

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL:



John 4:24 . Serving God wholeheartedly means serving God in Spirit and in truth. When you are given a responsibility, do not grumble, for when you grumble you water down the blessing God has earmarked for you. It is also important that you do not serve God blindly.

1 Samuel 12:24: Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.
Colossians 3:23-24: Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

Arusha Community Church continues to serve as a spiritual home for many people from all walks of life. It has given each and every one of us an opportunity to serve GOD in small and big ways; something which we can all do! Reflecting on my own experience in the church council, it brings a lot of joy and honor knowing that serving God is a demonstration of love for Him through loving service to others. Loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbor, as Jesus Christ taught, is the essence of serving God. All service to God is accomplished through the power which He supplies and therefore binds us together with Him.

Importantly serving God rewards us with;

Responsibility and Accountability-when you serve at church you gather responsibility. ...

- ✚ *Problem-solving skills* – Just because it is church doesn't mean there won't be problems! ...
- ✚ *Mentorship* – Everyone at one point in life needs a mentor of some kind. By serving at church you will be serving alongside Godly men and women who can pour into them, encourage them, and even take them under their wing.
- ✚ *Realize their gifts and/or talents* – Each one of us has an amazing gift that God has given us. Unfortunately, so many never realize these gifts because they aren't provided the opportunity to figure them out or work on them. You are encouraged through ACC Time and Ability forms to find a way to share your gift and talent with others.
- ✚ *Encouraged to lead* –As time goes by, you will often feel and given great responsibility and encouraged to take

charge of some things in church. *What a joy!!*

- ✚ *Confidence* – It builds their confidence to you and all people around you
- ✚ *Healthy Relationships* – You will be surrounded by other Godly people treating each other with respect.
- ✚ *Make new friends* – ACC welcomes in people from within Tanzania and all nations of the world. Through serving God in many capacities at ACC, be it singing, Preaching, leading service, ushering, sound and IT support, Sunday school teaching, library support, decorating the church, council member or member of various committee, you will always get to meet and make new friend!
- ✚ *Learn the Bible* – Of all the things listed, learning the Bible will always remain your number one priority in everything you do!

If your desire is to serve the Lord with all your heart, you are not alone – God is with you. ... All by yourself, connected to the power of God, much can be accomplished. Consider how you can offer yourself as a 'living sacrifice'. Please be for ACC what God intended you to be, and serve now in His power. Please make yourself known during the Annual General Meeting of early February or in the weeks following. Fill in the TAA forms and contact the duty elder or the church administrator.

PRAYER: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Help me to see the sacredness of daily life. Help me pursue righteousness in all that I do. Help me see my ordinary work as an act of faithfulness to you. Help me love others. Help me be an instrument of your peace. In the name of Jesus, I pray these things. *Amen.*

~ Doreen Marandu, Concil Member.

ACC's 35th Annual General Meeting

7th February 2021 after worship service

All are encouraged and welcomed to attend.
Our ACC health protection guidelines will be followed



Our ACC Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday 17th February starting at 7 p.m.

All are welcome

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of the Season of Lent. Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers' heads or foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are resuming at the beginning of February on a limited basis, with **ONLY** the older age group of 8 to 11 years, and with a smaller class size. Teachers and teacher assistants are needed, so please consider if you might be able to help in this vital ministry.



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.

Joel 2: 12-13

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

Message from the Council Chair

While we know we are blessed here in Tanzania with regard to covid-19, we do know that it is on-going and increasing in other parts of the world. As an international community which welcomes visitors and which seeks to love and protect those around us, we are continuing to follow health protection guidelines for the safety of all.

We ask that you continue to:

- Wash your hands before entering
- Wear a mask at all times, **especially** when singing (please don't take off your mask to sing)
- Keep a degree of distance

We work and pray together as one community, sharing the love of Christ to all.

-Susan Simonson

TIME AND ABILITY – What can you offer in ministry to your church?

As a lay-led church, **VOLUNTEERS** are always needed. The Time and Ability [TAA] forms allow you to see where help is needed, and what activities need your support.

They will be available from the Duty Elder each Sunday in February, and should be returned to Vivi in the church office when filled in.

"Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace."

~1 Peter 4:10

Fathers and their Children:



Eric Mbele

&

Michael Murray



listening and praying
with their children
during
Sunday services ♥



Sunday School children's offerings and the offerings from Carols by Candlelight were given to Peacemakers for Albinism and Community in December.

