

January 7, 2024

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District Spiritual Emphasis Week:** Please join Bishop Moore, members of the MAED Board of Evangelism and invited presenters, January 8-13, 2024, at 6:30 AM via Conference Call for a week of prayer and reflection as we celebrate the victories God has given us in 2023 and prepare for new Blessings in 2024. During the week we will explore together *Reorganized Religion: The Reshaping of the American Church and Why it Matters*" by Bob Smietana. The Conference Call-In Number is: **425 436 6370 /Access code 2071139**

**2. 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations:**

**Arlington's 2024 MLK Tribute:** Don't miss Arlington's annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The program will be held on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at Wakefield High School. Dr. King's life and legacy will be honored through the fourteen quotes inscribed at the Stones of Hope memorial in Washington D.C. A flyer is attached.

**Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration:** Lomax is a co-sponsor of this event and so we are looking forward to your presence and participation in this Dr. King Day event, which will be held **Monday, January 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Baptist Church**. The panel discussion will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the worship celebration at 12:00 p.m. The worship celebration will be available by Livestream at <https://www.mtolivebc.org>. **Please note: Pastor Nelson is seeking 2-3 Greeters and Ushers to represent Lomax Church. Please contact Pastor Nelson if you are able to volunteer. Clergypersons and volunteers are asked to arrive by 10:40 a.m. and meet in the Welcome Center.**

**3. New Year's Fellowship Service:** Please see the attached flyer inviting everyone to the Combined Washington and Baltimore Districts Fellowship Service Sunday, January 28, 2024 3:30 p.m. at Judah Temple AME Zion Church.

**4. Lomax's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference:** The next Quarterly Conference is on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84341950672?pwd=VEJrVkNTSzJKNjV2MnE2UHh2a3N4dz09>

Meeting ID: 843 4195 0672

Passcode: 154535

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

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**5. 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

**6. Sunday Worship:** Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and the Prayer and Bereaved List 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/>.

**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 resumes on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

**9. S.H.A.R.E.:** S.H.A.R.E. orders should be submitted by Saturday, January 13, 2024. To order, please send an email to [lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. Order payments are due Saturday, January 13, 2024. Distribution day is Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**10. Health Ministry:** This month's focus is on glaucoma. A flyer is attached.

**11. Thank You from Lomax's WH&OMS:** "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11 To every member of the Lomax family who thought it not robbery to assist the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society in our efforts to bring a modicum of joy to our seniors and our sick and shut-ins during the holiday season, we send a heart-felt "thank you" for every donation given. Those who received the gift bags received them with smiling faces, joyful hearts and gratitude. Thank you again for your generosity. – Sis. Carolyn Blackmon and Sis. Wilma Newby.