

November 5, 2023
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. HEAT IN THE SANCTUARY: We WILL have service this Sunday, November 5, 2023. However, please be advised that there will be limited heat in the sanctuary due to a repair on the boiler that cannot be completed before Sunday. The heating units in the balcony have been on and operating since Thursday and a slight warm up is expected over the weekend. So, it may be cool, not cold, in the sanctuary. Please dress warmly.

2. A Special Ministry of Kindness Appeal: This week two Lomax members requested Ministry of Kindness assistance toward paying their rent. Both needs are critical. A special ministry of kindness appeal will be made on Sunday to assist both members. Please pray about what the Lord would have you to contribute and come prepared to respond to the appeal. Thank you in advance!

3. Missionary Mass Meeting: This Saturday, November 4, 2023, the Washington District's 2nd Missionary Mass Meeting will be hybrid, both at St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church located at 5100 Astor Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20018 and via Zoom. 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). The Zoom information is below. -Wilma Newby

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84385300129?pwd=Z1NBQ3pFUU5QRnFwcWISakhSRSsxZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 8530 0129

Passcode: 403120

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

Meeting ID: 843 8530 0129

Passcode: 403120

4. 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

5. Sunday Worship: Sunday's bulletin and the Prayer and Bereaved List are 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. S.H.A.R.E.: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, please note that **S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Monday, November 6, 2023.** Email Gloria at 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, November 11, 2023. Distribution day is Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

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. 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.

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

10. Lomax Men's Day/Weekend: Lomax's Men's Ministry will observe Men's Day/Weekend Friday, November 10 - Sunday, November 12, 2023. The theme is "Man Up," based upon 1 Cor. 16:13-14 ESV, which states "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." Events will be as follows:

Witness -- Friday, November 10, 2023, 7 pm Men's Intergenerational Fellowship. Location: Doyles Outpost, 4620A Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Work -- Saturday, November 11, 2023, 11 am Restorative Justice Presentation by Restorative Arlington. Both men and women are invited to participate in this Zoom session about alternatives to incarceration for youth and others in Arlington, Virginia. Zoom information:

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85242008235?pwd=N3BMcmV1MUQ0R2IPZmtTaUhJVHN4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 852 4200 8235

Passcode: 369924

Dial-In Information: 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 852 4200 8235

Passcode: 369924

Worship -- Sunday, November 12, 2023, 11 am Men in Worship. Mr. Julius D. Spain, Immediate Past President of the NAACP, Arlington Branch, will be the morning speaker.

A flyer is below and attached. Please invite other men in your life and circle of influence!

11. Lay Council (News from the Pews): We are gearing up for the Holidays! Remember to support the Holiday Food Drive. Help to re-stock the

Food Pantry and fight "food insecurity". Your donations are especially important during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons.

An invitation to come go with us to the Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at the Pennsylvania Ave AMEZ Church in Baltimore, MD. *SEE ATTACHED FLYER. Let the Lomax Lay Council know by 11-30-23, so we can advise them of our numbers. Peace & Blessings, Sister Byrd

12. HEALTH MINISTRY: November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Please see the attached information about Diabetes.

13. 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.

14. 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

15. St. Michael's Article: Lomax family, attached is a copy of an article in St. Michael's Newsletter about our joint worship experience on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023. Please enjoy!