

March 3, 2024
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Third Check-Up Meeting: This Saturday, March 2, 2024, Bishop W. Darin Moore will hold the 3rd Check-Up Meeting of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. This meeting will be hosted by Judah Temple AME Zion Church, located at 14500 Mt. Oak Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721. Department meetings will begin at 9 am, and the Check-Up Meeting will begin at 10 am. Unless excused by Bishop Moore, all amenable persons should be present in person.

2. Members' Meeting: This Sunday, March 3, 2024, immediately after the morning worship service, we will have a brief Members' Meeting to allow the Board of Trustees to present a proposal to have Lomax's upper and lower parking lots paved. The congregation will be asked to authorize the Board of Trustees to move forward with the proposal.

3. 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:

- **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.

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

05. Sunday Worship: Please join us this Sunday at 11 am and invite someone to worship with us. 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/>.

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
Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

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

8. Lay Council (NEWS FROM THE PEWS): For anyone attending the 3rd Check-up meeting on Saturday, March 3rd 2024, the PBC Lay Council meeting agenda is attached. Meeting starts at 9:00am at Judah Temple.

9. 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 8th 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 9th @ 10:30 am; March 14th @ 7pm; March 16th @ 2 pm.** Women of all ages, including children and youth, are invited to sing in this inter-generational choir.

10. Trustee Board: A "Spring Cleaning and Church Beautification Day" will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Remember, Colossians: 3: 23..."Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not unto men." Pitch-in to help prepare our church for Easter Worship Service, and to host the Washington District Conference in April. Contact any member of the Trustee Board for additional information. Thank you, Bro Fred Peterbark/Trustee Board Chairman

11. Health Unit: Teen Dating Violence is the focus for March 2024. A flyer is attached. Also, March 3-9, 2024, has been designated as National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. A flyer is attached.

12. 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. To order online use the following link: <https://forms.gle/RW5kq1KCYEBqQfes8>

13. 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.

14. Community Engagement Forum - A Roadmap to an Age Friendly Arlington: Arlington County invites you to participate in a Community Engagement Forum about what matters most to Arlingtonians on Monday, March 18, 2024, from 10 am – 12 pm.

15. 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.

16. 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.