October is Affordable Housing Month.** Arlington County is offering a couple sessions that people may be interested in attending:

**Saturday October 22, 2023** from 10am to 1pm "Home Maintenance Workshop" at the Arlington Career Center 816 S. Walter Reed Drive  
FREE. First Come First Served.

**Thursday, October 26, 2023** from 9:30am to 1pm "Affordable Housing Bus Tour" with 4-stops in the County. **RSVP Required.**

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Housing/Housing-Meetings-Events/Affordable-Housing-Bus-Tour>

Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 am on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** as we welcome Maya Rzemek, Sales Manager at the Greenspring By Erickson Senior Living residence. She will give us an overview of their facility.

**5. Sunday Worship:** 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. 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

**7. 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

**8. Bible Study:** Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7 pm. The topic is "The Kingdom of God." The handout and Zoom information will be provided during the week.

**9. WD Evangelism and Fifth Sunday Service:** The Washington District Department of Evangelism will convene virtually on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00 am. The Rev. Dr. Eleazor Merriweather, Executive Director of Church Growth and Development AME Zion Church will be our guest presenter. Registration is \$10.00 via WD Givelify. The Zoom information will be sent after registration has been received.

Also, the Washington District will gather in person for our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Service on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at the Varick Memorial AME Zion Church at 3:00 pm.

**10. Missionary Mass Meeting:** The next Missionary Mass Meeting will be held on November 4, 2023 at St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church located at 5100 Astor Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20018. The meeting will begin at 9:00

A.M. The Washington District Missionaries are being asked to support St. Lucille's outreach (Food Ministry) by donating \$10 Safeway or Giant gift cards. Please see Sis. Wilma Newby if you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause. "for I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. . . I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me! Matthew 25:35,40). -Wilma Newby

**11. S.H.A.R.E.:** S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, October 21, 2023. Email Gloria at [lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703. 979. 8408. Please note: all email orders will receive a reply confirmation, and telephone orders will be confirmed with a return phone call. Order payments are due Saturday, October 21, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**November 2023 S.H.A.R.E. Orders:**

Please submit the November order by November 6, 2023.

**12. 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.

**13. Green Valley Civic Association's Harvest Festival + Movie Night with Trunk or Treat:** Bring your car decorated or the kids to have fun on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 4 pm - 8 pm. They are seeking volunteers and/or donations.

**Volunteer Members Needed for Community Engagement**

The Green Valley Civic Society is seeking volunteer members for community engagement. Attached are their current opportunities for a citizen to get engaged. The list includes terms. All that is required is a current

membership per Portia A. Clark, President Green Valley Civic Association. Flyers are attached. Lavonne Stewart, Lomax Community Outreach Coordinator

**14. Health Ministry:** A resource with guidance on helping children during wartimes is attached.

**15. 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 7, 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.

**16. Winter Meeting/Truthville 2023:** Truthville 2023, the Winter Meeting of the Christian Education Department of the AME Zion Church, will be held December 27-30, 2023, in Raleigh, NC. Information is attached. Lomax members are asked to reach out to Sis. Veronica Riley or Sis. Marcia Hinton to express interest in attending on behalf of your child(ren), youth, or self. --  
Veronica Riley