

December 28, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

- 1. Christian Education Department Winter Meeting:** Please lift up a special prayer for our denomination's Winter Meeting and those children, youth, young adults, and adults from Lomax who will be attending the meeting December 27-30, 2025, in Baltimore Maryland.
- 2. New Year's Eve Service:** On Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 7 pm, please join us for New Year's Eve Service. This service will be in-person. (A decision has not been made about whether the service will be live-streamed. Look for an update early in the week) We hope that you will be present if able.
- 3. Christmas Munch Thank You:** The Lomax Senior Ministry and Lay Council extend our sincere thanks to the membership and organizations of our congregation for their outstanding support of the Christmas Fellowship last Sunday! Our members really stepped up to the plate to share their vision of the Christmas spirit with each other. Please know that your efforts truly brought back "precious memories" of past holiday observances. Thank you to all of our leaders as well as our lay members who did their part to make our observance a success. -- Brenda Cox and Debra Byrd
- 4. Floral Ministry Thank You:** The Floral Ministry would like to thank each and every member who helped in purchasing a poinsettia to beautify our church for the Christmas season. Without you, we could not have done this. — Andrea Peterbark
- 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 to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am, the last Sunday in 2025. 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 will not take this Tuesday, December 30, 2025.
- 8. Bible Study:** Bible study will not take place this week due to New Year's Eve service. It will resume in the new year at a date to be determined.
- 9. Food Pantry Ministry:** This week, the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.
- 10. 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
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 when it resumes. 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 New Year, New You: Resolutions Rooted in Wellness. 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.