

October 5, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Washington District Women's Ministry FEE Bible Studies: *"Eve: The Ezer Image!"* ... Our Emergence of the Feminine Energy Era (FEE) Bible Studies resume virtually, Friday, October 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Please login at **6:45 pm** to Zoom Meeting. **Rev. Wanda Polite will lead the discussion.** A flyer is attached.

Please note: *Those who join on Facebook must type their comments/questions in the "Comments" section under the post, and those voices will not be audible.*

Watch Live on the WD's Facebook Group Page:

www.facebook.com/groups/673464159915682

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87030304758?pwd=wF8kpw03eEM8URonOGa6INHgorthjq.1>

Or

Dial-in by phone: Call, 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 870 3030 4758

Passcode: 208225

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

3. 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.

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

4. CED Book Signing: Lomax's CED is pleased to confirm 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. Rev. Thompson will have books available for purchase.

On November 18, 2025, 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.”

Questions should be directed to Sis. Essence Cooper, Adult CED Director.

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

6. 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/>.

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: In lieu of Bible Study this week, we are encouraging Lomax members to participate in a community prayer meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, that will be held both in-person at Macedonia Baptist Church and virtually. Virtual participation information will be shared during the week. However, we are encouraging Lomax members who are able to be present in person at Macedonia. **The focus of the community prayer meeting will be needs within the community, including those impacted by the current federal government shutdown.**

9. LAY COUNCIL INFORMATION: SAVE THESE DATES SAVE THE DATES....

*159th Lomax Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration is Sunday, 10/12/25 at 11am. The Committee invites you to come worship, praise, and fellowship! You are encouraged to invite others (family-friends-neighbors-acquaintances and colleagues). Dinner following Worship Service! **SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS!!!!**

*Connectional Lay Day is Sunday, 10/19/25 at 11am. Announcement of the Lay Messenger and ALL other information to follow!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

10. Health Unit: This week's focus is Building Hopa Against Breast Cancer in the Black Community. A flyer is attached.

11. 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>

12. Lomax and Mt. Olive Open Enrollment Workshop: Lomax's Senior Ministry, along with Mt. Olive, are sponsoring "Gearing Up For Medicare's Open Enrollment." This workshop will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1601 13th Rd S. Arlington, VA 22204 and will feature Michelle Thomas, a representative from Arlington's Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance (VICAP) Program and Michael Schuster from AARP.

- Presentation: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Individual meetings with VICAP Counselors: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required for individual counseling sessions, and registration closes on October 17, 2025.

Topics:

- The types of Medicare plans (Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D and Medigap)
- Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (October 15th - December 7th)
- Changes beneficiaries can make during Open Enrollment
- Key Medicare / Medicaid updates in the 2025 Reconciliation Bill

A flyer is attached.

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. Floral Ministry: The Floral Ministry invites you to take part in beautifying the altar by purchasing floral arrangements for your loved ones each Sunday throughout the conference year. Upon receipt of your request, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$75.00. The payment options are

either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Altar Flowers" when submitting payment. All orders must be submitted by Wednesday. Your name and who they are in honor/memory of will be placed in the bulletin and the church announcements. You may contact Sis. Andrea with questions. Thank you for your support. Sis. Andrea Peterbark, Floral Ministry Chair

To Submit Orders: Email: peteyva@aol.com and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;

Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church