

November 24, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Membership Assessments: As we approach the 2nd Check-Up Meeting, this is a friendly reminder that Lomax's approved budget is in part based upon members paying their assessments. If possible, members are asked to pay their General Claims assessment of \$265.00 per member and Quarterly Conference assessment of \$85.00 per member prior to the December 14, 2024, 2nd Check-Up Meeting. Please contact Sis. Ruthy Brown if you have any questions or concerns.

2. 2024 Advent Study Book: This year's Advent Study book is available for pick-up from Bro. Tommy Baugh or a designated 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 ..."

3. Senior Ministry: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2024, as they host a presentation on "Life, Health, and Final Expenses" given by Adrian P. Hall, a Life and Health Broker. Please see the attached flyer. Looking forward to sharing with you!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85106069738>

Meeting ID: 851 0606 9738

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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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. Of course, 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/>.

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. Food Pantry: The Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please call 703 979 8408, to request an appointment if you need food assistance. The Food Pantry will not be open on Wednesday Nov. 27, 2024.

8. Free Thanksgiving Meal at Arlington Assembly of God: Arlington Assembly of God (4501 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA 22204) is hosting a FREE Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. following an optional worship service. Contact Fran Hatcher at 703-524-1667 for questions. A flyer is attached.

9. Bible Study: To allow for Thanksgiving preparations on Wednesday evening, Bible Study will take place this week on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7 pm. The Bible Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately on Tuesday afternoon.

10. 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

11. Lay Council Information:

CONTINUE TO RE-STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. Suggested shopping lists and a drop box for donations are in the Church Lobby. The Holiday Food Drive Committee thanks all those who have already contributed. *Gift cards can still 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*

SAVE THE DATE! *On Sunday, December 15, 2024, we will gather for a "Lomax Family Christmas Fellowship" after worship service. Celebrating the end of the year ~ Holiday Card Exchange ~ and a Re-gifting Exchange. A flyer and more information to follow.*

12. Floral Ministry:

- The flowers are in honor of the 74th birthday of sister Gloria Humphrey Camp today November 24, 2024. I thank God for his mercy in seeing another year. God is good! I honor my sisters and brothers who celebrate their day beginning in November. To God be the Glory for our births!
- The flowers on the Altar today are to provide a special thanks and appreciation to our Lomax Church family for your love, faithfulness, and continued financial support to the church. "In everything give thanks ..." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 KJV --The Board of Trustees
- **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 and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;
Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church