

## **May 19, 2024**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

### **1. "The Conference Year In Review and Looking Forward" – A**

**Churchwide Meeting:** Please save-the-date of Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 10 am - 2 pm, for a churchwide gathering to review the 2023-2024 conference year and look forward to the 2024-2025 conference year. **Each ministry of the church will be asked to highlight one thing accomplished during the prior conference year, and one thing they'd like to accomplish in the new conference year.** – Pastor Nelson

**2. Pastor Appreciation:** The Steward Board invites the Lomax Family to gather with them on this Sunday, May 19th for their annual Pastor Appreciation celebration following the morning service. Join us in the church parking lot for a brief program and luncheon meal. Members are encouraged to share their brief statements of appreciation and gifts during the program. Gifts can be given to members of the Steward Boards, put in the offering basket, left in the basket at the celebration or through Givelify. Please come as we honor our Pastor and his family.

**3. Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference:** Bishop W. Darin Moore will convene the Philadelphia and Baltimore Annual Conference May 22-26, 2024. The conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, North Bethesda, Maryland. **Due to a lack of expressed interest, we will not provide bus transportation on Sunday, May 26th to the closing Annual Conference worship service.**

**4. Thank You to Men of Lomax:** This comes to let you know that the WOMEN OF LOMAX express their sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for the sincere expressions extended to us on Mother's Day, 2024!!! The sentiments shared with us during the service really touched our hearts, and our gift bags were FABULOUS!!! The snacks were right on time, and our cups will serve as a PRICELESS memory of a PERFECT day. Thank you for ALL of your efforts on our behalf! Wishing you God's continued blessings!!!! -The Women of Lomax!!!!

**5. S.H.A.R.E.:** S.H.A.R.E. orders distribution day is Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

**6. Lay Council/News from the Pews:** Learn more about Lay ministry. You are invited to attend the Lay Convocation at the Annual Conference on

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 9:00am. Attending the Convocation is FREE! SEE FLYER FOR AGENDA. Peace & Blessings from Your Lay Council

**7. Sunday School:** The Board Room will be open for Sunday School this Sunday, May 19, 2024. As always, Zoom participation will also be available. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am.

**Also, please note that there will not be Sunday School on May 26, 2024, due to the Annual Conference closing worship service.**

Following is Zoom participation information for Sunday School this Sunday, May 19th:

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

**8. Sunday Worship: Please join us this Sunday at 11 am as we observe Pentecost Sunday and 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/>.

**Please note that a decision about worship on Sunday, May 26, due to Annual Conference, will be made and shared during the week.**

**9. 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

Please note that there will not be Intercessory Prayer on next Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

**10. Bible Study:** In order to complete our study of the gospel of Mark, **we will have Bible study on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.** The handout and Zoom participation information will be shared during the week as usual.

Please note that we will not have Bible Study on next Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

**11. Senior Ministry:** Due to the Annual Conference convening next week, there will be no Lomax Senior Ministry meeting on Saturday, May 25, 2024.

**12. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments:** As we approach the FY 2023/2024 conference year ending, May 31, 2024, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00; General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00, to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru your church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your class leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown.

**13. 55+ Health Fair:** Please find attached a flyer about a Health Fair on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, for those who are 55+ years old. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

**14. Green Valley Civic Association:** "Fridays in Green Valley" is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2024. A flyer is attached.

**15. Washington District Polo Shirts:** Orders for Washing District polo shirts are being accepted through June 1, 2024. The order form was previously provided.

**16. Children's Day Weekend/Lomax 2024 Summer Children's Festival:** The Christian Education Ministry is hosting a Lomax Summer Children's Festival to promote outreach in the Community. The festival will take place in the Church parking lot on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 12:00pm-2:00pm. There will be games, activities, face painting, a book giveaway and more. Please consider donating new and gently used children's books. Come out to support the children, and to fellowship with the Community. The Children's Day Weekend Theme: "It's a Heart Thing."