

September 15, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 1st Check-Up Meeting: Bishop Brian R. Thompson will hold the 1st Check-Up Meeting of the 2024-2025 Conference Year this Saturday, September 14, 2024, beginning at 11 am. The meeting will be hosted by Union Wesley AME Zion Church. **All clergy are expected to meet with Bishop Thompson at 10 am. All persons who are amenable to attend the Check-Up Meeting may only be excused by Bishop Thompson (with a copy of your request being emailed to Presiding Elder Durant and Pastor Nelson).**

2. Trustee Board Update: Due to continuing repair work, the Fellowship Hall and adjacent restrooms will continue to be unavailable through Sunday, September 15, 2024. Please use 2nd floor restrooms and other church means of egress and exit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! ~Board of Trustees

3. Upcoming Observances: We hope that you will make plans to support the following upcoming observances:

- CED Sunday will be observed on September 15, 2024.
- Global Missions Sunday will be observed on September 22, 2024.
- Youth and Young Adult Sunday will be observed on September 29, 2024.
- World Communion Sunday will be observed on October 5, 2024. This service will be hosted at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 9 am. Lomax will also have its regular Communion Service at 11 am on October 5, 2024.
- Homecoming will be observed on October 12, 2024. More information will be provided
- Connectional Lay Sunday will be observed on October 19, 2024.

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

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

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Please Note: Sis. Linda will be taking some vacation time in October. Therefore, prayer calls will be suspended on the following dates: Tuesday, October 8, 2024; and Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

7. Bible Study: Bible Study will continue Wednesday, September 18, 2024. The Bible Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately.

8. Lay Council Information:

We Invite You to Register: Have you tripped, stumbled or fallen lately? "Matter of Balance" Training for church members and friends starting 9/25/24 through 11/13/24 from 2pm to 4pm at Lomax. Registration is open and space is limited! No cost involved. It is FREE. A flyer is attached. Click here for more information and to register: [Lomax AME Zion Matter of Balance Workshop Registration](#)

Walk to the Max! Walk to the Max! Get ready to "WALK TO THE MAX"! 2024 NAMIWALKS Northern Virginia event is Saturday, October 5th, 2024, at Bluemont Park in Arlington. (Walk route is 1 mile) Click this link for details on donating and team sign-up: <https://www.namiwalks.org/team/Walking2theMAX>

May you be continuously blessed by your faith and service – The Lomax Lay Council Executive Committee

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

9. Senior Ministry: Attached is the flyer for the Lomax Senior Ministry meeting on September 21, 2024. Please feel free to share it as extensively as you can. It appears that it is a topic that is quite timely for such a time as this! Please note that we are meeting in person as well as virtually. -Sis Brenda Cox

10. Post Father's Day/Men's Day Fellowship: Attention Men of Lomax, on Sunday September 22, 2024, the men of Lomax will celebrate their Father's Day/Men's day fellowship from 1:00pm-5:00pm after morning worship. This event will take place at the home of brother John Linton. His address is: 2909 South 19th Street Arlington Virginia 22304. **Please RSVP by texting brother Kelvin Parson at (703) 798-6475 or brother Willie Lamb at (301) 768-6620.** We thank the Women of Lomax for providing this service to the Men. – Be blessed, Kelvin A. Parson.

11. Green Valley Day: The 2024 Green Valley Day event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Food, games and live entertainment are planned. The Lomax Church parking lot will be used for overflow parking from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A flyer is attached.

12. Washington District 5th Sunday Fellowship: The Washington District Fifth Sunday Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. The host church is St. Lucille AME ZION Church 5100 Astor Place, S.E. Washington, DC 20019. Host Pastor : Rev. David DeVerteuil, Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Myrtle Bowen , Presiding Elder: Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant.

13. Lomax New Coat Drive/Giveaway: Greeting Lomax family, The Lomax New Coat Drive/Giveaway, will be held on Saturday, October 19th. Class #13 and the Usher Board, would like for you to consider making monetary or new coat donations to support efforts in providing for our neighborhood children. We need your help to continue our Outreach ministry to those surrounding us, who are less fortunate. Your donations and/or support is key to Lomax A.M.E. Zion church assisting families in the community by preparing their child with the warmth of a coat for the colder days ahead.

Philippians 2:13 - For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Please make any monetary donation directly to Lomax AME Zion church through the church envelope or Givelify. Any new coat donations can be given directly to myself or any member of Class #13/Usher board. We would like to have all **new coat donations by October 12, 2024,** and any **monetary donations by October 13, 2024.**

Please see the below flyer for additional information. Please share the attached flyer with others and make sure to have them complete the QR code for registration. If you are

interested in being a part of the organizing committee, please reach out to me via email (stewartlr54@gmail.com) or cell# (703-568-8456). -Sis Lavonne Stewart

14. Floral Ministry: The Floral Ministry would like to invite you to take part in beautifying the altar by purchasing floral arrangements for your loved ones each Sunday throughout the conference year. Upon receipt of your request, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$75.00. The payment options are either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Altar Flowers" when submitting payment. All orders must be submitted by Wednesday. Your name and who they are in honor/memory of will be placed in the bulletin and the church announcements. You may contact Sis. Andrea with questions. Thank you for your support. Sis. Andrea Peterbark, Floral Ministry Chair

To Submit Orders:

Email: peteyva@aol.com and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com

Phone: 703-568-8511

Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church

15. Lomax Newsletter: It's the beginning of a new conference year, and the Lomax Newsletter is being revived. To make it a success and relevant to the congregation, the editors will need your assistance. You can start now sending us your articles of interest and any other information you would like to share with your Lomax family. Submissions should be sent to: lomaxamezmessenger@gmail.com. We look forward to receiving the good news that you would like to share. Looking forward to hearing from you. Peace & Blessings, The Editors

16. Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.): Lomax Women ages 22-40 let's come together to work prayerfully and in unity to live out the motto of the **Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.)** to the glory of God. Y.A.M.S. is one of the departments of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society in the AMEZ Church with the purpose to unite women ages 22-40. When we meet, bring your ideas as to what you would like to see the Y.A.M.S. do as a group and share what is important to you. Meeting information will be in future church announcements.

Motto: "With hearts and hands: We reach up to God for strength and direction, We reach out to love and touch others, We reach down to lift fallen humanity."

Looking forward to working with each and every one of you to see what God has planned for the young women of Lomax. -Sis. Caryn Carter