

October 8, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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

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/>.

2. Floral Ministry: The flowers on the altar for Homecoming are in memory of my mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, and my sister, Eva Laverne Miller Conyer. -- Patricia Miller

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.

3. 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

4. Intercessory Prayer: Due to the travel schedule of Sis. Linda Mitchell, **Intercessory Prayer will not take place on Tuesday, October 10 and 17, 2023.** Intercessory Prayer will resume on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

5. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7 pm. The topic is "The Kingdom of God." The handout and Zoom information will be provided during the week.

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

- *"Are you secure in life?"* Connectional Lay Day is Sunday, October 15, 2023. Ms. Tiffany Jones will deliver the message on *"Securing Your Foundation"* at the 11:00am worship service. Make plans to attend and remember to wear your "black & gold attire"!
- The Lay Council encourages you to bring a non-perishable food item or gift card on Lay Day as we restock the food pantry in preparation for the Holiday Season. Don't forget to bring a new child's coat or donation for the Coat Drive, too! 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.

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

7. 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

8. 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 were forwarded to those amenable to the Quarterly Conference on October 1, 2023 and are due back to the quarterly conference secretary by Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Thank you in advance for adhering to this deadline.

9. 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.

10. Women's Ministry Meeting: The Lomax Women's Ministry will have a virtual meeting October 19 at 7:30pm. All women are welcomed and encouraged to attend. -- Rev. Tina

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8329673676?pwd=UVhQZkxueHhtMFovQU84UURUR2p5UT09>

Meeting ID: 832 967 3676

Passcode: 381938

Dial-in: 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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