August 10, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

- **1. Lomax Virtual VBS 2025:** Lomax Virtual Vacation Bible School concludes Friday, August 8, 2025, with an in-person close-out at Lomax Church. *This year's VBS Theme: "MAGNIFIED Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things."* Thank you, Sis. Tiffany Jones, Sis. Veronica Riley, and Rev. Tina Nelson, VBS Co-Directors
- **2. Lomax Organizational Meeting:** Lomax's Organizational Meeting will take place this Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 10 am until 1 pm. This is an in-person meeting.
- **3. Lomax's 1st Quarterly Conference:** Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant will hold Lomax's 1st Quarterly Conference on August 11, 2025, at 7 pm. All amenable persons should plan to be present unless excused by P.E. Durant. This meeting will be virtual via Zoom. Here is the Zoom participation information:

Join Via

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81229918155?pwd=4BqRj1ThaGJmlXQoh5eNB2hd1Svdg7.1

Meeting ID: 812 2991 8155

Passcode: 010805

Dial-in Information: 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 812 2991 8155

Passcode: 010805

4. Charles R. Drew Elementary School Donations: As many of you know, Lomax has an ongoing relationship with Drew Elementary School. In the past few years, Lomax has participated in the school's effort to collect school supplies for their students. The school's administration has asked that donations this summer be made in the form of monetary contributions. Donations can be made through your church envelope and via Lomax's Givelify platform. Thanks for your support in advance. If you have any questions, please contact any member of Lomax's Steward Board.

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 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/.

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:** This Wednesday, August 13, 2025, we will complete our two-session Bible Study focused on "Leading God's Way." Any handout and participation information will be shared during the week. This week's Bible Study will be our final Bible Study prior to "summer selah." Bible Study will resume on September 3, 2025.
- **9. August 2025 S.H.A.R.E.:** The deadline for August S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, August 16, 2025. Payment is also due on this date. To order, please send an email to lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. The distribution day for August S.H.A.R.E. packages is Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

10. LAY COUNCIL INFORMATION:

Service -- We are seeking a chairperson and sub-committee members for Connectional Lay Day. Contact Sister Byrd for more information.

Membership -- "Keeping it 100!" We are striving for 100% church memberships in the Lay Council this year. Renewals or new memberships are \$10.00. Life memberships are \$125.00, plus \$50.00 for the stole. Payments can be made via church envelope or via Givelify. Please note -- Lay Council dues. Thank you!

Education -- See the attached VICAP Classes in August flyer for information on "Exposing Scams 8/18 and Key Facts about Medigap Policies 8/20". http://www.arlingtonva.us/VICAP

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Healthy Lunchbox Ideas. A flyer is attached.

12. Green Valley Community Day 2025: The Green Valley Community of Arlington proudly invites you to be a part of our annual Green Valley Community Day! This year's theme is "In the Spirit of Unity," and we're excited to bring neighbors, friends, and partners together for a fun-filled day of celebration, connection, and community pride.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

John Robinson Town Square (2406 S. Shirlington Rd.) & Dr. Charles R. Drew Community Center (3500 S. 23rd St.) — Arlington, VA

We are currently seeking:

- Entertainers
- Sponsors & Donors
- Vendors (Retail, Non-Profit, Community, Health)
- Volunteers
- Food Vendors

Interested in participating or supporting the event or just have feedback? We'd love to hear from you! Please submit this <u>form</u>* which contains full details of how to get involved. Let's come together "In the Spirit of Unity" at Green Valley Day — we hope to see you there!

*Form URL: https://forms.gle/VUbZYr1L8H5zEmYE8

Green Valley Civic Association: https://greenvalleyciv.org

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