January 26, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Lomax Senior Ministry's 24th Anniversary Event: Join the Lomax Senior Ministry this Saturday, January 25, 2025, for a viewing of the Netflix film "The Six Triple Eight" and acknowledgement of the involvement of former dedicated member Edith Dawson, who was a member of the 6888th battalion. Families, friends, and community members are welcome to join this heartfelt tribute to this organization of Black women in World War II. Veterans and active-duty service members are encouraged to attend. This is an in-person event. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. The film viewing begins at 10:00 a.m. NOTE: DUE TO COPYRIGHT ISSUES, THE MOVIE WILL NOT BE ZOOMED!!!

Please contact Sis. Brenda Cox if you know of a 6888th battalion member so that their contributions can be acknowledged at the event. Plans are being made for a "PART 2: Deeper Dive into the Film and Discussion" via Zoom on Saturday, February 22, 2025, during Black History Month. A flyer is attached.

- **2.** Arlington County Site Plan Review Committee Meeting: Arlington County will have its second of two Site Plan Review Committee Meetings on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 7-9 pm. This meeting relates to the development being proposed for the Hotel Pentagon Site. The in-person location of the meeting is the Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Third Floor, Room 311. Virtual participation is possible using MS Teams and the following information:
 - Click here to join the meeting via Teams
 - To join by phone, dial +1 (347) 973-6905
 - Enter the conference ID when prompted: 127 603 872#
- 3. Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference RESCHEDULED: Due to the Arlington County Site Plan Review Committee Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2025, Presiding Elder Durant has rescheduled Lomax's 3rd Quarterly Conference to Monday, February 17, 2025, at 7 pm.

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 2668

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 on Tuesdays 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. Bible Study:** This Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 7 pm, we will continue our Bible Study series entitled, "Elevating Our Stewardship." The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent out during the week.
- **8. Health Unit:** This week's focus is on Building Better Health Habits. A flyer is attached.
- **9. Lay Council Information:** ALERT! We are closing out our membership drive for this conference year. If you have not provided a dues payment between 6/1/24 and NOW, please renew or become a new Lay Council member.

****Dues structure**** Regular (new or renewal) \$10.00, Life Membership (new) \$125.00/Stole \$50.00, Sustaining Life member (if you are already a Life member) \$10.00. We'll close-out our drive on 2/28/25.

If you desire to check your status or have any questions, feel free to contact Sister Debra Byrd. Thanks for your involvement and continued support!

A flyer for the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Lay Council Annual "Black & Gold" Gala is attached. The affair is Friday, February 28, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Baltimore North in Pikesville, MD. Tickets are \$75.00. ONLY 200 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. Let the Lay Council President know if you are interested, so a ticket can be reserved for you!

- **10.** Washington District Third Mass Meeting: This meeting will be held on February 1, 2025, at Varick Memorial AME Zion Church at 9:00 A.M. A Continental Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 A.M. The outreach endeavor for Varick is the Group Home in River Terrace The request is for \$10.00 gift cards from Walmart or Target. On-street parking is available around the church and there are no residential parking restrictions. Virtual information will be provided as soon as it is received from the host Church.
- **11. The Henry & Mamie Sink Scholarship Fund:** The Scholarship Fund invites graduating High School and current College students to submit the required documentation for the Henry & Mamie Sink Scholarship Fund. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2025. Please contact Darlene Logan or any member of the Scholarship Committee for specific criteria or if you need more information.
- **12.** The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Beloved Community Celebration: Due to inclement weather, the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Dr. King Beloved Community Observance has been postponed until February 16, 2025, at 4:00 pm.

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