

**December 29, 2024**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

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

**2. Life Members Announcement:** Lomax Church Family, I take this opportunity to thank each of you who participated in the Lomax Life Members' Christmas Gift Bag endeavor. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide 82 plus bags to the Arlington County Department of Social Services for the benefit of some of their clients during this holiday season. I would like to especially thank Ms. Wilma Newby, Mrs. Marie Gee and Ms. Debra Byrd for their invaluable support in this effort. We were able to do the work of missions within the Arlington community thanks to each of you!! -- Carolyn Blackmon, Lomax Life Members Chairperson

**3. 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.

**4. 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

**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 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/>.

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

- **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.)

**7. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer takes place on Tuesday, December 31st, 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

**8. Bible Study: Due to the New Year's Day holiday, we will not have Bible Study on January 1, 2025.**

**9. 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

**10. 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