

November 16, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Washington District Small Group Training: This Saturday, November 15, 2025, The Church Growth and Development Department of the AME Zion Church sponsors its 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. Available class leaders and clergy are expected to participate.

2. 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.

3. Y.A.M.S. Founder's Day: This Sunday, the work of the Y.A.M.S. will be spotlighted. This year, Lomax's Y.A.M.S. are supporting The Sullivan House homeless family shelter of Bridges to Independence in Arlington by assembling and donating toiletry bags for young women. A flyer is attached.

4. 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

5. 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/>.

6. 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

7. Rev. Felica Thompson Virtual Book Presentation: Please join Lomax's Christian Education Department on Monday, 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:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 836 8336 8745

Passcode: 488537

Dial-in: 301-715-8592

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

9. Bible Study: This Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7 pm, we will conclude 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.

10. Senior Ministry: The Lomax Senior Ministry will NOT meet this month. Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

11. Washington District Thanksgiving Service: On Sunday, November 23, 2025, the Washington District will have a 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.

12. 2025 Advent Study: On Monday, November 24, 2025, we will begin our Advent journey. (Our first Advent Study session will be on a Monday to allow for Thanksgiving preparations on what would be our normal Bible Study Wednesday.) This year, our study resource is *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew L. Skinner. A limited number of books have already been ordered and are available. **The cost of each book is \$12.00. Payment may be made through your church envelope or Givelify, and your book may be obtained from Sis. Essence Cooper or Bro. Tommy Baugh.** (One study book per household.)

13. 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**

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!

14. Lomax 160th Anniversary & Homecoming Committee: In 2026, Lomax will celebrate its 160th year of God's faithfulness. To that end, if you are interested in chairing or serving on the 160th Anniversary Planning Committee that is being formed, please submit your name to Chantel Aberdeen, the Church Secretary by December 5, 2025.

15. Health Unit: This week's focus is Freedom Over Excess: Finding Peace in Simplicity. A flyer is attached.