

September 28, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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!

2. Global Missions Sunday: Lomax Family, please join us this Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 11:00 am, as we observe Global Missions Sunday. 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.

3. Sunday School Open House: You are invited to attend the Sunday School Open House on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Come join us for coffee, tea, and a continental breakfast while we have an interactive experience learning about God.

4. Homecoming 2025: Please spread the word about Lomax's upcoming 159th Anniversary & Homecoming celebration, which will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 11 am. Rev. Felica R. Thompson, the Missionary Supervisor for the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District will be our guest preacher/speaker. A flyer is attached for you to share with others. More details will be forthcoming.

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.

-Homecoming Co-Chairs, Brazell and Portia

5. Unconfirmed CED Book Signing: We are confirming that our very own Missionary Supervisor, Rev. Felica R. Thompson, will be available to sign copies of her latest book, entitled *Courageous*, immediately prior to the Homecoming Service, during the Sunday School hour, on Sunday October 12, 2025. Once confirmed, this book signing will be sponsored by the Lomax CED. To order your copy of Rev. Thompson's book, please contact Sis. Essence Cooper via email at essencemcooper@gmail.com. **All book order requests must be received by Friday, October 3, 2025.**

Later in the year, the Lomax CED will virtually host Rev. Thompson for a discussion of her book *Courageous*, which focuses on how we “stand for truth in a culture of compromise.”

6. 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

7. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday is Global Missions 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/>.

8. 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

9. Bible Study: Our regular Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 7pm, as we continue our study of Daniel and focus on "Living Faithfully During Difficult Times. The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent during the week.

10. LAY COUNCIL INFORMATION:

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](#)

*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 Protecting Our Communities During Cold and Flu Season. A flyer is attached.

12. 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>

13. Lomax Annual Coat Drive/Giveaway: It's time for the Lomax AME Zion Church Annual Coat Drive/Giveaway. This year, Lomax will partner with Drew Elementary School and support their coat giveaway, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th between the hours of 5:45pm – 7:00pm. We encourage you to volunteer by signing up at bit.ly/VOLDrewNov25.

Coats can be purchased directly through our Amazon wish list, which can be found at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3VH9T4RPGG9EO?ref_=wl_share.

However, you may also purchase coats elsewhere, as you have done in the past. (Please note that there is often a need for medium and large adult size coats.) Once purchased, coats can be dropped off at Drew in the main office or shipped to the school using the following address: Carol Burka, C/O Drew Elementary School, 3500 South 23rd Street, Arlington, VA 22206. Coats may also be given to Lavonne Stewart, Linda Mitchell or Jean Wright, or shipped to: Lavonne Stewart, 1701 14th Road South, Arlington Va 22204. Please donate all coats by November 16, 2025.

Thank you in advance for supporting this outreach effort! —Lavonne Stewart, Lomax Outreach Coordinator

14. 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>