

October 6, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

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

- World Communion Sunday will be observed on October 6, 2024. This service will be hosted at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 9:30 am. Lomax will also have its regular Communion Service at 11 am on October 6, 2024.
- Homecoming will be observed on October 13, 2024. Former Lomax Pastor Dr. Joseph E. Lamb, Sr., the pastor of St. Thomas AME Zion Church, in Norfolk, Virginia, will be the guest preacher. A flyer is attached. Please share the flyer and invite others to worship with us.
- Connectional Lay Sunday will be observed on October 20, 2024. Sis. Veronica Riley will be the lay speaker.

2. 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

3. Sunday Worship: Please join us this Sunday at 11 am as we observe World Communion Sunday. Of course, you are encouraged to invite someone to worship with us this Sunday. Sunday's bulletin is attached, as well as the Prayer and Bereaved List. 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/>.

4. Intercessory Prayer:

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

5. Bible Study: Bible Study will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The Bible Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately.

6. Lay Council Information:

Thank you, Lomax Lay Council! Out of 44 teams, we are currently #5. OUR COMMUNITY TEAM DID IT! "Walking to the MAX" met and exceeded our fundraising goal for NAMI Northern Virginia. God is so good! Efforts like this remind us that sharing our blessings is the surest way to multiply them. What a great way to live out the principles of compassion, love & generosity that Jesus taught by supporting mental health and wellness. #TGBTG *Those who can, will be walking on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Check-in at 9am. Walk starts at 10:00am. BLUEMONT PARK, 601 N. Manchester St. in Arlington, VA. Click this link for details: <https://www.namiwalks.org/team/Walking2theMAX>*

Calling ALL History Lovers! We need a little help gathering information on the enslaved persons buried in the Lomax Cemetery for an Arlington Historical Society grant funded project. Contact Sister Cox or Sister Byrd for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Plan to attend Connectional Lay Day Service on Sunday, 10/20/24 at 11am. Beside hearing God's word, something else "special" will occur. You are cordially invited to attend.

The next Lay Council Virtual Meeting is Thursday, 10/24/24 at 7pm via Zoom. Invite to follow.

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

7. Health Unit: September was Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Also, U.S. residential households are eligible to receive FREE COVID-19 test kits. Flyers with details are attached.

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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