

February 1, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Cold Weather Worship Information: While we are aware that we are expected to experience frigid temperatures, we will have in-person worship this Sunday, February 1, 2026. If you feel that it will be unhealthy or unsafe for you to be present for worship in-person, please join worship virtually via Lomax's livestream. Please note that communion will be offered both this Sunday and on the Second Sunday, February 8, 2026.

2. Black History Month Observances: Happy Black History Month, as we celebrate "A Century of Black History Commemorations."

- January 1, 2026: African History Sunday (**Please wear African attire**)
- January 8, 2026: Zion History Sunday
- January 15, 2026: Arlington/Lomax History Sunday
- January 22, 2026: CED Black History Presentation-- "By Us, For Us: 100 Years of Our Voices (**Please wear HBCU/Black Pride paraphernalia**)

3. 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!

4. WH&OMS Announcement: The WD WHOMS Third Quarterly Mass Meeting and the Joint Black History Washington District's celebration of Black History on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 9:00am, at the Union Wesley AME Zion Church. The celebration will recognize some of the many leaders from the Washington District who also played key roles at the conference and connectional level. The celebration will immediately follow the Mass Meeting. A scrumptious soul food meal will be served following the celebration. Come out and join us as we celebrate our heritage and the legacy of some of the Washington District leaders that have touched many of our lives...no special attire. Please share the attached flyer... invite others!

-Sis. Ruthy Brown, WHOMS, President

5. Sunday School: Each Sunday, Sunday School participation is possible in-person and via Zoom. 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, 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 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

8. Churchwide Bible Study: Churchwide Bible Study (for children, youth, young adults, women, and men) will take place this Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 7 pm. The Zoom participation information follows:

Join Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83879079999>

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

9. St. Michael's Prime Time Lunch: Trains and Boats and Planes? No, Just Trains. Join us, Thursday, February 5, 2026 for a potluck lunch in the St. Michael's parish hall. Gathering at 12:15 p.m. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Bring a ready-to-serve dish to pass. Hot coffee and ice water provided.

1:15 p.m. program: St. Michael's own Wil Harkins can't remember a time when he wasn't fascinated by trains. The number-1 question people ask when they discover his pastime?: "Why trains?" Wil will engage and enlighten us--through photos, movies, artifacts, and models. Possible table conversation: Do you have a train story? All are welcome, especially senior citizens. Contact: Evelyn Bence

10. Lay Council Information:

Service -- Recruiting for individuals interested in working on the Historic African American Cemeteries and Grave Fund (AACGF) application due by 5-30-26 to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources (DHR). Reach out to Sister LaVonne or Sister Byrd.

Membership -- This is the LAST CALL to renew your Lay Council Membership, or to become a member. Dues is \$10.00 per year. Please send via the envelope system or Givelify. Just note Lay Council dues. We'll be submitting our final membership reports to the CLC at the end of February. Thanking you in advance for your on-going support!

Other News -- Lomax High School Seniors are eligible to apply for the Samatha Whormley Memorial Scholarship. Let us know who you are and we'll provide the details.

Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council Black & Gold Banquet is being planned in Salisbury, MD. Stay tuned for additional information and the flyer.

11. Health Unit: This week's focus is Honoring Health Heroes: Black Medical Trailblazers. A flyer is attached.

12: Lomax Missionary Society Life Members: Happy New Year! This is a reminder that your Life Member dues are due now. The dues are \$5.00 for the 25-26 Conference Year and can be submitted via your church envelope. Your dues and donations support educational endeavors within the A.M.E. Zion Church. Also, if you are interested in upgrading your current Life Members stole, please contact Carolyn Blackmon at cblack7376@cox.net or 703 924-0839 for additional information.

13. 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.

14. 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

