

December 1, 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. Virtual Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District 2nd Check-Up Meeting: This meeting will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Information relating to virtual participation will be provided upon receipt.

3. 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

4. Sunday Worship: This Sunday we will begin our observation of Advent, as well as extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to Sis. Caryn Carter. 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, the Advent Reading, and the Prayer and Bereaved List are 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

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

6. 2024 Advent Study: This year's Advent Study will begin on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. We will be using "On the Way to Bethlehem." Any Advent Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately during the week.

7. Lomax Christmas Fellowship: Please see the attached flyer about this year's Christmas Fellowship, which will take place on December 15, 2024, immediately following the morning worship service.

8. 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

9. 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.

10. 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 and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;
Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church