November 1, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

1. W.H.&O.M.S. Life Members Council Sunday: Thanks so much for your participation and support for the Anna L. Anderson celebration Sunday, October 25th. Information will be provided regarding additional Life Members projects for this conference year. 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

2. Pastor Nelson's Birthday: 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

3. Don't Forget to "Fall Back": Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 1, 2026. So don't forget to set your clocks back an hour, or you will be really early for Sunday School and worship.

4. 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

5. 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/.**

6. Evangelism Ministry: 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. "United in Prayer" Election Eve Prayer Vigil — Arlington Churches will be gathering on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7 pm, for an Election Eve Prayer Vigil. The Vigil will take place a Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1601 13th Road South, Arlington, VA 22204. Pastor Nelson will be participating on behalf of Lomax. A flyer is attached.

8. Christian Education Elevate/Winter Information: Parents of children and youth, emerging adults, and adults interested in attending this year's AME Zion Church Christian Education Department Winter Meeting, ELEVATE, are asked to indicate your firm commitment to attend by **Monday, November 2nd.** ELEVATE will take place December 27-30, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona. The theme for this meeting is "Gifted for Greatness." If you are interested in attending ELEVATE but could not attend Tuesday's informational meeting, please contact Wanda Williams or Christina Kemp (Children), Tyrus Pincham (Youth) or Essence Cooper (Emerging Adults). A copy of the presentation is attached. — Essence Cooper, Lomax CED Director.

9. Intercessory Prayer: **Intercessory Prayer will meet this Tuesday November 3rd ,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

10. Bible Study: Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm. We will conclude our study of "**The Names of God**." The handout and Zoom information will be sent out during the week.

11. Young Adult Missionary Society (Y.A.M.S.): The Lomax Young Adult Missionary Society, a Department of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church will meet on Thursday, Nov 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Inviting all women between the ages of 22-40 for our fall outreach planning meeting, putting our motto into action!

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12. Washington District Events:

- The Washington District Missionary 2nd Mass Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY at Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church, 1712 N. Capitol NW, Washington, DC 20002, Rev. Dr. Heath L. Cheek, Pastor, November 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- The Washington District's Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026 (instead of the Fifth Sunday Fellowship Service). The Contee AME Zion Church, is the host church, the Rev. Brandon Pennex, Sr., host Pastor. The Washington District Mass Choir will provide the Ministry of Music. The officers and members of Lomax AME Zion Church are encouraged to attend.

13. Senior Ministry: Please join the Lomax Senior Ministry as we prepare to attend the annual "Senior Citizens' Holiday Luncheon" sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter and the Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia. The luncheon is December 6th, from 1:30- 4:30 pm at Alexandria City High School. The last date to sign up for this event is November 10, 2026. See Sis. Brenda Cox to sign up. — Brenda Cox

14. The 160th Church Anniversary Financial Close-out: 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.

15. Women's Ministry Holiday Outreaches:

- 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 Givelify 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.)
- Also, 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.

- Further, 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! — Rev. Tina

16. Lay Council Information:

- **Lay Council: The election is Tuesday, November 3rd! What's your voting plan? Info for ALL states on Rock the Vote - Register to Vote, Find Election Info, and More!**
- ***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 the difference between "988 & 911"? Know which number to call by reviewing the attached FACT SHEET.
    - Arlington Historical Society (AHS), the Memorializing the Enslaved (MEA) in Arlington Project and the Center for Local History - Offering a FREE Genealogy Workshop on November 21st, 2026. See attached and posted information to register!
- **Green Valley: The Community Conversation Series**
    - **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
    - Help create a shared vision for Green Valley. **Join one conversation or all six.** Register here: Green Valley Community Conversations Registration
- **Arlington System of Care NOW HIRING Parent Representatives. SEE FLYER**

17. Health Ministry Information: This week's health information relates to "**Understanding Diabetes Prevention and Management**". Please see the attached information.

18. 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.