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Letter from the church council

On Sunday, February 9th, Arusha Community Church held its 34th Annual General Meeting. Over 50 people attended the gathering, including a number of non-voting members who want to get more involved.

The various ministries of the church gave reports of their work over the past year. We continue to be a community that includes babies, children, youth and young adults in spiritual growth—our Sunday school program has become quite large. We worshiped more than 50 times over the past year, and never once did we miss a volunteer musician, preacher or service leader! We have been able to share resources (42% of our total budget) with some of the poorest of the poor. We continue to build up ministries outside ACC, which share the good news with unreached people and who lead discipleship ministries for rising young leaders in Tanzania.

We warmly thanked out-going council members John Kraft, Moses Manyama, Eric Mbelle, Sharon Mkisi, Christy Rowe Miller and Michael Pallanore for their years of service. The gathered community affirmed six new church council elders to serve in leadership of our lay-led congregation. The newly elected elders are Neil Rowe Miller, Eliel Gideon Mollé, Michael Murray, Philip Mvungi and Susan Simonson, with Rebecca Mosley serving a second term. Continuing council elders are Elizabeth Hudgin, Monica John, Christopher Kenyi, Erwin Kinsey and Doreen Marandu.

The church elders seek to discern God's direction for the community in both spiritual and practical matters. At the beginning of the year, they will take time to think through the big picture issues the church is facing and how to help ACC continue to grow into full maturity as the body of Christ. They meet each month to review the work of the various church committees. They affirm baptisms and marriages, approve administrative and financial decisions, and work out conflicts or discipline issues. Each Sunday, an elder is available to respond to questions and requests on behalf of the church. Please be in prayer for our group of elders, that we would be willing and faithful to follow God's lead in large and small matters.

In addition, the AGM approved the accounts of the past year, and passed a new budget for 2020. While the total budget is slightly lower than last year, that is because we received some unexpected gifts to the church last year. Our 2020 budget represents responsible spending, based on what we can reasonably expect to receive in regular offerings over the coming year. It will still stretch our community, requiring each of us to consider giving 6% more in 2020 than we gave last year. We recognize that God calls each of us to be faithful stewards of our resources, according to our means. We won't ask for pledges on your tithes, but we invite you to pray and decide together with God what faithful giving looks like for you.

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Finally, throughout the AGM, we were encouraged to think about ways God is calling us to serve with our time, our abilities and our spiritual gifts. What passion has God placed in you? Is there a ministry where are feeling a passion to serve? Is there a need you notice, which you realize you can fill? Speak to an elder or fill out one of the TAA forms on the bulletin board. All of this is part of helping the church grow up into full maturity.

Let me end with an invitation to prayer:

- For wisdom for our new church council, as we lead into a new decade.
- For faithfulness in our commitments to giving tithes and offerings
- For courage and readiness to serve Christ's church with our time and abilities.

Rebecca Mosley, for the ACC Church Council



Top row from left: Neil Rowe Miller, Christopher Kenyi, Philip Mvungi, Erwin Kinsey, Michael Murray, Eliel Gideon. Below: Monica John, Susan Simonson, Elizabeth Hudgin, Rebecca Mosley.

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 arushacommunitychurch.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),
- 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)

Other Groups:

- Thursdays (alternating) 9:30 am, women's bible study. (Linda Jacobson lindawjacobson@gmail.com)
- Tengeru, Saturdays (Jane Mashingia janemashingia@gmail.com)
- Sakina, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm (John and Mary Israel 0623805038 john_israel98@yahoo.com)
- Ngaramtoni Juu, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Erwin Kinsey 0754480184 ekinsey@echonet.org)
- Olasiti (Irene Joel aichi63love@gmail.com)
- Njiro PPF/AGM, Weeknight (Margaret Kenyi sslscse2005@gmail.com)
- Njiro and East Arusha, Sundays 3– 5 pm (Rebecca Mosley rebeccasackmosley@gmail.com)



- **Wednesdays at 5 p.m – 6:20 p.m:** Choir Practice in preparation for Holy Weeek and Easter Service. Come, let us make a joyful noise!
- **April 9 & 10:** Christ’s Last Supper & Good Friday
- **April 12:** Easter Sunday

BAPTISM

Worship committee has selected several Sundays in the church year to schedule baptisms during the 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.

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.

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| Erwin Kinsey | 0754 480 184 |
| Margaret Kenyi | 0754 090 078 |
| Susan Simonson | 0754 266 559 |
| Stella Karumuna | 0754 281 337 |

Alcoholics Anonymous

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| 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 |
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| Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | |
| Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am | |



TOYS WANTED!!

Our Crèche toys need replacing. If you have any toys suitable for children 3 years or younger which you could donate, that would be very appreciated. Please bring on any Sunday and leave in the church office.

Thank you!



Check out 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.



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.

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.

Our ACC website www.acc.or.tz also provides information as does our ACC pamphlet available at the church door. (Note the new website address: www.acc.or.tz)

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

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

Arusha Community Church (ACC) almost entirely functions through people who are volunteering their time in the various roles. At ACC we encourage people to get involved and contribute in some way. Please see the Duty Elder after the service for a copy of the Time and Ability Form (TAA) if you are interested in helping out at ACC. We welcome your participation!

N.B: We are in current need of ushers. Please get in touch with the Duty Elder of the day if you are willing and able to help!



Newly registered voting members: (L-R) Dennis Lyimo, Jeff Hollister, Paula Murray and Michael Murray being welcomed into the church body by ACC elders Rebecca Mosley and Erwin Kinsey.

March 2020 Service Schedule

| | March 1 | March 8 | March 15 | March 22 | March 29 |
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| Church Calendar | First Sunday in Lent | Second Sunday in Lent | Third Sunday in Lent | 4th Sunday in Lent | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
| Service Type | Communion Service | Morning Service | Communion Service | Morning Service | Family Service |
| Service Leader | Linda Jacobson | Monica John | Vance Miller Bicknell | Moira Brehony | Christy Rowe Miller |
| Preacher | Dr Mark Jacobson | Dr. Janet Yoder | Dr. John Yoder | Lisa Borden | Paul Mosley |
| Musician(s) | Daniel Kalule | Erwin Kinsey | Rebecca Mosley | TBD | Neil Rowe Miller |
| Duty Elder | Rebecca Mosley | TBD | Monica John | Chris Kenyi | TBD |
| Prayer Person | Service leader to assign | Service leader to assign | Service leader to assign | Service leader to assign | Service leader to assign |
| Sound Projector | Philip Mvungi, Mary | Avagardo Jerson, Lucieta Ngujeje | Severine Manday, Gabriel | Severine Manday, Tumsifu | Andrea Thomas, Edmund Massawe |
| Ushers | Andrea Thomas, Sherack Barnabas | Rogers Eliau, Olen'g Stephano | Jacqueln Njau, Elirehema Wegard | Tulius Nguru, Remmy Nnko | Rogers Eliau, Olen'g Stephano |
| Flowers | Doreen Marandu | Yoka Bruins | Christy Miller | Jane Mashingia | Irene Joel Mchomvu |
| Library | Sion Miraa | Narola Mollel | Eliel Gideon | Michael Murray | Joann Noel |
| Books | Abella Rugeiyamu | Meneto P | Debbie Laiser | Nancy Kimaro | Meneto P |
| DVDs | Abella Rugeiyamu | Meneto P | Miriam Taylor | Nancy Kimaro | Meneto P |
| Scripture Readings | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 | Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 | Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 | 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 |