

September 27, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. "From Grave to Glory" Cemetery Remembrance: Please join us this Saturday, September 26, from 11am – 1pm for the first event of Lomax AME Zion Church's 160th Anniversary celebration, a cemetery remembrance event entitled "From Grave to Glory." **The event and program will begin in the sanctuary.** We have an engaging program planned which includes a fun scavenger hunt, along with being able to start your family tree and/or give your own oral history about your loved ones. Of course, light refreshments will be served. A flyer is attached. — Mrs. LaVonne Stewart

2. Washing District Life Members Stoling Ceremony: This Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 11 am, the Washington District will host a Life Members Stoling ceremony at Union Wesley AME Zion Church, 1860 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. If you were unable to attend Annual Conference earlier this year, this is your opportunity to be 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

3. Global Missions Sunday: **This Sunday, September 27, 2026, we will observe Global Missions Sunday.** This year's theme is: "Zion Methodism: A Church on the Go, A Church Willing to Give, A Church Willing to Grow!" **Lomax Missionaries and members are asked to wear African Attire.**

4. 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. To allow Lomax members to worship at St. Michael's, Sunday School will not take place on October 4th.**

5. 160th Anniversary Observance:

- **Anniversary Choir Rehearsal:** The Anniversary Choir will have its first rehearsal this Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 11 am. **Due to the use of the sanctuary this Saturday, the Choir will rehearse in the Fellowship Hall.** Please plan to be a part of this choir and *lift your voices in praise* during this upcoming historic event. — Bro. Jelani Caldwell, Director

- **Worship Unleashed: Please join our youth and young adults on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 7 pm, for "Worship Unleashed: This Ain't No Ordinary Worship!"** Get ready for Gospel Go-Go and much more in the way of creative arts expressions. For further information or to participate please contact Sis. Christina Kemp, Sis. Breeana Roseboro, or Rev. Wanda Polite. A flyer is attached for you to share with the youth and young adults in your life.
- **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, Debra Byrd or Brenda Cox.

6. 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

7. 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/>.

8. Intercessory Prayer: Intercessory Prayer will meet this Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 am. Following is the Zoom information to participate:

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

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

9. Bible Study: Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm. We are continuing our study of "The Names of God." The handout and Zoom information will be sent out during the week.

10. Women's Ministry Meeting: The Women's Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30pm via Zoom. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Zoom participation is below. — Rev. Tina Nelson

You can join the meeting via this link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87994295672?pwd=omsu8HwaqBUhDJBeMQPLJoMEgvPj4Q.1>

11. Lay Council: "Connectional Lay Day" is Sunday, October 18th, 2026, at 11 am. More information to follow. Membership Campaign to officially kick off on Lay Day.

- **Membership:** Plan to attend and support as many 160th Anniversary & Homecoming events as possible. SEE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

- **Education/Interests of the Kingdom:**

- We The People: A Community Rising—NAACP 79th Freedom Fund Banquet is 10/17/26. Let me know if you are interested in attending. Lomax will have a couple of tickets available to the event. ~Sister Byrd
- DCGD - "Diving Deeper into the Book of Discipline", each Monday night via Zoom. Let us know if you'd like the link.
- Arlington Historical Society (AHS), the Memorializing the Enslaved (MEA) in Arlington Project and the Center for Local History - Offering a FREE Genealogy Workshop in November. See attached and posted information to register!
- "Brain Health & Dementia Resource Fair" at Fairfax Government Center on October 3rd, 2026, from 10 am to 3 pm. Visit: <https://bit.ly/DementiaFriendlyFairfax>
- "Children's Challenging Behaviors" FREE WORKSHOP via Zoom, October 17&18, 2026, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Registration required. SEE FLYER.

12. Health Ministry Information: This week's health information relates to Suicide Prevention. Please see the attached information.

13. Volunteer Opportunities: Are you looking for meaningful ways to stay engaged and give back to your community? You can make a significant difference in the lives of older adults who need assistance getting to their doctor's appointments or grocery store. The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church's team of volunteers is looking for you to ensure seniors have access to the vital healthcare services they need..There are volunteer roles available other than driving to assist our seniors. Contact SCMAFC.org or call at 703.506.2199 if you are available to volunteer.