

March 29, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference 3rd Check-Up Meeting: This meeting will be held this Saturday, 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.

2. March Birthday Celebrations: Join us this Sunday, March 29th, 2026, after morning service in the Fellowship Hall. The Class Leaders Board and the Young Adult Ministry 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.

3. 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 of \$350.00 (General Claims: \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference: \$85.00) to please do so. Paying your assessment allows Lomax to meet its obligations. You may pay your assessment through your church envelope, Givelify, or by giving it to your Class Leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown.

4. Holy Week and Easter/Resurrection Sunday: Please join us during Holy Week as we remember and celebrate the passion of Christ and his resurrection.

- **Maundy Thursday:** At 6:00, Lomax will have both footwashing (optional) and the Lord's Supper. At 7 pm, from the sanctuary we will join the Mid-Atlantic Virtual Maundy Thursday service.
- **Good Friday:**
 - At 7 pm, Lomax and St. Lucille AME Zion Churches will have a joint "7 Last Words: Fresh Voices Edition" service hosted at Lomax. A flyer is attached for you to share with others. The participating preachers will be:
 - First Word: Dr. Tina Nelson, Lomax AME Zion Church
 - Second Word: Rev. Dee Dee Benton, Union Wesley AME Zion Church
 - Third Word: Rev. Pleasant Bobbitt, St. Lucille AME Zion Church

- Fourth Word: Rev. L. Ray Pincham, Lomax AME Zion Church
- Fifth Word: Rev. Tracie Forte', Trinity AME Zion Church
- Sixth Word: Rev. Dorothy Gladden, St. Lucille AME Zion Church
- Seventh Word: Rev. Brandon Pennix, Galbraith AME Zion Church

Holy Saturday: Children's Easter activity from 11 am - 1 pm at Lomax.

- **Resurrection Sunday:**

- Sunday School — Please join us (in person) at 9:30 a.m. For a hot breakfast and special teaching by Rev. Dr. Monica Hargrove for the adults. Our children will also have their own special session.
- Worship — Please join us and invite someone to worship with us (in person) at 11 am as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ. 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/>.

5. 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

6. Lay Council Information:

Service -- *Let's get our house in order! A Lomax Spring Cleaning & Beautification Day will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We are asking that ALL ministries make plans to adopt a room or area of the church to spruce-up. Perhaps it is the room or area that your ministry uses the most. Feel free to contact Sister Byrd for direction! "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." ~ Ephesians 6:7*

SAVE THESE DATES, TOO! Lay Council and Lomax member volunteers are needed as Lomax is the host church for the Washington District Conference on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Helpers will be needed both that day and the evening before to prepare & set-up. We thank you for making the time to serve!

Alleyne AME Zion Church "Family & Friends Day" on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3:00pm. Pastor Nelson will bring the word. SEE FLYER.

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

7. Health Unit: This week's focus is Budget Friendly meals: Eating Well on Any Budget. A flyer is attached.

8. 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.

9. Lomax Spring Cleaning & Beautification Day: "Clean up, clean up, every member, everywhere. Clean up, clean up, every member do your share." Calling all members, clubs, and boards to help Lomax prepare to host the Washington District Conference. Our clean-up day will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026. **Ministry Leaders are asked to review the attached clean-up and beautification task document. By Wednesday, April 8, 2026, please email or call the office and let Chantel Aberdeen, the Church Secretary, know what tasks your ministry will commit to. For individual church member tasks, members are asked to use the following link to sign-up: <https://forms.gle/XF8B8wuY7qaeXBrg9>. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.**

10. 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.

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.

000000012. Floral Ministry: The flowers are in loving memory of Jerolene M. Pincham, a devoted mother, loving wife, cherished friend, she touched many lives with her kindness and unwavering faith. Forever loved. Forever remembered. -The Pincham Family