OCTOBER 25, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. **Senior Ministry**: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry at their meeting this Saturday, October 24th, at 9:00 am in the church sanctuary as we host Wilbur Hurdle, Director of Business Development at Synergy Home Care. He will give us a very insightful overview of services that are available to seniors that will enhance the quality of their lives as they age. Looking forward to sharing with you!!! Come and bring a friend!!!! — Ms. Brenda Cox

2. Anna L. Anderson Day Celebration: We will celebrate **Anna L. Anderson Day** this Sunday, October 25th, during the Sunday morning worship service. Mrs. Anderson is the founder of the Life Members Council, and this is an opportunity to honor her. Attire white and stoles for women and dark suits and stoles for men. Refreshments will be available following the service.

- **Life Members:** Don't forget to pay your annual dues of $5 which can be paid via your weekly contribution envelope or via Givelify. Any additional donations toward the various scholarship funds supported by the Life Members would be greatly appreciated. Carolyn Blackmon, Life Members Council Chairperson

3. Christian Education Elevate/Winter Meeting: Parents of children and youth, emerging adults, and adults interested in obtaining information about this year's AME Zion Church Christian Education Department Winter Meeting, ELEVATE, are asked to participate in a Zoom meeting this **Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 pm.** ELEVATE will take place December 27-30, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona. If you are interested in attending ELEVATE but cannot attend Tuesday's meeting, please contact Wanda Williams or Christina Kemp (Children), Tyrus Pincham (Youth) or Essence Cooper (Emerging Adults). The theme for this meeting is "Gifted for Greatness." — Essence Cooper, Lomax CED Director.

Following is the Zoom link for Tuesday's meeting:

Join Via Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86987009423?pwd=MSJzyW6tvtwljzvaxKYnGhSExORgiN.1

Meeting ID: 869 8700 9423

Passcode: 901914

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860

4. <u>Pastor Nelson's Birthday</u>: Did you hear the news? Our very own Rev. Nelson is turning 60!

Help us celebrate this big milestone by dropping a card or gift into his Birthday Box, located at the back of the church during and after all services starting Sunday, October 25th.

- **No card? No problem! Blank cards will be available at the box for you to fill out.**

Feel free to leave a gift or simply share your prayers and warm wishes as Rev. Nelson celebrates 60 wonderful years! For questions, see any member of The Steward Board

5. <u>The 160th Church Anniversary Financial Close-out</u>: As we close out the 160th Church Anniversary, we are encouraging all pledge and sponsorship commitments be paid in full. We are working on the Journal. If you are interested in making a pledge contribution to be included and to receive a journal, please see Sis. Ruthy Brown and make your pledge and contribution by Sunday, November 18, 2026.

6. <u>Evangelism Ministry</u>: Lomax's Evangelism Ministry is seeking individuals with a heart for ministry and a desire to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and proclaim the coming Kingdom of God. If you are interested in working with this important ministry, please leave your name with Rev. Wanda Polite.

A brief interest meeting will be held immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, November 1, 2026. We invite you to join us as we share the love of Christ, spread the Gospel, and advance the Kingdom of God! — Rev. Wanda Polite

7. Women's Ministry: The Women's Ministry will be supporting Thomas Jefferson Middle School for the Thanksgiving Holiday with gift cards between $10 - $50 (in increments of $5) to be provided to families in need. Please give your gift cards to Sis. Brenda Humphrey or Sis. Breanna Roseboro. You may also give through Givlify or your giving envelope. Please note 'Women's Ministry' in the memo section. We will collect donations through November 15th. Lastly, you can scan the QR code in the attached flyer and give directly to the school. (Please note there is an administrative fee associated with that method of giving.)

- The Women's Ministry will be supporting Gunston Middle School for the Christmas Holiday with gift cards of $25 for their Angel Tree Drive to be provided to students in need. Please give your gift cards to Sis. Humphrey or Sis. Breanna Roseboro. We will collect donations through December 13th.
- The Women's Ministry will be supporting Thomas Jefferson and Gunston Middle Schools with black leggings, sweatpants, or joggers (all sizes but mostly L and XL)

and underwear (sizes XS through M) for the female students. This is an ongoing collection. Please give donations to Sis. Humphrey.

Thanks for your generous support of these efforts!

8. Sunday School: Please join us Sunday morning for our regular Sunday School sessions at 9:30 am. Participation will be possible in-person and via Zoom. 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

9. 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/.**

10. Intercessory Prayer: **Intercessory Prayer will meet this Tuesday, October 27th,2026 at 6:30 am.** Following is the Zoom information to participate in that session: Join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

11. Bible Study: Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, October 28th 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.

12. Lay Council: Thank you to all participants and attendees for an uplifting and informative Connectional Lay Day! Continue to be bold for Christ in your black & gold. ~ The Lomax Lay Council Executive Committee

· ***Membership:*** Renew or join for $10.00. Please note Lay Council dues on your envelope or in the Givelify App. Payments can also be given to Sister Denise Pincham, 2nd VP of Lomax Lay Council and Membership Chair. TY!

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

What's your voting plan? Info for ALL states on Rock the Vote - Register to Vote, Find Election Info, and More!

- **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!
- **Green Valley: The Community Conversation Series**: Help create a shared vision for Green Valley. Join one conversation or all six. Register here: Green Valley Community Conversations Registration
    - Dates: Saturday, October 17 – November 21, 2026
    - Time: 10:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.
    - Location: Charles Drew Community Center, 3500 S. 23rd Street, Arlington, VA
    - Hospitality: A shared meal and childcare will be provided

- **Arlington System of Care NOW HIRING Parent Representatives**. SEE FLYER

12. Health Ministry Information: This week's health information relates to "**Dispelling Menopause Myths."** Please see the attached information.

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