

# Glad Tidings

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Community  
Church

## Letter from the church council:

Our next Annual General Meeting is coming up on **Sunday, February 9**. Plan to come, whether you are a voting member or not! One of the most important things we will do together as a community is to elect a new group of elders to help lead our church. At Arusha Community church, the Elders play a special role. As a lay-led church, with no professional pastor, the Church council of volunteer elders leads the church practically and spiritually.

Over the next weeks, we will all need to be thinking and praying about whom to nominate to stand for election as an elder. It's a good time to consider this question:

### **What does it take to be an elder?**

*"Now the elder is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap." ~ 1Timothy 3:2-7.*

In our last council meeting, we remembered these instructions from the Apostle Paul the qualifications for elders of the church. These are challenging standards! Even those of us already serving realize that it is by the grace of God and the transforming work of the Spirit that our hearts are prepared and formed to be people worthy of this calling.

As a council we also added a few practical considerations of what it takes to be a good elder:

- A mature Christian who follows the Lord and can be a good example to others
- Someone known and respected by others and already actively involved in the church
- Someone who is a whole-hearted, voting member of Arusha Community Church, and who worships at ACC consistently; it's important to be present in worship regularly to be in touch with the community.
- Someone who has enough time in his/her life to commit to attending monthly council meetings, perhaps to sit on another committee, and deal with issues that arise.
- Someone who is going to stick to his/her commitments
- Someone who can keep confidential what is discussed in council
- Together, our group of elders should represent the whole community and not just certain segments of our population.

There are many people who have the strong inner character of a good council member, but who are honestly too busy or who travel too much. Such people would be wiser to recognize that it is not the right season to serve as an elder.

Most of all, people who would like to be elders should understand that there is not a lot of glory in this position. No, instead, there can be a lot of work! We need to work together. We must be available to meet the needs of the community. But there can be a great deal of joy in serving and helping to lead God's people. Even when being an elder is hard, the Apostle Paul gives us this comfort: "Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an elder, desires a noble task." 1Timothy 3:1.

*~Rebecca Mosley (Council Chair).*

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, January 12:** Sunday school resumes
- **Confirmation classes** will be starting in January.
- **Sunday, January 12:** Parents' meeting after church
- **Sunday, January 19:** Confirmation classes start, 9 am
- **Saturday, January 25, 10am to noon:** New Voting Members' Class
- **Sunday, February 9:** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## ARE YOU A VOTING MEMBER YET?

A class for new voting members will be held on **Saturday, January 25, 10 am to noon**. If you are new to the congregation, it is also a great way to get to know more about ACC, how it works, its history and approach. Many of you may have been attending for years but have not yet become voting members. Please plan to join this short gathering. You will then be received into the congregation and ready to help vote for a new council and church budget in 2020.

## BAPTISM

Worship committee has selected several Sundays in the church year to schedule baptisms during the service. The next upcoming baptism date will be Sunday, February 23, 2020, a Family Service. If you wish to be baptized, or if you wish to have your child be baptized, you need to follow these steps:

1. Fill out a baptism request form at least 6 weeks in advance. Form available from the church office.
2. Adult candidates or parents meet with a pastor for spiritual preparation. If you don't have a pastor in mind, the council chair will match you with an appropriate minister.
3. The pastor / lay minister recommends the adult / child for baptism to ACC Church Council.
4. If Church council approves, worship committee receives the baptism request to schedule it.

"Arusha Community Church (ACC) is church which is led by volunteers. Each church service is organized and led by various people offering their time and abilities for the glory of God and to support the functioning of our worship services.

We are currently really in need of more ushers to help us during the Sunday morning services. If this is something you would be willing to help out with, please contact Sharon Mkisi after the church service or you can fill out a Time and Ability (TAA) application form (found on the bulletin board) and leave it in the church office.

Thanks so much - your help would be so appreciated!  
~ Sharon Mkisi, Worship Committee Chair".

## ACC PRAYER CHAIN

**If you have a prayer request and would like members of our community to support you in prayer, contact the four key persons – if possible by SMS- and they will inform the others from the prayer chain.**

<b>Erwin Kinsey</b>	<b>0754 480 184</b>
<b>Margaret Kenyi</b>	<b>0754 090 078</b>
<b>Susan Simonson</b>	<b>0754 266 559</b>
<b>Stella Karumuna</b>	<b>0754 281 337</b>

## Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC : NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	
Friday 5:00 pm-6:00 pm	
Saturday 10:00 am –11:00 am	

## Arusha Community Church 2019 Offerings through 30 November

(in TSh millions)



If current rate of giving continues through remainder of this year, we will see an overall income shortfall of 26.9 million shillings in 2019

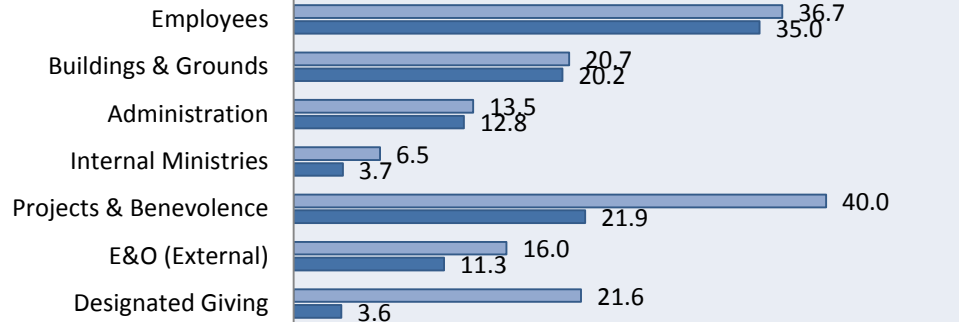
## Arusha Community Church 2019 Spending through 30 November

(in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 31 Dec 2019

■ Actual thru 30 Nov 2019

If current rate of offering continues through remainder of this year, we will be forced to reduce our 2019 external giving (PBC, E&O, DG) by at least 26.1 million shillings.



