

September 13, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL

OBSERVATIONS

1. "Back-to-Church" Sunday: This 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. Our new members have been invited to have Breakfast with Pastor Nelson this Sunday at 9:45 am.

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 amendable 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. World Communion Sunday: In observance of World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026, Lomax and St. Michael's Episcopal Church will worship together as we have previously. Members of St. Michael's will worship at Lomax at 11 am. **Members of Lomax are asked to make a special effort to worship at St. Michael's at 9:30 am, especially given how supportive and financially generous St. Michael's has been with respect to Lomax's Food Pantry Ministry.**

6. 160th Anniversary Observance:

- **Anniversary Group Photos:** The Anniversary Group Photo shoots will conclude this Sunday, September 13th with the following group photos being taken: **Acolyte Ministry, Scholarship Funds Committee, Nurses**

Ministry and the Children's Choir. Please call Sis. Ruthy Brown ([703-386-6329](tel: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 **this Sunday, 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.
- **Anniversary T-shirts:** The Anniversary Committee has created T-shirts to celebrate Lomax' 160th Anniversary. Photos of the T-shirts, which include the Anniversary theme — **"Faithful, Grateful and Purposeful - The Legacy Continues,"** are attached. T-shirts are being sold for **\$15.00 per shirt** with all proceeds go to support the Anniversary budget. T-shirts can be ordered through Sis Lavonne (stewartlr54@gmail.com; [703-568-8456](tel:703-568-8456).) Please advise of your color preference (purple or gold) and size. Payments for the T-shirts can be made through your church envelope or the Givelify app. **Please place your T-shirt orders on/or before September 20th.** Thanks for your support. — The 160th Homecoming Committee
- **Cemetery Remembrance Gathering:** On Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 11 am to 1 pm, please join us for a heartfelt and uplifting remembrance as we come together to honor, cherish, and celebrate the beautiful lives and enduring legacies of our dearly departed loved ones. Whether you wish to place flowers, share fond memories, or simply spend time in quiet reflection alongside family and friends, this gathering is

dedicated to surrounding our community with love, warmth, and shared strength.

- A Time of Honor & Celebration: Share stories, reflect on treasured memories, and celebrate the meaningful lives of those who will always remain in our hearts.
- Family & Community Warmth: Bring your children, relatives, and neighbors to participate in a day centered on remembrance, connection, and fellowship.
- Tribute & Reflection: Take time to decorate gravesites, pause for quiet prayer or reflection, and reconnect with fellow families in a supportive environment.

All families with loved ones resting in the cemetery are warmly invited to join us. Let us gather in unity, remembrance, and love to honor the timeless bonds that connect us all. A flyer is attached. — Mrs. LaVonne Stewart

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](tel:301-715-8592) or [1-646-931-3860](tel: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: Intercessory Prayer will meet this Tuesday, September 15th. Following is the Zoom information to participate in the session that will be held 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](tel:301-715-8592)

10. W.H.O.M.S. Life Members Update: The Washington District will host a Life Members Stoling ceremony, Saturday, September 26, 2026 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Union Wesley AME Zion Church, [1860 Michigan Ave, NE Washington, DC](#). If you were unable to attend Annual Conference earlier this year this is your opportunity to stoled and/or pinned during this celebratory service. The attire for women is white and men may wear dark suits with white shirts. Don't forget to bring your stole/pin. Carolyn Blackmon, Lomax Life Members Chairman

11. Lay Council: Have you secured your 160th Anniversary Legacy Banquet Ticket yet? See Sister Byrd, Sister Ruthy or Sister Cox after Sunday Service.

- **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 October.
- **Denominational Loyalty, Education/Evangelism & Interests of the Kingdom**: See flyers or click on links.

We The People: A Community Rising—NAACP 79th Freedom Fund Banquet is 10/17/26.

DCGD “Diving Deeper into the Book of Discipline”, Starts 09/14/26 at 8 pm via Zoom.

Alleyne AMEZ Church, 77th Church Anniversary “Walking in Greater Glory” on 09/13/26, 11 am & 3 pm Worship Services. See flyer.

12. Health Unit Information: This week’s focus is twofold ‘**Intergenerational Healing: Conversations That Connect and Comfort**’ and “**Aging Gracefully: Senior Health, Movement, and Cognitive Care.**’ Flyers are attached.