



LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL:



Happy New Year 2021!

By this Glad Tidings letter, the Council seeks to stay in touch with the congregation, we who are still somewhat dispersed and unable to meet physically, are somewhat anxious about the continuing, perhaps resurging, pandemic in our midst. It has been a time for several younger members of the congregation to 'step up to the plate' and take responsibility for doing activities of service without which the church could not have functioned during the past year. THANK YOU!!! You who have offered your services know who you are, and God sees as well. May He abundantly reward you for your service to His Church. We cannot repay you.

Mark 6:1-6 is a baffling passage in scripture, where Jesus describes His own challenge to be valued and heeded among the community in which He grew up. "Prophets are not without honor except in their own hometown and among their own kin, and in their own house." For that reason, Jesus was constrained to do miracles of power, 'because of their unbelief'. We do not know what Jesus did among his community in the 30 years of his growing up; perhaps he attended school and played among village mates, helped his father fix neighbors' furniture, ate and drank with them at community occasions. Surely He was well known to them in the small town of Nazareth, and his peers were not ready to let Him break out of the roles He had played among them. They put Him in His place as a lowly workman.

Have we limited any of our ACC members to do only what we have expected of you? At ACC we seek to welcome people to offer their gifts, and encourage those who might aspire to greater tasks of service. Please, if you have ever felt discouraged to offer your talent because you have felt a sense of not being valued or inadequacy, or you are seeking affirmation, ACC needs you to break through whatever barrier you feel. Otherwise, ACC will suffer from the folly of disempowered members who wait for others to step up to the plate. Perhaps It takes a pandemic to break these mental and spiritual barriers down, some which we have created on our own. Thank you, brethren, to those of you who have offered your services to the church over the past year. Your contributions have been so appreciated!

Dear Arusha Community Church members, your participation has never been so needed as now. As we look to our diminished congregation meeting physically each Sunday morning, we think, "How can we ever resume the services we once experienced here at ACC? How can we start up Sunday School again with teachers who have been pillars soon leaving? How can we find ushers to welcome and guide the body in the functions of entering and partaking in the church worship? Who will go for ACC to serve on now-latent committees to become once again an active force for Christian education, Evangelism and Outreach, supporting Projects and Benevolence? " Will you consider yourself for a deeper level of service this coming year? Please 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 this month when we prepare for the Annual General Meeting of early February. Don't wait for someone to tap your shoulder. Consider if any of the ACC array of tasks in the Time and Abilities form you can assist. Heed Paul's call to service in Romans 12:1,2, to offer what is God's will for you in this new year. As you make a resolution, offer your time to serve your church, in Christ.

~Erwin Kinsey



Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

-Isaiah 43:18 -19

ACC's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 7th February 2021 After Sunday service.

Our Annual General Meeting is a time of reflection on the year past. It is also the time when we plan and organize for the coming year, with the election of a new Council of Elders and reviewing our new budget proposal.

All congregational members are encouraged to attend, as all have a voice in our community. However, only Registered Voting Members can vote on any motions, and vote in the new Council.

The list of Registered Voting members will be posted on the back bulletin board, along with the nomination sheet for Council elders.

Please do speak with any Council elder if you have questions.

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



**Sunday school teacher's seminar:
January 16,
10 am - 2 pm.**

All past teachers and interested new volunteers are welcome to learn more about teaching and nurturing the Christian faith of children in our church. We are looking for both lead teachers and helpers. Previous experience helpful but not necessary.

Worship committee is still seeking out new volunteers to be involved in music, sound and projection ministry.

Please contact :rebeccasackmosley@gmail.com

John 12:26b

"If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC:

Thank you to the many who continue to give your tithes and offerings to ACC. Please know that these offerings are needed, appreciated and are used to help many within the community.

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)



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.

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

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.



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!

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

January 2021 Worship Schedule

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Church Calendar	<i>Second Sunday after Christmas Day</i>	<i>Baptism of the Lord & First Sunday of Epiphany</i>	<i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
Service Type					
Service Leader	Philip Mvungi	Michael Murray	Moirra Brehony	Jessica Shayo	John Kraft
Preacher	Michael Murray	Vance Bicknell	Erwin Kinsey	Rex Chapota	Angelika Kinsey
Musician(s)	Mary Severre	Michael Pallanore	Daniel Kalule	Rebecca Mosley	Mike Taylor
Duty Elder	TBD	Eliel Gideon	Rebecca Mosley	Monica John	
Zoom Host					
Sound Projector					
Ushers					
Flowers					
Scripture Readings	<u>Jeremiah 31:7-14</u> <u>Psalms 147:12-20</u> <u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u> <u>John 1:(1-9), 10-18</u>	<u>Genesis 1:1-5</u> <u>Psalms 29</u> <u>Acts 19:1-7</u> <u>Mark 1:4-11</u>	<u>1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)</u> <u>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</u> <u>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</u> <u>John 1:43-51</u>	<u>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</u> <u>Psalms 62:5-12</u> <u>1</u> <u>Corinthians 7:29-31</u> <u>Mark 1:14-20</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</u> <u>Psalms 111</u> <u>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</u> <u>Mark 1:21-28</u>

Psalm 40:5

"Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders You have done, and the plans You have for us—none can compare to You—if I would proclaim and declare of them, they are more than could be numbered."