

# December 22, 2024

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Church Office Closure:** The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – Wednesday, December 25, 2024 and Tuesday, December 31, 2024 – Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

**2. Membership Assessments:** As we approach the end of the calendar year, 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 December 31, 2024. Please contact Sis. Ruthy Brown if you have any questions or concerns.

**3. December 2024 S.H.A.R.E.:** S.H.A.R.E. distribution day is Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 11:15 am - 12:30 pm.

**4. 2024 Advent Study:** Our Advent Study will conclude on Monday, December 23, 2024. **Please make note of this change.** The Advent Study handout and Zoom information will be sent separately on Monday.

**5. Food Pantry Holiday Schedule:** The Lomax Church Food Pantry Winter Holiday Schedule is as follows.

- **Monday, December 23, 2024:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **(No appointment required.)**

- **Wednesday, December 25, 2024: CLOSED**

- **Monday, December 30, 2024:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **(No appointment required.)**

- **Wednesday, January 1, 2025: CLOSED**

- **Wednesday, January 8, 2025: Normal scheduling resumes** (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Appointments required.)

**6. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer will not take place this Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

**7. Senior Ministry:** The Lomax Senior Ministry will not meet on December 28th, 2024. Wishing each and every one of you a blessed Christmas holiday! Looking forward to celebrating our 24th anniversary with each of you on January 25, 2025.

**8. Sunday School:** Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**9. 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 and the Advent Reading 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/>.

**10. Life Members Council:** Thank you for your contributions! All Christmas gift bags for those in need of assistance within the Arlington community have been distributed. -The Women Home and Overseas Missionary Society's Life Members Council

**11. Lay Council Information:**

Lomax Family, it is too difficult to individually name everyone for the role they played in ensuring that our Christmas Fellowship was a huge success. HOWEVER, Co-chairs Towana Murray, Jeri Pincham, and Ruthy Brown deserve mentioning. Calling others, cooking, shopping, contributing ideas, and helping to coordinate the day's activities is with God's grace what made the experience so much FUN!

***"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and one mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ Romans 15: 5-6***

Thanks to ALL for attending and pitching-in, Sister Byrd

The Holiday Food Drive Committee is encouraging Clubs and Boards to continue to fight food insecurity through ongoing contributions to 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

Stay tuned for more information on Spiritual Emphasis Week 2025, and Lay Council meetings and activities in the new year.

**12. Arlington's Annual Tribute to Martin Luther King:** Join Arlington County as our community honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the 2025 MLK Tribute event. This year's production, *Dreams, Faith, and Justice in Action* showcases local talent in the form of dance, music, and storytelling while also highlighting local organizations that live out the importance of Dr. King's work right here in Arlington. A flyer is attached. [Learn more and RSVP here: https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/MLK-Tribute](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/MLK-Tribute)

**Event Details:**

Sunday, January 19, 2025 - 5:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Wakefield High School Auditorium  
1325 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington, VA 22206

**13. Floral Ministry:** The Floral Ministry invites 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