

November 3, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax's 2nd Quarterly Conference: Please be advised that Presiding Elder Durant has advised that he will not be rescheduling Lomax's 2nd Quarterly Conference that had to be cancelled. All reports will simply be submitted through the AME Zion Church Quarterly Conference Management System.

2. Election-Related Prayer Services: As Tuesday's election draws near, there will be a number of prayer vigils in advance of the election. Here are two vigils in which you may want to participate:

- **The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy** will have a Prayer Vigil on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7 pm. The host church is the Church at Clarendon, located at 1210 N. Highland Street, Arlington, VA 22201, where Rev. Dr. Danielle Bridgeforth is the Pastor.
- **The Washington District Department of Evangelism** is sponsoring a Prayer Vigil on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 8 pm, via Zoom. The meeting ID is 858 0065 7225, passcode is 153769. The theme for the Vigil is "The Faith Community United in Prayer: Election — Country — Kingdom" based upon 2 Chronicles 7:14. The Vigil will feature Rev. Dr. Eleazar Merriweather, Executive Director of the AME Zion Church Department of Church Growth and Development and Rev. Dr. Larry Owens, Jr., the Pastor of Canaan Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

Please note that Pastor Nelson anticipates being present for the prayer vigil being sponsored by the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy.

3. Pentagon Hotel Development Project: The Pentagon Hotel Development Project Arlington County Site Review Process is underway. Sis. Gloria Little has agreed to represent Lomax on the Site Review Committee. Thank you to Sis. Little. The Committee will hold its first of two public meetings on November 14, 2024. **In advance of this meeting, we will have a Lomax Members' Meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024, by Zoom, to provide the congregation with information about the development project and to obtain congregation feedback in advance of the November 14, 2024, Committee meeting.** (We are aware that November 11, 2024, is Veteran's Day, but believe that all observances will have taken place by 7 pm that day.) Zoom participation information will be shared next week. In the interim, you may use the following link to review publicly available information about the project plans: [2480 South Glebe Road – Hotel Pentagon Site – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government \(arlingtonva.us\)](https://www.arlingtonva.us/2480-South-Glebe-Road-Hotel-Pentagon-Site-Official-Website-of-Arlington-County-Virginia-Government).

4. Joint Thanksgiving Service: A Joint Thanksgiving Service will take place between Lomax AME Zion Church and St. Michael's Episcopal Church on November 17, 2024, at 10:00 am at Lomax. Additional details will follow.

5. St. John's Baptist Church Pastoral Installation: St. John's Baptist Church will have several services and events relating to the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Bill Burrell. Please see the attached announcement.

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 note that we Fall Back this Sunday, November 3rd, as Daylight Savings Time ends. Please join us this Sunday at 11 am. Of course, you are encouraged to invite someone to worship with us this Sunday. Sunday's bulletin and 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/>.

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: Please look for information later this week about whether Bible Study will take place as Pastor Nelson may be unavailable due to his birthday.

10. Women's Ministry: Lomax's Women's Ministry will meet on November 7, 2024, at 7:30 pm, to plan for the remainder of the conference year. The women of Lomax are reminded to please complete the survey that was previously emailed to you by Rev. Tina.

Meeting ID: 832-967-3676

Passcode: 381938

11. Lay Council Information: HELP US TO RE-STOCK THE PANTRY THIS HOLIDAY! The [Holiday Food Drive Committee](#) is encouraging you to donate the following food items:

CANNED ITEMS -- corn, mixed veggies, yams, cranberry sauce, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna, soups, chickpeas, tomato sauce.

BOXED/PACKAGED GOODS -- pancake mix, cereal, potatoes, rice, dried beans (lentils, pintos, white beans, etc.)

OTHER ITEMS -- peanut butter, syrup, condiments, shelf stable milk, sugar, flour.

An extensive list and drop-box are located in the Church Lobby. Gift cards can be given to Sister Gloria Camp and/or Sister Victoria Tesfamariam for the Food Pantry Ministry.

[Jesus said] "If you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." ~ Matthew 10:42

12. Health Unit: This month's focus is on managing screen time and promoting healthy tech habits. A flyer is attached.

13. Floral Ministry: The flowers on the altar today are in memory of our Grandmother Roxie Greene and Mother Mary Betton. --Joanne Hawkins and Maxine Roberts

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