

June 1, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Pastor Appreciation: To the Steward Board and members of Lomax, thank you for the Pastor Appreciation last Sunday, including the gift of the black doctoral robe, as well as the individual and ministry expressions of appreciation, which will be acknowledged in writing. I am looking forward to this eighth year serving as the pastor of Lomax. I believe that this will be a year of "new beginnings!" — Pastor Nelson

2. Special Thanks: I'm very honored and humble to have been selected and awarded the Katherine S. Burrell Lay Council Leadership Award, established in memory of the late Katherine S. Burrell, past Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference Lay Council President. Katherine was a great leader and a pillar in the life of the AME Zion Church. I will proudly represent Sis. Burrell's legacy and the laity of the Washington District. Special thanks to Pastor Nelson, the Lay Council, and the Lomax Church family for your participation, love, and support.

Psalm 145:13 says, "God is Faithful in all His Promises and loving toward all he has made."

In appreciation, Sis. Ruthy Brown

3. Moral Monday — This Monday, June 2, 2025, Bishop, Bishop Brian R Thompson, Sr., is calling on members of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District to embody the spirit of the Freedom Church and actively participate in the upcoming Moral Monday. As a covenant partner to the Poor People's Campaign, the A.M.E. Zion stands for justice and equality. This is not just a call to action; it is a plea for solidarity and support in the fight for justice. **We will gather at 9am and march from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 301 A Street, S.E., Washington, DC, 20003, to the Supreme Court, which is an 8-minute walk.** The press conference will begin at 11am, where we will raise our voices and make our presence known. For those who cannot attend, we ask that you be in fervent prayer. We want a strong showing to demonstrate our unity and commitment to justice. Please see the attached flyer for details.

4. Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District Weekly Prayer Call: The Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District is hosting a weekly Prayer Call every Monday at 7:00 a.m. Start your week with a powerful prayer and connect with your MAED Family as we seek God together. The call-in number and access code are on the flyer - 202-926-1127 - Access Code: 221993

5. 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

6. Sunday Worship Service: Please invite someone who is unchurched to our morning worship service at 11 am. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved list are 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/>.

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. Bible Study: Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7 pm. The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent during the week.

9. Health Unit: A flyer with information on Men's Health is attached.

10. Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School Blood Drive: The Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of Drew Elementary School accepting donations on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. A flyer is attached.

For appointments call 1-866-256-6372 or use the following link: https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/34600

11. Annual Cancer Survivors Day: VHC Health's Annual Cancer Survivors Day event is Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Family friendly activities are scheduled. A flyer is attached with details.

12. Washington District Planning Meeting: The Washington District Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 10 am at Contee AME Zion Church, 903 Division Avenue, N.E. Washington, DC 20019.

13. 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 Fridays from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at John Robinson Jr. Town Square of Arlington, Virginia through November 7, 2025. Each market will feature and highlight a service provider and sponsor table. A flyer is attached. Please direct inquiries to Portia A. Clark, Market Manager, Green Valley Farmers Market CARE, Inc. careinc1996@gmail.com

Apply to be a vendor by using the following

link: <https://marketspread.com/market/29370/green-valley-farmers-market/apply/5240/>

RSVP by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/J32HNExDLqsunDcc8>

14. 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

To Submit Orders: Email: peteyva@aol.com and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;

Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church