

December 21, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. 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.

2. Y.A.M.S. Community Project Thank You: Lomax family, a big thank you for your generous loving donations of toiletry items and support of the Y.A.M.S community outreach. We were able to provide 50 toiletry bags plus several large bags filled with additional toiletry necessities for the women living at the Bridges to Independence family shelter. A special thank you to those that volunteered their time and assisted last Sunday to organize, assemble and safely get donations to our cars in icy conditions for drop off to the shelter. To God be the glory for all He has done!

3. 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

4. Sunday Worship Service: This Sunday we will continue our observance of the Advent season. If you have family and/or friends still visiting from Thanksgiving, 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/>.

5. 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: The call will be suspended on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

6. Bible Study: Due to our Christmas Eve service, we will not have Bible Study on **Wednesday, December 24, 2025.** Bible study will resume in the new year at a date to be determined.

7. Food Pantry Ministry Schedule: Please see the attached flyer and note the following changes to the food pantry schedule for December 2025:

- Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - Open
- Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Closed
- Tuesday, December 30, 2025 - Open
- Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - Closed

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

Service: Because of your generosity and the Lord's favor, the Holiday Food Drive has been most successful this year. *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9 We Praise God, and we thank you! Remember, we should support the Food Pantry throughout the year with our donations and contributions.*

Make it a part of your service to the community! ~ On behalf of the LC Executive Committee

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**

REMINDER to pay your \$10.00 Lay Council Membership dues. You may contact Sister D. Byrd (President) or Sister D. Pincham (Membership Chair) to check on your status. Appreciate you!

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.*

9. Health Unit: This week's focus is Seasonal Affective Disorder: Finding Light in the Dark. A flyer is attached.

10. 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](#)