

March 2, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. With Appreciation: Special thanks are extended to Sis. Brenda Cox for pulling triple duty on Saturday, February 22, and Sunday, February 23. On Saturday, February 22nd, Sis. Cox led part two of the Senior Ministry's presentation about the Six Triple Eight and represented Lomax, with other Lomax members, at the Arlington County "Feel the Heritage" Celebration of African American History and Culture. Then, on Sunday, February 23rd, Sis. Cox co-presented with Pastor Nelson at a Green Valley Churches presentation hosted by St. Timothy and St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Church. Thank you as well to the Lomax members who also attended this event. — Pastor Nelson

2. Thank You: This comes as a sincere expression of thanks to the Lomax members and community that supported the efforts of the Lomax Senior Ministry last weekend. First and foremost the efforts of the Gaskill Family members, James Gaskill, Jr. and Barbara Ratliff and Jae Liberty in sharing the extensive involvement of their family members in our nation's military, up until today was phenomenal. The fact that Nia Liberty called in from London to support us was the icing on the cake! Our former member, Wanda Richardson's sharing of her homegirl's involvement in the "6888" during World War II really "put the icing on the cake!" The efforts of our members Stephen and Towanna Murray, Stephen Roye, Clifton and Ruthy Brown, Linda Campbell, and Rev. Monica Hargrove for their assistance in getting the exhibit done and manning it was "PRICELESS!!!" Please know that your efforts were greatly appreciated! — Brenda Cox

3. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting: Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. will hold the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting this Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Baltimore, MD. Those who are amenable should plan to attend unless excused by Bishop Thompson (with notification going to Pastor Nelson).

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

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5. Sunday Worship: Sunday's worship service will begin at 11 am. Please 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. Women's Ministry Women's Day Weekend Meeting: The Women's Ministry will meet on Monday, March 3 at 7pm to plan for Women's Day Weekend.

Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8329673676?pwd=UVhQZkxueHhtMFovQU84UURUR2p5UT09>

Meeting ID - 832 967 3676

Passcode - 381938

7. 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

8. Ash Wednesday Service: Please join us on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 7 pm for Ash Wednesday service. Please invite someone who is unchurched as we begin this season of reflection, repentance, and renewal.

9. Lay Council Information:

Membership: LAST CALL! 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 are \$10.00.

Recognition: The Washington District has begun a fundraising campaign called, "Mr. Washington District". Lomax has selected Mr. Willie Lamb to be our contestant. We are asking that every Club & Board donate at least \$30.00 to the Mr. Washington District campaign. Individuals may donate any amount. Our goal is to raise at least \$300.00; however, the candidate who raises the most money will get the title. Let's get competitive and support our guy, Brother Willie Lamb! Donations can be sent via church envelope or Givelify. Remember to note that it's for "Mr. Washington District". Our campaign will run from March 1st to March 30th.

~ Thank you on behalf of the Lay Council Executive Board

10. Board of Trustees: HELP WANTED! Looking for church members and clubs & boards to participate in our next scheduled "Church Beautification and Clean-up Day on Saturday, March 8th 2025 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Let's get God's house, and grounds in order before hosting guests during the 5th Sunday Fellowship! We can't do it without YOU!

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work." ~ Ecclesiastes 4:9

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Healthy Soul Food Swaps. A flyer is attached.

CPR Program

The Health Unit would like to know if you are interested in attending a Hands2Hearts Community CPR Program offered by the Arlington Fire Department and Virginia Hospital Center.

The focus of this program is to train people how to recognize a cardiac arrest, request help, and initiate hands-only CPR.

We will need at least 15 people to offer the course here at Lomax AME Zion Church.

If you are interested contact any Health Unit member or call and/or text 301-801-3237.

12. Alleyne's 75th Anniversary Weekend: Alleyne AME Zion Church's 75th Anniversary Weekend schedule is as follows. A flyer is attached.

- Saturday, March 29, 2025: "It's All About You!" Diamond White Awards Banquet. Pastor and Rev. Nelson will serve as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies for this celebration.
- Sunday, March 30, 2025: Sunday Worship as our own Presiding Prelate, Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr., brings the Sunday Morning Message

13. Floral Ministry: Happy Heavenly Birthday on March 6th to my mom (Virginia T. Wright) and my aunt (Elizabeth Harris). Miss you guys very much. Love you, your daughter and niece. - Jean Wright

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. — Andrea Peterbark