

# January 18, 2026

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. 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. **The Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University** will be the headlining performer. Additional event entertainment will be provided by the Gunston Step Team and the Peterson Elementary School Choir, and an array of impactful speakers.

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](#)

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](#)

**2. Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy MLK Day Panel and Presentation:** The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy (ACBC) will have its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observance on Monday, January 19, 2026, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. This year's theme is: "The Fierce Urgency of Now." **The panel discussion will be moderated by Pastor Nelson and begin at 10:30 am.** The worship service will begin at 12 noon. This year's guest preacher will be Rev. Rosalyn M. Brock, Chair Emeritus of the NAACP Board of Directors. Lomax is a sponsoring congregation.

**3. Lomax's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference:** Presiding Elder Alvin T. Durant will convene Lomax's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Conference this Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7 pm. All amenable clergy and lay leaders are expected to participate in this virtual meeting. Zoom participation information follows:

**Join Via**

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89421619765?pwd=F6dGkS0nd6REURUjJlVlBKrp5vESmO.1>

**Meeting ID:** 894 2161 9765

**Passcode:** 365480

**Dial-In Information:** 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860

**4. NAACP Arlington Branch Presentation:** As a part of its January General Membership Meeting, the NAACP Arlington Branch has invited Pastor Nelson to present on the topic of "Building a Beloved Community." The meeting is virtual and will begin at 7 pm on Monday, January 26, 2026. You must register to participate using the following link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

**5. From the Board of Trustees:** Please contact the church office to leave your name and contact information, if you are in immediate need of a wheelchair, rollator, walker, portable toilet, electronic compression device, or a shower seat. All items are in gently used or new condition. These items were donated to the church, and we'd like to get them in the hands of someone who needs them. Thank you!

**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:** Please invite someone to worship with us this Sunday 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

**9. Bible Study:** Bible study will continue this week on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, as we study Galatians. The handout and Zoom participation information will be sent separately.

**10. January 2026 S.H.A.R.E.:** The deadline to place January S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, January 17, 2026. Payment is also due on this date. To order, please send an email to [lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:lomaxfoodpantry@gmail.com) or leave a voice message on the food pantry phone line 703-979-8408. The distribution day is January 24, 2026, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**11. Lomax Senior Ministry:** Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry on Zoom on Saturday, January 24th at 9:00 am as they observe their 24th anniversary of existence. Come prepared to share precious memories of special moments experienced, as well as new ideas for us to pursue in the coming year.

**12. Lay Council Information:** Join us for the next Lay Council Virtual Meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 7pm. Zoom link to follow. Thank you for your continued support and involvement! ~Sister Debra Byrd

**13. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Protecting Cervical Health: Prevention and Screenings Save Lives. A flyer is attached.

**14. Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Black History Presentation:** Sis. Brenda Cox will be speaking about Lomax Church on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The topic is "The History of Lomax." The address is 2700 South 19th Street, Arlington, Virginia, 22204.