

September 21, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. September 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: The distribution day for September S.H.A.R.E. packages is Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2. Christian Education Month/Sunday: This Sunday, September 21, 2025, we will observe Christian Education Sunday. Please make a special effort to be present to support our children, young adults, and Christian Educators.

3. Global Missions Sunday: Lomax Family, please join us as we observe Global Missions Sunday on September 28, 2025, at 11:00am. We're encouraging you to invite a friend and please bring a special monetary donation to support those in need of assistance in the global missions areas that the AME Zion Church supports. We encourage you to wear your favorite African attire if you like. The theme for Global Missions Sunday is: "Called to Go and Teach: Educating and Empowering Disciples for Global Missions." Thanks in advance! — Sis. Ruthy Brown, WH&OMS President.

4. Homecoming 2025:

Homecoming Decorations

Come one, Come two, Come three...Volunteers are needed for the Food and Decoration committees for Homecoming, October 12, 2025. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the following Ladies:

Food Committee: Torie Goodwin at 571-594-2498 or toriekgoodwin@gmail.com

Decorations Committee: Darlene Logan at 703-626-1826 (text/call)

Homecoming Choir

Requesting all singers to include the Youth and Young Adults to join in the Homecoming Choir under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jackson. Rehearsal dates/information will be provided later.

Co-Chairs, Brazell and Portia

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. **Please note that beginning on October 5, 2025, Sunday School will be both in-person and via Zoom each Sunday.**

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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6. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday is also Back-to-Church Sunday. 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. Virtual Churchwide Bible Study: This Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 7 pm, we will have our first virtual churchwide Bible Study of the new conference year. We will gather together virtually for an opening devotion, and then break into Bible study groups for men, women, young adults, youth, and children. Following is the Zoom participation information:

Join Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879079999>

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

9. DC Area Prayer Vigils: Please plan to share in scheduled Prayer Vigil lifting up Washington, D.C. planned for 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.

10. LAY COUNCIL INFORMATION:

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 -- Only \$10.00 to join or renew your Lay Council membership.

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](#)

*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. LAST CALL for the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet tickets! Contact Sister Byrd now via text, email or phone call. Lomax is purchasing a limited number of tickets to distribute to our members. Rev. Nelson is providing the Invocation.

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Sickle Cell Anemia: What Black Families Should Know. A flyer is attached.

12. Senior Ministry: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry as they travel to the "Celebrate Communication 2025" event on Saturday, September 27, 2025. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am and carpool to the event. This is an event that ALL should consider attending. The Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons has been a staunch supporter of our membership almost since our inception. This should be an event that is attended by ALL of our church members. You don't know what you don't know. Please see the attached flyer. Looking forward to sharing with you!

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>