### ACC Bank Details:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds to ACC please find the following details here:

#### EXIM BANK

**TSH. ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252**

**USD ACCOUNT NUMBER 578 067 0116**

**M-PESA DEPOSIT +255 743 301 727**



### Mission Statement:

Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.



Check out (and subscribe to) our Facebook page:

“Arusha Community Church” for more regular updates on upcoming events including audio and text clips on sermons preached during regular Sunday service.

## Small Group Bible Studies

...an important part of growing in your walk with Jesus, together with other believers in the church. If you are interested in learning more about one of these on-going groups, you are welcome to contact the convener listed. Several groups are still looking for leaders and hosts (Ilboru and Town Center). Contact the church office [arushacomunitychurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:arushacomunitychurch.office@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

## Groups Meeting at ACC

- Sunday, 9:30 – 10:30 am at ACC. Bible study from the lectionary (Moses Manyama [stanslqsmoses@gmail.com](mailto:stanslqsmoses@gmail.com)),
- Tuesday, 5:15 pm Young Adults meet at ACC. (Mikael Pallanore +255621626362),
- Wednesday, 4:00- 5:00 pm, Men's prayer meeting, ALMC canteen,
- An outside group meets for bible study and prayer Wednesdays & Friday, 3 – 6 pm,
- Saturday 1 – 3 pm (Dennis Lyimo [dlyimoss@gmail.com](mailto:dlyimoss@gmail.com)).

## Other groups

- Thursdays (alternating) 9:30 am, women's bible study. (Linda Jacobson [lindawjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:lindawjacobson@gmail.com))
- Tengeru, Saturdays (Jane Mashingia [janemashingia@gmail.com](mailto:janemashingia@gmail.com))
- Sakina, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm (John and Mary Israel 0623805038 [john\\_israel98@yahoo.com](mailto:john_israel98@yahoo.com))
- Ngaramtoni Juu, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Erwin Kinsey 0754480184 [ekinsey@echonet.org](mailto:ekinsey@echonet.org))
- Olasiti (Irene Joel [aichi63love@gmail.com](mailto:aichi63love@gmail.com))
- Njiro PPF/AGM, Weeknight (Margaret Kenyi [sslcse2005@gmail.com](mailto:sslcse2005@gmail.com))
- Njiro and East Arusha, Sundays 3– 5 pm (Rebecca Mosley [rebeccasackmosley@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccasackmosley@gmail.com))

### New to ACC?

Want to be introduced to other ACC congregational members? Not sure of our programs and activities? Want to be involved in some way, but not sure how? Want to receive Glad Tidings by email? Have a general question about Arusha that an old-timer may have the answer to? Every Sunday, a member of council is available after the service to assist and to answer your questions. OR please contact ACC via our church phone +255 685 345 429 and/or [arushacomunitychurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:arushacomunitychurch.office@gmail.com) and you will be responded to as quickly as possible. Our ACC website <https://acc.or.tz/> also provides information as does our ACC pamphlet is available in the back pockets of the church chairs. (Note the new website address: <https://acc.or.tz/>).

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

~Jeremiah 29:11

## January 2020 Service Schedule

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Church Calendar</b>	Epiphany of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord / First Sunday after the Epiphany	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Third Sunday after the Epiphany
<b>Service Type</b>	Communion Service	Morning Service	Communion Service	Family Service
<b>Service Leader</b>	Michael Pallanore	Jessica Shayo	John Kraft	Christy Rowe Miller
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Pallangyo	Dr. Mark Rich	Michael Murray	George Mkanza
<b>Musician(s)</b>	Rebecca Mosley	Neil Rowe Miller	Daniel Kalule	Mike Taylor
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Sharon Mkisi	Christopher Kenyi	Erwin Kinsey	John Kraft
<b>Prayer Person</b>	assigned by service leader	assigned by service leader	assigned by service leader	assigned by service leader
<b>Sound Projector</b>	Philip Mvungi and Benjamin Laizer	Edmund Massawe and Samweli	Gabriel and Avagardo	Beneth and Andrea Joseph
<b>Ushers</b>	Jacqueln Njau and Andrea Thomas	Rogers Eliau and Shedrack Barnaba	Doreen Mwandri and Olang	Rogers Eliau and Jacqueln Njau
<b>Flowers</b>	Yoka Bruinsma	Jane Mashinga	Rebecca Ndorosey	Irene Joel
<b>Library</b>	No Library	Joann Noel	Eliel Gideon	Sion Miraa
<b>Books</b>	No Library	Abella Rugeiyamu	Alutte Stephen	Sion Miraa
<b>DVDs</b>	No Library	Abella Rugeiyamu	Nancy Kimaro	Aissa Stephen
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<a href="#">Isaiah 60:1-6</a> <a href="#">Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</a> <a href="#">Ephesians 3:1-12</a> <a href="#">Matthew 2:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 42:1-9</a> <a href="#">Psalm 29</a> <a href="#">Acts 10:34-43</a> <a href="#">Matthew 3:13-17</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 49:1-7</a> <a href="#">Psalm 40:1-11</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:1-9</a> <a href="#">John 1:29-42</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 9:1-4</a> <a href="#">Psalm 27:1, 4-9</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:10-18</a> <a href="#">Matthew 4:12-23</a>