

January 4, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. MAED Spiritual Emphasis Week January 5-8, 2026: The Mid-Atlantic Episcopal District will have Spiritual Emphasis Week this Monday, January 5 through Thursday, January 8, 2026, nightly at 7 pm. To participate via Zoom, the ID is 873 8988 5159, and the Passcode is 359010. The featured book is *Rest in the Storm* by Kirk Byron Jones. **Lomax clergy are expected to participate, while Lomax ministry leaders and lay persons are encouraged to participate.** A flyer is attached.

2. 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

3. Sunday Worship Service: Please invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am, the last Sunday in 2025. Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List are 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/>.

4. 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

5. Bible Study: Due to Spiritual Emphasis Week, Bible study will resume next week, January 14, 2026.

6. 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.*

7. Health Unit: This week's focus is Setting Healthy Goals that Support Your Well-Being. A flyer is attached.

8. 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](#)

9. Floral Ministry: The Floral Ministry invites you to take part in beautifying the altar by purchasing floral arrangements for your loved ones each Sunday throughout the conference year. Upon receipt of your request, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$60.00. The payment options are either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Altar Flowers" when submitting payment. All orders must be submitted by Wednesday. Your name and who they are in honor/memory of will be placed in the bulletin and the church announcements. You may contact Sis. Andrea with questions. Thank you for your support. Sis. Andrea Peterbark, Floral Ministry Chair

To Submit Orders: Email: peteyva@aol.com and lomaxamezchurch@gmail.com;
Phone: 703-568-8511; Mail: Submit the attached order form to Lomax Church