

**August 30, 2026**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**1. Washington District Fifth Sunday Fellowship Service:** The Washington District's Fifth Sunday Fellowship will be held Sunday, August 30th, at 3:00 p.m., at Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church where the Rev. Pharaad Massah El is the Pastor. **The preacher for the afternoon will be our own Rev. Dr. Adrian V. Nelson, II Pastor of Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church. All are invited!! Please come out and support your Pastor.** A flyer is attached.

**2. Summer School Update:** As we wind down our Summer School @ the Max sessions, the next session will be this Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 10 am. Our final session, this Saturday, will focus on Media Ministry. The presenter will be Christian Whitley, the Media Director for Mt. Olive Baptist Church, here in Arlington, VA.

All current members of Lomax's Media Ministry, as well as anyone interested in joining Lomax's Media Ministry, are invited to participate in our Media Ministry session. This session will be in person only.

**3. 160th Anniversary Photos:** The Homecoming Committee is inviting all Clubs, Boards, and Ministries to participate in the Homecoming Group Photo shoots. Sunday, August 30th, the following group photos will be taken: **Finance/Budget Committee, Media Ministry, Youth Ministry and Floral Ministry.**

Next Sunday, September 6th the following group photos will be taken: **Acolyte Ministry and the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, to include the Buds of Promise, Life Members, and Y.A.M.S.** Please call Sis. Ruthy Brown (703) 386-6329, if you have questions.

**4. 160th Anniversary Choir Rehearsals:** A sign-up form ( <https://bit.ly/AnniversaryChoir>) has been created so you can sign up to sing in the 160th Homecoming Choir. Rehearsals will be on Saturday morning and Thursday evenings. The deadline for signing up for the choir is **September 13, 2026**. Music will be provided to choir members prior to the first rehearsal on September 26th. The Thursday rehearsals will be October 1st and the 8th. Please plan to be a part of this choir and *lift your voices in praise* during this upcoming historic event. — Bro. Jelani Caldwell, Director

**5. 160th Homecoming Celebration Banquet:** Tickets are available for the Homecoming Banquet which will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterford Event Center, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield, Virginia. The cost of the

tickets is \$75 per person. For additional information and/or ticket purchases please contact Ruthy Brown or Brenda Cox.

**6. 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!

**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 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:** The next intercessory prayer session will be held on Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30 a.m. Following is the Zoom information to participate in this session:

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752>

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

**10. WHOMS Life Members Update:** Life Members, it is time to pay your annual dues. The dues are \$5, but we gladly will accept additional donations for other W.H.O.M.S./Life Member activities/scholarships. You can pay your dues and/or donations via your weekly church envelope. -- Carolyn Blackmon, Lomax Life Members Chairman

**11. Lay Council: SAVE THE DATE! See 160th Homecoming flyer, and Ways to Support.**

- **Membership:** Remember to update your contact information with your Class Leader and/or the Church Office. Let's get Directory ready!

- Membership Campaign to officially kick off on Connectional Lay Day. More info in September.
- ***Education & Interests of the Kingdom: See flyer and/or click on link.***
- **National Action Network (NAN) March on Washington 2026 is 8/28/26. Let's go Defend the VOTE! [NAN Chapter Mobilization | March on Washington 2026: Defend the Vote.](#)**
- **Come go with us to Galbraith AMEZ on the 5th Sunday at 3pm. Rev. Nelson is preaching!**

**12. 160th Church Anniversary Pledges:** 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.

**13. Health Unit Information:** This week's focus is "**Prepared & Protected: Emergency Readiness for Families.**" A flyer is attached.