

August 2, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

- 1. Trusted Board Project Briefing:** This Sunday, immediately following the morning worship service, the Trustee Board will briefly brief the congregation about a church building related project.
- 2. The 160th Anniversary Photos:** The Homecoming Committee is inviting all Clubs, Boards, and Ministries to participate in the Homecoming Group Photo shoots during the next two months. **This Sunday the following group photos will be taken: the Ministerial Staff, Deaconess Board, Ushers, and First Sunday Choir.** Please call Sis. Ruthy Brown (703) 386-6329, if you have questions.
- 3. Moral Monday Public Pulpit:** This Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5:30 pm, **Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr. will serve as the guest preacher for the Moral Monday Public Pulpit series.** This will take place at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC) Garage parking is available at 1333 H Street (across the street from New York Avenue Presbyterian Church). **Bishop Thompson has asked that AME Zion Church members make every effort to be present.**
- 4. Community Giveaway Success:** The Community Giveaway was a huge success. We thank God for blessing the entire day and event. We extend special thanks to the members of Lomax AME Zion Church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, and Mr. Gibbs and his Human Resource Staff of the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City. Thank yous are also extended to: the Capital Area Food Bank for their generous donations of fresh produce, Rev. Monica Hargrove and Rev. Ray Pincham for manning the prayer table, as well as all of the members of Lomax who supported this outreach ministry. All leftover items were donated to The Eleanor Kennedy Shelter and Goodwill. Peace and blessings, — Gloria H. Camp and the Food Pantry Ministry.
- 5. Annual School Supply Drive - Supporting Drew Elementary School:** A new school year is approaching, and Lomax is continuing our tradition of supporting Drew Elementary School. Our mission is to ensure every child walks into the classroom on day one with the tools they need to learn and succeed. We invite you to participate in our **Annual School Supply Drive** by giving a financial donation, payable through your church envelope. Your generosity helps place essential supplies directly into the hands of students who need them most. Contact Sis. Wilma Newby or Sis. Stephanie Gaskill if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!
- 6. Summer School @ the Max:** Lomax you did an excellent job attending the June and July Summer School sessions. As we move into the August sessions, note that they are open to everyone, but they will be more specialized. So, if the topic does not relate to a ministry are you currently serve in or might be

interested in serving in, please do not feel obligated to participate. More information will be shared about the date for our Summer School graduation.

Our next Summer School session will be held on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, at 7 pm via Zoom. This first session of the Worship track on **“Greeter, Usher & Deaconess Ministry.”** Following is the Zoom participation information:

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

Meeting ID: 838 7907 9999

7. 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

8. Sunday Worship Service: Please invite someone to worship with us this Sunday at 11 am, Sunday's bulletin and Prayer and Bereaved List 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/>.

9. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer takes place on Tuesdays at 6:30 am. Following 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

10. Save-the-Dates: Please save the following dates:

- **VBS Summer Camp:** The tentative date for VBS this year is August 11-13, 2026. More details will follow.
- **Virtual Membership Budget Meeting:** Thursday, August 20, 2026. Zoom participation information will be provided.

11. Lay Council:

- *Membership: This summer, strive to renew your membership or to join! Thanks for being at attendance at the Church Organization meeting. Your support of the Food Pantry Ministry COMMUNITY GIVE-AWAY was awesome. Assist the 160th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration by volunteering on a committee, and/or making a sacrificial pledge.*
- *Interests of the Kingdom: This week in Arlington ... Hey Arlington! VOTE-VOTE-VOTE! Early Voting for the [August 4, 2026 Dual Primary Election](#) expands to three locations starting Sunday, July 19 at Courthouse*

Plaza, Langston-Brown Community Center, and Walter Reed Community Center. All Arlington voters may vote early at any site. Note, hours vary by location.

12. The 160th Church Anniversary Pledges and Video Recordings: The 160th Church Anniversary Committee is excitedly planning for this Celebration. A pledge card is attached for you to make a pledge to support this celebration. **Regrettably, the video recordings have been postponed until further notice.**

13. 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.

14. Green Valley Farmers Market: This week at the market, weather permitting we will have entertainment by **Champ Boogie** for our Summer in the Park Evening. Tribute to the Green Valley Greats - Banner Unveiling - Shirts for Sale.

Dinner Chat about the Drew Park Plan. Take a look at the Final Design Concept and fill out your survey. Let us know what you think!

[FYI, Please Share!] Online Feedback Opportunity: Drew Park - portiaclark1@gmail.com - Gmail

Support the following vendors:

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| • CARE Fish Fry Meal | BBQ |
| • Big Z's Italian Ice | Dubai Coffee |
| • Miller's Farm Produce | Juelz and Things |
| • Lemonade Stand | Karleigh's Sticker Booth |
| • Haus of Sauce | Saint Roccas |