

December 14, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Inclement Weather Protocol: The forecast is calling for snow on Saturday night into Sunday morning. **We expect to have service in-person and virtually on Sunday.** If having service in-person would be unsafe, an email will be sent out by 7 am Sunday morning to advise that in-person service is being cancelled. If we are unable to have service in-person, we will worship via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided by 7 am on Sunday morning if our in-person worship service is cancelled. **As always, please make worship attendance decisions that ensure your own safety.**

2. Lomax and St. Michael's Food Pantry Partnership: St. Michael's continues to support Lomax's Food Pantry Ministry in a number of ways, including with St. Michael's members who regularly work in the Food Pantry on Wednesdays and by making donations to the Food Pantry. This link will allow you to read a newsletter article about this partnership: [St. Michael's Weekly Newsletter, 12-11-25](#)

3. Christmas Observances:

- **Christmas "Munch" Fellowship:** On Sunday, December 21, 2025, following the morning worship service, you are invited to participate in a Christmas "Munch" Fellowship. This fellowship is for all ages and is being sponsored by the Senior Ministry, the Lay Council, and other ministries of the church. There will be food, entertainment, and fellowship. Also, you may bring your Christmas cards to exchange them. A flyer is attached.
- **Christmas Eve Service:** On Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 7 pm, please join us for Christmas Eve Service.

4. December 2025 S.H.A.R.E.: The deadline for December S.H.A.R.E. orders is tomorrow, Saturday, December 13, 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 December S.H.A.R.E. packages is Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday we will continue our observance of the Advent season. As we approach Christmas, please invite them 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

NOTE: There will not be an Intercessory Prayer call on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

9. 2025 Advent Study: This Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 7 pm, we will conclude our Advent study. This year, our study resource is *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew L. Skinner.

10. Lay Council Information: *News that will bring great joy this holiday season....*

Service: The Holiday Food Drive to "Restock the Pantry" continues! *Won't you bring a non-perishable food item and/or gift card with you the next time you attend church service? "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9* Monetary donations can be made directly to the Lomax Food Pantry Ministry. SEE ATTACHED SHOPPING LIST

Membership: *The Senior Ministry and the Lay Council are teaming-up with the other ministries of the church to present an all-ages Christmas Fellowship. Plan to attend the "CHRISTMAS MUNCH" on Sunday, December 21st 2025 after worship service. Food - Entertainment - and Fellowship from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. *Bring your Christmas Cards to Exchange. SEE ATTACHED FLYER*

Education and Spiritual Growth: *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by attending Sunday School and Bible Study each week. The AMEZ Church Department of Church Growth & Development has announced "Spiritual Emphasis Week is January 4-10, 2026". The Guide will be made available via separate email message.*

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Healthy Giving: Supporting our Communities. A flyer is attached.

12. Arlington County 2026 MLK Tribute: Arlington County's 2026 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute is taking place on **Sunday, January 18, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Wakefield High School Auditorium.** This annual gathering brings residents together to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through reflection, music, and community voices. This event is free and attendees can register using the link below.

[2026 Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Tickets, Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Call for Nominations: Community Changemakers - Nominations close on December 16, 2025

As part of this year's Tribute, Arlington County is seeking nominations for individuals who exemplify Dr. King's spirit of service, leadership, and justice within Arlington. Nominations may be submitted using this [Nomination Form](#)

Learn more about the MLK Tribute: [MLK Tribute – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#)