

# March 15, 2026

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Lomax Lenten Preaching Series:** Our theme for this year's Lenten Preaching Series is "The Passions of Christ." **WE ARE ASKING MEMBERS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE PRESENT IN PERSON EACH WEDNESDAY.** Services will be held each Wednesday at 7 pm as follows:

- **March 18: Rev. Dr. Christopher Zacharias, Pastor, John Wesley AME Zion Church, Washington, DC**
  - Topic: "Liberation"; Classes: 13 & 14
- **March 25: Rev. Craig Harcum, Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Arlington, VA**
  - Topic: "Love"; Classes: 11 & 15

**2. 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

**3. 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/>.

**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. Senior Ministry:** As a direct result of the PHENOMENAL presentation that the Lomax Senior Ministry had last week given by Victoria Dale, Adult Outreach Librarian of the

Arlington Central Library, a part 2 of the session has been scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. We are asked to meet at the library at 8:45 a.m. This session will be held at 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington, VA. There will be a tour of the library BEFORE the library opens and a discussion after the tour. PLEASE let Sis. Brenda Cox, Sis. Michele Pincham, or Sis. Debra Byrd know if you will be able to attend so we will know how many to plan for. Also, please review the attached flyer on the services available to us. Also, THIS TOUR IS OPEN TO OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ALSO!!! We are planning to go to brunch after the session. Looking forward to sharing with you!!!! -Sis. Brenda Cox

**6. March 2026 S.H.A.R.E.:** The deadline to place March S.H.A.R.E. orders is Saturday, March 14, 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 Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### **7. Lay Council Information:**

***Membership -- Sister Denise and I would like to thank all those who have responded and renewed your Lay Council membership. We enthusiastically welcome our new regular and life members! Although we didn't achieve 100% of our congregation becoming members this year, we got pretty close. Thus, we Praise Him and are grateful. ~ Denise & Debra***

*Other News -- Please let me know by Friday, March 13, 2026, if you are attending the Philadelphia Baltimore Conference Lay Council Black & Gold Banquet in Salisbury, MD. We need to ensure your name is on the list and you have a seat. -Sister Byrd*

**8. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Multiple Myeloma Awareness: Know the Risks. Know the Signs. A flyer is attached.

**9. March Birthday Celebrations:** Join us on Sunday, March 29th, 2026, after morning service in the Fellowship Hall. The Class Leaders Board will have a Celebration of "Everybody's" Birthday and you are invited. Please join us as we celebrate and fellowship with each other. There will be food, fun, gifts, games and of course birthday cake. Hope to see you there! - Sis. Mary Still, Interim Leader of Leaders.

**10. 2026 Easter Lilies:** It's time to place your order for your Easter Lilies to beautify our church in honor or in memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. This may be done now until March 27, 2026, by contacting Sister Andrea Peterbark by text or calling 703-568-8511 or by emailing her at [Peteyva@aol.com](mailto:Peteyva@aol.com). .0

**11. WH&OMS Leadership Training Institute:** This Leadership Training Institute is scheduled for April 9-12, 2026. Get ready for an amazing time of learning, connection, and growth as we come together to strengthen our leadership skills and empower our mission and ministry. The agenda and luncheon flyer are attached.

**12. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting:** This meeting will be held on March 28, 2026, at St. James AME Zion Church, 521 Mack Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801. All clergy and amenable lay persons should make plans to be present.

**13. Washington District Conference:** The Washington District Conference will be held on April 18, 2026, and hosted by Lomax. Volunteers will be needed, and planning will begin soon. A flyer is attached.

**14. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments:** As we approach the FY 2025/2026 conference year ending, May 31, 2026, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00, and for General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00, to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru your church envelope, Givelify, or you may see your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown.

**15. Floral Ministry:** The flowers on the altar for this Sunday are in memory of my mother, Virginia Wright, and my Aunt Liz. Gone but not forgotten. -Sis. Jean Wright