

September 14, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. First Check-Up Meeting: This Saturday, September 13, 2025, Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. will hold the 1st Check-Up Meeting of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. The meeting will be held at Union Wesley AME Zion Church, 1860 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC. The Check-Up meeting begins at 10:00 am. Before the Check-Up meeting, Bishop Thompson will meet with preachers at 9:00 am., Missionary Supervisor Rev. Felica Thompson will meet with missionaries at 9:00 am, and the Conference Christian Education Department and Lay Council will meet at 9:00 am.

2. Message from the Board of Trustees: Be careful navigating the 1st floor of the Education Building this weekend. The Kitchen floor is being replaced. Thank you!

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. Episcopal Visit/Sunday Worship Service: We are excited to welcome our Episcopal Leaders, Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. and Rev. Felica R. Thompson, who will worship with us at Lomax. Bishop Thompson will bring the morning message. 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

6. Bible Study: Bible Study will be held this Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 7 pm, as we continue our study "The Book of Daniel, Living Faithfully in Difficult Times." The handout and Zoom information will be sent out later in the week.

7. DC Area Prayer Vigils: Please plan to share in scheduled Prayer Vigils lifting up Washington, D.C. planned for September 18, 2025 (which will be held at Union Wesley AME Zion Church in Washington, D.C.) and September 25, 2025, at each of the host churches identified on the attached flyer below. We need to pray for God's protection of the nation's capital during these unique times.

8. LAY COUNCIL INFORMATION:

Service -- Join Alleyne AMEZ Church in Alexandria, VA for their 76th Anniversary Celebration on 9/14/25. There is a 3pm worship service!

Inviting you to attend the next Lomax Lay Council Virtual Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 7pm. Lay Day and other service opportunities to be discussed. Zoom invite to follow.

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." ~ Phillipians 4:13

Membership -- Lay Council members and ALL LAITY are invited to attend the Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council meeting at the 1st Check-up meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2025 9:00am at Union Wesley AMEZ Church.

Education -- The NAACP Arlington Branch has some excellent presentations and events scheduled over the next few weeks. Visit their website at [Home - Naacp Arlington Branch In Arlington Virginia](#)

*Membership Social - What's on exhibit at the Black heritage Museum 9/18 5:30pm to 7pm

*60th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act --- 9/22 7pm to 8:30pm

*Suicide Prevention: How to Help with a Mental Health Crisis -- 9/22 7pm to 8:30pm

*78th Freedom Fund Banquet: "Glow Unapologetically: Embracing Black Brilliance" 10/4 7pm to 9pm

If interested in attending the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on October 4, 2025. Let Sister Byrd know on/by Tuesday, 9/16/25. Lomax is purchasing a limited number of tickets to distribute to our members. Rev. Nelson is providing the Invocation.

9. Health Unit: This week's focus is Suicide Prevention for Black Families and Communities. A flyer is attached.

10. September 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: The deadline for August S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, September 13, 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, September 20, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

11. Virtual Churchwide Bible Study: Please note that once a quarterly, we will be having a virtual Churchwide Bible Study. Our first virtual Churchwide Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 7 pm. This Bible Study will be led by the following ministries: Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Women's Ministry, and Men's Ministry. More information will be provided.

12. Senior Ministry: Looking forward to sharing with you on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

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. This event will take place Saturday, September 20, 2025, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, at the John Robinson Town Square (2406 S. Shirlington Rd.) & Dr. Charles R. Drew Community Center (3500 S. 23rd St.) — Arlington, VA

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

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>