

February 11, 2024
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Black History Month: Happy Black History Month! This year's national theme is "Blacks and the Arts." Please join us each Sunday as we celebrate Black History as follows:

- **February 11: The Intersection between the Arts and Healing, featuring the Vargas family. This family's artistic gifts include dance, visual arts, and music.**
- February 18: The Visual Arts, featuring Jessica Logan. You will have an opportunity to purchase Jessica's original paintings/art.
- February 25: Our Children in Artistic Expression, featuring Lomax's Christian Education Department as our children share their artistic gifts.

2. Lomax 2023 Charitable Giving Letters: The 2023 contribution statements are available beginning this Sunday, Feb 11, 2024. A Steward will be in the vestibule after morning service to hand out the statements.

3. Ash Wednesday and Lent: The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday. Our theme for our annual Lenten Preaching Season is "Walking with Jesus." All services will begin at 7 pm. We hope that you will join us as follows:

- **Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday Service. A musical duo will be ministering in music.**
- Feb. 21: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Rev. Wanda Polite. Focus: Prayer.
- Feb. 28: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Rev. Tina Nelson. Focus: Fasting.
- Mar. 6: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Rev. Monica Hargove. Focus: God's word.
- Mar. 13: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Bro. Ray Pincham. Focus: Sabbath.
- March 20: Lenten Preaching Series: Preacher: Pastor Nelson. Focus: Worship.

4. S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders and payments should be submitted by Saturday, February 10, 2024. To order, please send an email to lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. Distribution day is Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

5. Food Pantry Donations: To all our Lomax family and friends, we are grateful for your generous donations to the Lomax Food Pantry Ministry. Your kindness towards others allows us to bless many who are in need. When you drop off food donations at the food pantry, please remember to label the package with your name. This will allow us to thank you properly for your donation. Peace and love, Sis Gloria.

6. 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

7. Sunday Worship: Please join us this Sunday as we continue our celebration of Black History Month. Please join us and invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am. 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/>.

8. 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

9. Bible Study: Due to Ash Wednesday, we will not have Bible Study. However, a Home Bible Study lesson, to conclude our "Living a Christian Lifestyle" study, will be emailed out.

10. Lay Council (NEWS FROM THE PEWS): Look for a separate email with more info from us this week.

*Ministers or Laity this is the LAST CALL TO RESERVE A TICKET for the "Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Black & Gold Banquet" on March 1, 2024 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. Limited number of tickets available! Cost is \$75.00. Contact Sister Byrd at 703-965-7637 by Monday, 2/12/24.

*You are Invited to "Check-In with the Lomax Lay Council" via Zoom on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7pm.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86596753378?pwd=MjNRR2U4MGNKsZdQWWJxazBGZmMxQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 9675 3378

Passcode: 971822

Dial by your telephone: 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

*Finalizing our roster of NEW AND RENEWED (PAID UP) Lay Council members. If in doubt of your status, then just inquire! Contact Sister Jeri Pincham (Membership Chair or Sister Byrd.

Grace, Peace & Loving Kindness, the Lay Council Executive Committee
(Debra-Wilma-Jeri-Stan-Michele-Brenda H.-Marie)

11. The Henry & Mamie Sink Scholarship Fund: The Scholarship Fund invites graduating High School and current College students to submit the required documentation for the Henry and Mamie Sink Scholarship fund. The deadline for submission is February 23, 2024. Please contact Darlene Logan or any member of the Scholarship Committee for specific criteria or if you need more information.

12. Arlington's Feel the Heritage Festival: A flyer is attached for Arlington's 30th Annual Celebration of African American History and Culture, which will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 12pm-5pm at Charles Drew Community Center. The address is 3500 23rd St. South, Arlington, VA. There will be free activities and entertainment for all ages, a hall of history featuring historically African American churches and organizations, food vendors, and more. Lomax Church has approved the use of the church parking lot for overflow parking during the event.

Want to get involved? Reach out to event coordinator, Emilee Riches (eriches@arlingtonva.us) to participate in the Hall of History, sign up to be an artisan or community exhibitor, or participate as a volunteer.

Although not required, the organizers have requested that those who plan to attend **RSVP** in advance using the following link:

<https://us.openforms.com/Form/47ec993d-e9cb-4c56-b565-0ecd7184f11b>

13. Arlington Public Library Black History Movie and Panel Discussion: Join the Arlington Public Library on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:30 pm, in the Central Library Auditorium, for an abbreviated screening of "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin." Rustin was a community organizer and activist. **The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Sis. Brenda Cox**, as well as Rustin's life partner Walter Naegle and co-director Bennett Singer. For additional information please use the following link: <https://arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/11194669>

14. Easter Lillie Orders: Resurrection Sunday is on the way! You may help the Floral Ministry in beautifying our church on Resurrection Sunday morning by ordering Lilies in memory of your loved one(s). Each plant will cost \$20.00. All plants need to be ordered between February 25 March 22, 2024. A order form will be provided.