

November 23, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Children's Coat Drive/Giveaway Thank You: Lomax family, thank you for your loving and generous spirit of giving. The Children's Coat Drive/Giveaway was a huge success. With your thoughtfulness, Lomax AME Zion Church was able to donate 82 children's coats in collaboration with Drew Elementary School. Thanks to Doretha Spriggs, Jean Wright, Linda Mitchell, Barbara Ratliff, and Andrea and Fred Peterbark for volunteering their time assisting the children receive their coats and with the simultaneous Drew School Food Market. With much love, Sis Lavonne Stewart

2. November 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: The distribution day for November S.H.A.R.E. packages is this Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3. Washington District Thanksgiving Service: This 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. Pastor Nelson is encouraging members of Lomax to be present to support her.** The WD Mass Choir will share the music ministry. Pastor DeVerteuil and the members of the St. Lucille AME Zion Church are anxiously awaiting your arrival. Dinners will be available from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on a first come first serve basis. 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. 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

7. 2025 Advent Study: This Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7 pm, we will begin our Advent journey. (Our first Advent Study session will be on a Monday, this week only, 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.)

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

9. Y.A.M.S. Community Project: 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. For a list of needed items, see the flyer attached. Please donate toiletries by December 14, 2025. Thanks for your support.

10. Lay Council Information: *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*

11. 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.

12. Health Unit: This week's focus is Making Healthier Food Choices During Thanksgiving. A flyer is attached.

13. Floral Ministry: It's time to order your poinsettias in honor / memory of your loved ones. They cost \$20.00 each. The last day to submit your order is Friday, December 5, 2025. To submit orders, email: peteyva@aol.com or phone: 703-568-8511