

# February 8, 2026

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

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

- 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**)

**2. Church Contribution Statements:** Church Contribution Statements are now available. A Steward will be in the vestibule to distribute them on Sundays through Sunday, February 22, 2026. Alternatively, a statement can be mailed to you upon request from the church secretary.

**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. **Please be advised that the 3rd Quarterly Missionary Meeting and Black History Month Celebration will only be held virtually via Zoom due to the residual ice/snow, impending snow and cold temperatures.**

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. Please share the attached flyer... invite others!

-Sis. Ruthy Brown, WHOMS, President

**5. Young Adults "Love at the Max" Fellowship:** Please join us Sunday, February 15, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship service for light bites, sweets, fellowship and fun. A flyer is attached.

**6. 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

**7. Sunday Worship Service:** Please invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am, Sunday's bulletin is attached. **Please note that communion will be offered this Sunday, February 8, 2026.** 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:** Regular Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7 pm. We will continue with our study of Galatians. The Zoom participation information and handout will be sent out during the week.

**10. Women's Ministry Meeting:** Please join us for a Women's Ministry Meeting, February 12 at 7:30pm. We will begin planning for Women's Day and other ministry activities. See the Zoom link below. I look forward to our time of sharing and planning! Following is Zoom participation information:

Join via

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8329673676?pwd=UVhQZkxueHhtMFovQU84UURUR2p5UT09&omn=88427227843>

**11. February 2026 S.H.A.R.E.:** The deadline to place February S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, February 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 February 21, 2026, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## **12. 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.

**13. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Love Your Heart: African American Heart Health. A flyer is attached.

**14: 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 Bleackmon at [cblack7376@cox.net](mailto:cblack7376@cox.net) or 703 924-0839 for additional information.

**15. 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.

**16. Feel the Heritage 2026:** Arlington County Parks & Recreation's **Feel the Heritage**, a vibrant cultural festival, is taking place on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 12:00–5:00 p.m. at the Charles Drew Community Center. This free, family-friendly event brings residents together to celebrate the diverse traditions, histories, and cultures that shape our community through live performances, hands-on activities, and local vendors. A flyer is attached. Learn more about our Feel the Heritage Event: [Feel the Heritage Festival – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](http://Feel the Heritage Festival – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government)

This event is free, and attendees are encouraged to RSVP using the link:

[Arlingtonva.us/FeelTheHeritage](http://Arlingtonva.us/FeelTheHeritage)

