

**November 19, 2023**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Thank You!:** First, we want to commend Lomax's Men's Ministry, under the leadership of Bro. Willie Lamb and Bro. Kelvin Parson, and all the men of Lomax for a fun, informative, and worshipful Men's Day/Weekend.

Second, thank you to our Senior Ministry, under the leadership of Sis. Brenda Cox and Lay Council, under the leadership of Sis. Debra Byrd, for organizing Lomax's Medicare Open Enrollment Event. The community was well-served.

And finally, THANK YOU Lomax for your generosity through the Ministry of Kindness. As a result, we were able to meet the needs of both of our members. God Is Good!

**2. Trustee Board: CHURCH CLOSURE FOR PEST EXTERMINATION TREATMENT November 22 - 23, 2023:** Please be advised that the first floor of **Lomax Church will be treated with an indoor fogger** to due to increased numbers of cockroaches on the premises. Therefore, no one should use the first floor beginning on the evening of Wednesday, November 22, 2023 through Thursday, November 23, 2023.

**3. S.H.A.R.E.:** S.H.A.R.E. Distribution day is Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**4. 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

**5. 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. 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

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**7. Bible Study: There will not be Bible Study on Wednesday, November 22, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**8. Women's Ministry Christmas Outreach:** God has blessed us to be a blessing to others! The Lomax Women's Ministry will be collecting gift cards through December 10<sup>th</sup> for the Bridges to Independence Holiday Gift Card Drive. See the attached flyer for suggested gift cards. Cards should be given to Rev. Tina.

**9. Senior Ministry:**

Kudos to our very dedicated trustee Clifton Brown, who has taken it upon himself to restore the frame of the document listing those who are buried in our cemetery and put it back in its place of honor in our vestibule. Please take the time to view this list that was presented to our congregation by Ms. Dessie Bullock in 1965. A million thanks to Clifton for undertaking this task. His efforts really enhance our "precious memories"!

A sincere "thank you" to all of our members who took advantage of the Medicare interviews that were held at the church this month. We have received very positive feedback from those who participated in the sessions. Please remember that the Open Season will be on through December 7<sup>th</sup>, so if you have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to review your Medicare program, please do and encourage others to do so also.

The Lomax Senior Ministry will NOT meet on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you ALL a Blessed Thanksgiving weekend!

**10. 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

**11. Floral Ministry Poinsettia Purchases:** Those interested in purchasing red poinsettias "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones should contact Andrea Peterbark or use the online form (<https://forms.gle/4GVytPGopHBaK4cX6>). The cost of each poinsettia is \$20.00. Please submit your orders by Thursday, December 14, 2023.

**12. Winter Meeting/Truthville 2023:** We want to financially support our children and youth who will be attending Truthville 2023, the Winter Meeting of the Christian Education Department of the AME Zion Church, which will be held December 27-30, 2023, in Raleigh, NC. Those who are willing, please come prepared on Sunday, December 3, 2023, to support a special offering for our children and youth attending the Winter Meeting.