

September 6, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. "Back-to-Church" Sunday: On Sunday, September 13, 2026, we will observe "Back-to-Church" Sunday. Each class should be prepared to have as many class members present in both Sunday School and worship. More details will be provided during the week.

2. 1st Check-Up Meeting: Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr., will hold the 1st Check-Up Meeting for the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference on Saturday, September 19, 2026. The meeting will be hosted jointly by Clinton and Scotland AME Zion Churches, at the Inter-Denominational Church of God, [19201 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20879](#). Those amenable should be present for 9 am departmental meetings, or by 10 am for the start of the Check-Up Meeting.

3. Green Valley Day: Lomax's Young Adult Choir will be singing at 12:30 pm as a part of Green Valley Day. This event will be held at Charles Drew Elementary School. If you sing with Lomax's Music Ministry and are available to add your voice, please contact Bro. Todd Pincham or Sis. Breeana Roseboro.

4. Christian Education Sunday: On Sunday, September 20, 2026, we will observe Christian Education Sunday. This year's connectional Christian Education Sunday/Month theme is: "Strong Ministries. Strong Churches." Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Michelle Searles, who develops the Vacation Bible School curriculum for the AME Zion Church and leads the administration of the CED's Nurturing Children grant from the Lilly Foundation. She is a member of Contee AME Zion Church.

5. 160th Anniversary Observance:

- **Anniversary Group Photos:** The Anniversary Committee is inviting all Clubs, Boards, and Ministries to participate in the Anniversary Group Photo shoots. This 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.
- **Anniversary Choir:** 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

- **Anniversary Banquet:** Tickets are available for the Anniversary 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.
- **Anniversary Sponsorships & Pledges:** Individual patron acknowledgements for the Homecoming journal can be made at the \$20 level. “In Honor Of” and/or “In Memory Of” journal designations can be made at the \$10 level. Please see Mrs. Mary V. Still or any member of the Homecoming Committee to submit your names and donations. Also, a pledge card is attached for you to make a pledge to support this celebration.

6. Annual School Supply Drive: Thank you for supporting the Annual School Supply Drive for Drew Elementary School. We are blessed to be a blessing! (Gen. 12:2) -- Sis. Wilma Newby and Sis. Stephanie Gaskill.

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 are 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 will NOT meet this Tuesday, September 8th. Following is the Zoom information to participate in the session that will be held on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 a.m.:

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.**

12. Health Unit Information: This week's focus is "**Protecting Your Peace: It Starts With Boundaries.**" A flyer is attached.

13. Floral Announcement: 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.