

January 12, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax Messenger: The editors of the Lomax Messenger would like to give you an opportunity to reflect on our past accomplishments by contributing to the upcoming "**year in review**" edition of the newsletter with a planned release date of January 20, 2025. While we reflect on our past, we plan and look forward to our future and all that is possible. Please think about the activities in which your club or board participated throughout 2024 and provide a write-up (feel free to include pictures). **We look forward to receiving your information by no later than January 14, 2025.** As we look to the future, let us remember these words found in Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV): "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." We are destined for greatness and if we faint not, our territory will be enlarged!

2. Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference: Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference will be held on January 27, 2025. If you are amenable to the participate and will be unable to do so, please provide your name to Chantel Aberdeen by Friday, January 24, 2025, at 5 pm so that one list can be provided Presiding Elder Durant of those seeking to be excused.

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: 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/>.

5. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer takes place on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 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. Bible Study: Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 7 pm. We will begin a New Year study on "Time, Talent, and Treasures." **All members are encourage to participate.**

7. Lomax Senior Ministry's 24th Anniversary Event: Please come and join the Lomax Senior Ministry for a viewing of the film "Six Triple Eight" and acknowledge the involvement of former dedicated member Edith Dawson as a member of the 6888th battalion, as well as our local community. All are invited to share/acknowledge the involvement of others in our community that contributed to the phenomenal success of this organization of Black women in World War II. Please contact Sis. Brenda Cox if you know of a 6888th battalion member so that their contributions can be acknowledged at the event. A flyer is forthcoming.

Topic: A showing of the Netflix movie "Six Triple Eight"

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Where: Lomax AME Zion Church 2704 24th Road S, Arlington, VA 22206

NOTE: DUE TO COPYRIGHT ISSUES, THE MOVIE WILL NOT BE ZOOMED!!!

8. Health Unit: Spiritual and Emotional Health is this month's focus. A flyer is attached.

9. January 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders and payments must be submitted by Saturday, January 11, 2025. To order, please send an email to lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. Distribution day is Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

10. 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>

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

11. The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved

Community Celebration: The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy cordially invites you to a special event honoring the life, legacy, and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's program promises to be a day of enlightenment, inspiration, and fellowship as we reflect on the dream of building a Beloved Community. **This event will take place on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1601 South 13th Road, Arlington, VA 22204.**

Here is the event schedule:

- Beloved Community Panel Discussion: 10:30 - 11:45 am (Pastor Nelson is scheduled to participate.)
- Beloved Community Program: 12:00 pm

The featured speaker, Mrs. Willie Pearl Mackey King, is an extraordinary figure who played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement. She had the distinct honor of typing the historic Letter from Birmingham Jail for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and served as an administrator at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during his leadership. A flyer is attached.

12. Floral Ministry: The flowers on the altar for this Sunday, January 12, 2024, will be in memory of the Rowe Family.

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