This helped enable students to travel SAFELY from schools all over Tanzania to their homes for the Christmas holidays. This also allowed them to return to their schools after the break in January.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC:

Your OFFERINGS are important. It is easier for accounting purposes, and without charges, if offerings are deposited directly into our Exim Bank Account (please see details below). While the MPESA number remains available for receiving offerings, please consider making a deposit directly into our bank.

ACC BANK DETAILS:

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

EXIM BANK

TSH: ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

USD: ACCOUNT NUMBER 578 067 0116

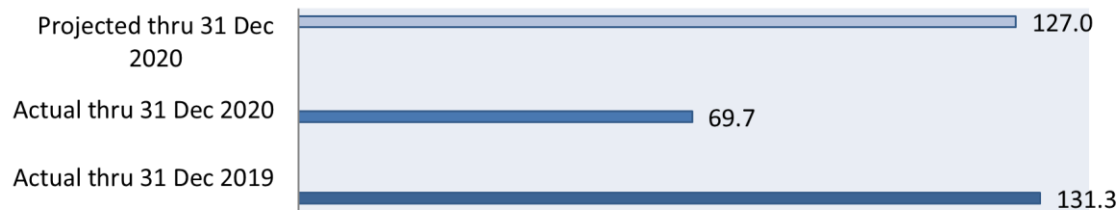
ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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

M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394

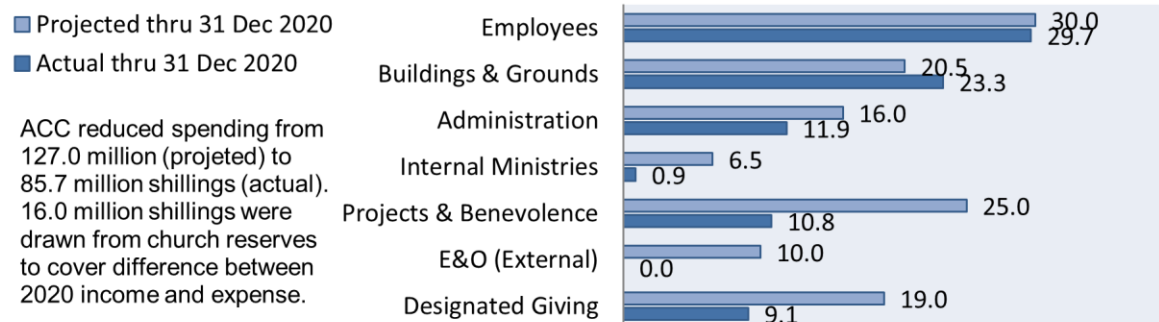
NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

Arusha Community Church 2020 Income Summary (in TSh millions)



Due to a 2020 shortfall in projected income of 57.3 million shillings, ACC's actual income was 61.6 million shillings less than 2019

Arusha Community Church 2020 Expense Summary (in TSh millions)



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.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

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

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

February 2021 Worship Schedule

	February 7, 2021	February 14,2021	February 17,2021	February 21,2021	February 28,2021
Church Calendar	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent
Service Type	Morning Service	Morning Service	Morning Service	Morning Service	Family Service
Service Leader	Susan Simonson	Elizabeth Hudgin	Wendy Willmore	Eliel Gideon	Penina Oredsson
Preacher	Fr. Oliver O'Brien	Eric Mbelle	Eamonn Brehony	Rev Lemburis Justo	Lisa Borden
Musician(s)	Michael Pallanore	Maryng'ida Severe	Wendy Willmore	Ruth Bach-Svendson	Daniel Kalule
Duty Elder	Elizabeth Hudgin	Eliel Gideon	Susan Simonson		
Zoom Host				Sion Miraa	
Sound Projector	Avogadro' +255 753 416 903	Andrea Thomas +255 754 049 454		Tumsifu Mushi 0719 084 600	Severin Mandare +255 783 146 474
Ushers					
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Rebecca Ndorossy	Christy RoweMiller	Doreen Marandu	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38



Check out our Facebook page: **"Arusha Community Church"** for updates and news. You can add your words of encouragement in the comments section.
Tupo Pamoja!

ACC WEBSITE:

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?

Please visit our ACC website www.acc.or.tz for more info.