

November 9, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Stumbling Stones Unveiling: We hope that you will stay for the Stumbling Stones Unveiling following the morning service this Sunday, November 9, at 1:00 PM. The Stumbling Stones project seeks to memorialize and honor the contributions of the enslaved in Arlington with embedded bronze markers in the sidewalk. Two markers will be unveiled at Lomax.

2. Rev. Felica Thompson Virtual Book Presentation: Please join Lomax's Christian Education Department on November 18, 2025, at 7 pm, for Missionary Supervisor Rev. Felica R. Thompson's virtual presentation on her book *Courageous*. If you have not purchased your book, here is the link to do so via Amazon: [Courageous: Thompson, Felica Raines: 9798316202584: Amazon.com: Books](https://www.amazon.com/dp/9798316202584). If you have any questions, please contact Sis. Essence Cooper, Lomax's Adult CED Director. Zoom participation information is below:

Topic: CED *Courageous* Book Presentation with Rev. Felica R. Thompson

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83683368745?pwd=xRLQgK1qgahHZRNMSpQPmje5Y5Q8ns.1>

Meeting ID: 836 8336 8745

Passcode: 488537

Dial-in: 301-715-8592

3. November Washington District Meetings: Please take notice of the following remaining November 2025 Washington District meetings:

- Saturday, November 8, 2025, WD Bowl -A-Thon at the Rinaldis Riverdale Bowl at 2:00 PM. The names of Lomax participants have been submitted. Sis. Breeana Roseboro is Lomax's contact person.
- Saturday, November 15, 2025, The Church Growth and Development Department of the AME Zion Church sponsors it's Small Growth Initiative. The Washington and Baltimore Districts have been asked to sponsor the event and will be held at the Scotland AME Zion Church from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. I am asking that 3-4 of our class leaders be present, as well as all members of our ministerial staff who are not teaching Conference Studies that day.
- Sunday, November 23, 2025, Washington District Thanksgiving Service at 3:00 pm at the St. Lucille AME Zion Church. **Rev. Tina Nelson will be bringing the afternoon message. I'd like to encourage Lomax to be present to support her.** The WD Mass Choir will share the music ministry. A flyer will be sent to all churches soon.

4. 2024 Book of the AME Zion Discipline: Lomax has received the latest 2024 Discipline, and if you have placed an order with Sis. Ruthy Brown, please pickup your discipline in the church office. The cost of the discipline is \$30.00 and checks should be made payable to the Lay Council, indicating on the memo line for 2024 Discipline.

5. Sunday School: Sunday School participation is possible 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: 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

8. Bible Study: This Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 7 pm, we will continue our study of the Book of Daniel, as we focus on the topic of "Living Faithfully in Difficult Times." The handout and Zoom information will be sent out during the week.

9. Lay Council Information:

Service: Time to "Restock the Pantry"! We are laser focused on addressing food insecurity during the months of November and December. Remember to bring non-perishable food items and gift cards with you to church. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Lomax Food Pantry Ministry. SEE ATTACHED SHOPPING LIST

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on Sunday, November 9, 2025 after worship service. The Arlington Historical Society, Black Heritage Museum, Lomax congregation, Green Valley Community and others will dedicate two (2) stumbling stones as part of the "Memorializing the Enslaved Project". A simple invitation labeled Jones invite with featured background information is attached.

Membership: We thank Sister Denise Pincham for volunteering to be our Lay Council Membership Chair! Let's make it official at our next Virtual Lay Council Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 7pm. Zoom invite to follow.

Education & Community Involvement: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia is starting a NEW VIRTUAL CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE Family Support Group for Black family members and friends of those impacted by a mental health condition. SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS!

10. November 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: The deadline for November S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, November 15, 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 November S.H.A.R.E. packages is Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Building Generational Wealth. A flyer is attached.

12. 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