

**April 5, 2026**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Good Friday:** This evening, April 3, 2026, please join us at 7 pm for Lomax and St. Lucille's joint "7 Last Words: Fresh Voices Edition" service, which will be 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

**2. Holy Saturday:** Lomax's Children's Easter activity will be held from 11 am - 1 pm at Lomax.

**3. Easter Sunday: Please join us as follows:**

- Sunday School — Please join us (in person) at 9:30 a.m. for a hot breakfast and special teaching, based on James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, led 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. **We will not have communion this Sunday as we focus on the resurrection of Christ. However, communion will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday, April 12, 2026.** 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. 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

**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. Bible Study:** Bible Study will resume next week, Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

**7. 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 Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm. (KSB Lay Leadership Award to be discussed) Zoom link and docs to be emailed to you.

Lomax 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!

Lomax Lay Council meeting: Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7pm. Zoom link to be sent separately.

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

**8. Health Unit:** This week's focus is Advocacy in Action: Ways to Advocate for Health Equity. A flyer is attached.

**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/XF8B8wuY7qaeXBr9>. 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.