

March 9, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Board of Trustees: This Saturday, March 8, 2025: HELP WANTED! Looking for church members and clubs & boards to participate in our next scheduled "Church Beautification and Clean-up Day tomorrow 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

2. Pastor Nelson's Schedule: This coming week, Monday, March 10 - Saturday, March 15, 2025, Pastor Nelson will be in Charlotte, NC for the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Churches Committee on Uniform Series. He will be available by phone and email.

3. Lent Preaching Series: As we begin our Lenten journey, our 2025 Lenten Preaching Series services will be held each Wednesday night at 7 pm. This year, our theme is: "Lent and Liberation." Our Lenten journey will focus on each of us having an "awakening" that turns into "action" using selected texts from Exodus. We are asking all members of the church to be present in person each Wednesday, especially on the night your class is asked to be present. Here is the preaching and class participation schedule:

- March 12 Rev. Jennifer Carter-Powe, Alleyne AME Zion Church
Classes 2, 7
- March 19 Rev. Dr. Christopher Zacharias, John Wesley AME Zion Church
Classes 3, 9, 14
- March 26 To be confirmed
All Classes
- April 2 Rev. Dr. Carol Green-Freeman, Wilson Blvd. Christian Church
Classes 5, 11, 15
- April 9 To be confirmed
All Classes

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. 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: There will not be Bible Study this week due to our Lenten Preaching Series service.

8. Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington - First Unveiling: The Arlington Historical Society and the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington invite you to the unveiling of the first of a series of "Stumbling Stones." These bronze markers commemorate the lives of the enslaved people who helped build our county (and our country). The markers are placed in the sidewalk at the last known location where these enslaved people lived. MEA's research has revealed over 2750 enslaved people and identified 1050 by name.

Dedication Ceremony Date and Location:

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.

Northeast Corner of Little Falls Road and Harrison Street Arlington, VA 22207

The Dedication Ceremony will honor the following once enslaved individuals:

- **Margaret Hyson:** Born ca 1825, Died July 11, 1891
- **George Hyson:** Born ca 1851, Died June 1900
- **Charlotte Hyson:** Born Nov. 10, 1853, Died June 9, 1921

Memorializing the Enslaved in Arlington seeks to shed light upon these early Americans who contributed so much to the economic, social, and cultural development of our county. For more information, please contact Jessica Kaplan from the Arlington Historical Society at ahsedlink@gmail.com

9. Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.): The Lomax Young Adult Missionary Society, a Department of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the AMEZ Church will meet on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. Inviting all women between the ages of 22-40 for our kickoff meeting. Zoom participation information will be sent before the meeting. Let's come together to put our motto into action. -Sis. Caryn White

“With hearts and hands: We reach up to God for strength and direction, We reach out to love and touch others, We reach down to lift fallen humanity.”

10. 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 is \$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

11. Women's Ministry Lenten Journals: The Lomax Women's Ministry has purchased several copies of a Lenten journal, *Lenten Coloring and Prayer Journal for Women: 40-Day Devotional with Inspirational Bible Verses, Reflections, and Creative Pages for Spiritual Renewal*. Any woman wanting one should see Rev. Tina.

12. Senior Ministry: On Saturday, March 22, 2025 a Certified Hearing Loss Support Specialist will give a virtual presentation on “Hearing Aids - Beware and Be Wise.” Additional information and a flyer are forthcoming.

13. March 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: S.H.A.R.E. orders and payments must be submitted by Saturday, March 15, 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, March 22, 2025, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

14. Health Unit: This week’s focus is Check-ups & Check-ins. 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.

15. 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

16. Green Valley Farmers Market: Organizations that provide services to the Green Valley Community are invited to market those services at Green Valley Farmers Market on Friday's from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. beginning on April 7, 2025, through November 2025. Each market will feature and highlight a service provider and sponsor table. A flyer, vendor application, volunteer form, and task list are attached.

The market will have the following activities:

- Vendors and Artisans
- Cooking Demonstrations and Sampling
- Youth Market
- Dinner Chats
- Walk and Talk
- Children's Activities
- Staged Events and Entertainment

Please direct inquiries to Portia A. Clark, Market Manager, Green Valley Farmers Market CARE, Inc. careinc1996@gmail.com