

**August 17, 2025**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Pastor Nelson's Vacation:** Pastor Nelson will be on vacation August 18 - September 1, 2025. During this time, please contact Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove for any spiritual needs and Bro. Tommy Baugh, the Preacher's Steward, for all other concerns. Pastor Nelson is soliciting your prayers for himself, Rev. Tina, and Collin, as they travel.

**2. 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.

**3. 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

**4. 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/>.

**5. 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

*NOTE: The Intercessory Prayer calls will be suspended on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**, and **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. Intercessory Prayer will resume on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.*

**6. Bible Study:** We will not have Bible Study during the remainder of the month of August. Please enjoy your "Summer Selah." Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

**7. 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](mailto: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.

#### **8. 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>

**9. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Black Mental Health Awareness & Empowerment. A flyer is attached.

**10. First Quarterly Mass Meeting:** The First Quarterly Mass Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025, located at R. L. Jones AME Zion Church at 9:00 a.m. Stoling will take place at the beginning of the meeting. The address is: 1723 Lawrence St. NW, Washington, DC 20018. It is requested that all Missionaries attend the First Mass Meeting in-person. In addition to stoles, the recommended attire for missionaries is white, and dark suits for men. Thanks, Sis. Ruthy Brown, Lomax's WH&OMS President

**11. Lomax WH&OMS Meeting:** We are calling on Lomax's Missionaries, including each department head for the Life Members Council, YAMs, Supply Bureau, and BUDs, to join us for our first missionary meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 7:00p.m. by Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided in a separate email the week of the meeting. Thanks in advance! Sis. Ruthy Brown, WH&OMS, President.

**12. Washington District Fifth Sunday Fellowship:** Varick Memorial AME Zion Church will host the Washington District 5th Sunday Fellowship Worship Service at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 2025, featuring the newly formed Washington District Conference Choir under the direction of Rev. David Deverteuil. The address is 255 Anacostia Ave Washington, DC 20019. A flyer is attached.

**13. 2025 Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District Leadership Training Institute:** This year's MAED LTI will be held October 23-25, 2025, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD. Each person amenable to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference is expected to register yourself. Other Lomax ministry leaders and members of Lomax are encouraged to register and attend. Please direct registration financial hardships directly to Pastor Nelson. Links to register and to reserve your hotel room are below. A flyer is attached.

LTI Registrations:

<https://B3050805485318EF.chmeetings.com/events/49BF02E8B57096E4>

Room Reservations:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/51092129>

**14. 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 [form](#)\* 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>

**15. 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](mailto: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>