

February 25, 2024

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference CED Black History Movie**

**Night:** In observance of Black History Month, a virtual Movie Night is scheduled for today, Friday, February 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link can be accessed on the attached flyer where it says "Click Here to Join the Movie." Questions can be directed to Sis. Veronica Riley or Rev. Tina Nelson.

**2. Senior Ministry Meeting:** Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9 am on Saturday, February 24th, as we celebrate "Our History Being Made Now" with presentations from our young people sharing their personal accomplishments and contributions that they are making to Lomax today. Zoom participation information is below. Looking forward to sharing with you!

Join Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>

Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

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

Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

**3. Black History Month:** Happy Black History Month! This year's national theme is "Blacks and the Arts." **Please join us this Sunday, February 25th, as we celebrate Black History, specifically "Our Children in Artistic Expression," featuring Lomax's Christian Education Department as our children share their artistic gifts.**

**4. Lomax Lenten Preaching Series:** This year, the theme for our annual Lenten Preaching Series is "Walking with Jesus." All services will begin at 7 pm. Members are encouraged to be present each night, but members are especially asked to be present the night their class is requested to support the weekly service. We hope that you will join us as follows:

- **Feb. 28: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tina Nelson. Focus: Fasting. Featured Classes: 5 and 7.**

- Mar. 6: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove. Focus: God's word. Featured Classes: 8 and 9.

- Mar. 13: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Bro. Ray Pincham. Focus: Sabbath. Featured Classes: 11 and 13.

- March 20: Lenten Preaching Series: Preacher: Pastor Nelson. Focus: Worship. Featured Classes: Classes: 14 and 15.

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

**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:** Due to the Lenten Preaching Series, we will not have Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent.

**9. Lay Council (NEWS FROM THE PEWS):** 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)

**10. 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.

**11. Arlington's Feel the Heritage Festival:** A flyer is attached for Arlington's 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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>

**12. 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>

**13. Easter Lily 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 and March 22, 2024. The payment options are either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Easter lilies" when submitting payment. Upon completion of this form, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. An order form is attached. To order online use the following link: <https://forms.gle/RW5kq1KCYEBqQfes8>

**14. Women's Day Weekend:** Lomax's Women's Day Weekend will take place on March 16-17, 2024.

- **Saturday, March 16:** Join us for a Mindfulness Session presented by Ms. Tiffany Jones at Lomax from 11am-12:30 pm. Lunch will be served immediately following the session. **Please RSVP to Rev. Tina by March 8<sup>th</sup> so that adequate plans can be made.**
- **Sunday, March 17:** Join us in worship at 11 am. Theme: "**Women Tapping into the Power of God.**" Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23. Color: **Red** for the **POWER** of God. Special Offering: \$100 or best offering.
- **Women's Day Choir Rehearsals:** Under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jackson, the Women's Day Choir will rehearse as follows: **March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am; March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm; March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm.** Women of all ages, including children and youth, are invited to sing in this inter-generational choir.

**15. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments:** As we approach the FY 2023/2024 conference year ending, May 31, 2024, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00; General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00, to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru your church envelope, givelify, or you may see your class leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown.

**16. Community Engagement Forum - A Roadmap to an Age Friendly Arlington:** Arlington County invites you to participate in a Community Engagement Forum about what matter most to Arlingtonians on Monday, March 18, 2024, from 10 am – 12 pm. A flyer with details is attached.

**17. Good Friday Save-the-Date:** This year, Pastor Nelson is the featured preacher for the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Good Friday Good Friday worship service. **The service will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church beginning at 12 noon.** All members of Lomax, who are able, are encouraged to attend this service, which will serve as Lomax's only Good Friday service. Pastor Nelson is requesting that a good representation of Lomax members sing in the community mass choir and that 2-4 Lomax members volunteer to serve as Greeters/Ushers for the day.

**18. Washington District Conference Save-the-Date:** This year's Washington District Conference will be held on one day only this year, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lomax will host the District Conference.