

**November 17, 2024**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. 2024 Advent Study Book:** Beginning on Sunday, November 17, 2024, this year's Advent Study book will be available for pick-up from a member of the Board of Stewards. We will be using "On the Way to Bethlehem." A donation is not required. However, if you care to, you may donate \$12.00 for the study through Givelify or your donation envelope, with a designation "Advent Study Book." **Because a limited number of books were ordered, we are asking that those in the same household share, and that members not take books if you don't plan to participate in all four weeks of this Study.** "O come, O come, Emmanuel ..."

**2. Hotel Pentagon Site Review Committee Review Meeting:** Thank you to Sis. Gloria Little for representing Lomax well during this past Thursday's Hotel Pentagon Site Review Committee Meeting. Though serving on the Committee on behalf of his development, Bro. Fred Craddock was a valuable resource as well during the meeting.

**3. Sunday School: Sunday School is suspended this week due to the Joint Thanksgiving Service between Lomax AME Zion Church and St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 10:00 am at Lomax.**

**4. Sunday Worship:** A Joint Thanksgiving Service will take place between Lomax AME Zion Church and St. Michael's Episcopal Church on November 17, 2024. **Please make sure that those who do not regularly read the emailed announcements are aware that this Sunday our service will begin at 10:00 am.** Two lay people from each church will be bringing meditations, and choirs from both churches will sing. From Lomax, Sis. Wilma Newby and Bro. Fred Peterbark will be bringing meditations.

As usual, you are encouraged to 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/>.

**5. 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

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**6. Bible Study: There will not be Bible Study this week so that Pastor Nelson can support Rev. Tina Nelson who will be receiving a prestigious award from the DC Bar Foundation.**

**7. Medicare Open Enrollment Clinic:** Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) will be at [The Shelton Apartments](#) (3215 24th St. South, Arlington, VA 22206) on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. facilitating a Medicare Open Enrollment Clinic to discuss health insurance and prescription drug coverage.

**Attendees are required to bring the following to receive assistance:**

- **ID**
- **Health insurance cards**
- **Current prescriptions**

**8. Health Unit:** November is Diabetes Awareness Month. A flyer is attached.

**9. Life Members Council:** Please join the Life Members Council in providing Christmas gift bags for those in need of assistance within the Arlington community. We are collecting bags for both men and women. Please use a red ribbon on the handle of the bag you prepare to identify it's for a woman or green for a man.

We request that the gift bag contain toiletries/personal hygiene items, hats, scarves and or gloves, etc. A list identifying recommended items can be found in the church foyer. The completed bags can be placed in a designated box in the church vestibule. Please provide your donation no later than December 20, 2024.

For additional information please contact Carolyn Blackmon, 703-924-0839, Marie Gee, or Wilma Newby. Thanks in advance for your support of this effort. -The Women Home and Overseas Missionary Society's Life Members Council

**10. 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*

**11. Floral Ministry: It's time to order your Poinsettias!**

If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one during the holiday, then fill out the attached form beginning now **through December 15, 2024** or you may contact Andrea Peterbark. Cost: \$20 each -The 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](mailto:peteyva@aol.com) and [lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com)

Phone: 703-568-8511

Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church