

LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL



What holds us together?

On Pentecost Sunday in May, our preacher Cynthia Holder Rich spoke of that event described by Paul in Acts 2 when the gathered disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit; and when the Jews of every (known) nation and language were gathered together in Jerusalem and yet heard the wonders of God declared in their own tongue or language. Cynthia used the phrase “a celebration of diversity” in her sermon.

We too at ACC come from many nations, speak in many languages, come from many faith traditions. ACC can also be called a ‘celebration of diversity’. What holds us together?

In ACC’s Statement of Faith, we say that we believe in a Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. We also state that we believe in the illuminating, regenerating, indwelling and sanctifying work of God the Holy Spirit.

Accidentally or otherwise, ACC seems to be celebrating right now that indwelling and regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, we acknowledged and thanked all who give of their gifts and time to our community. On the last Sunday in May, we welcomed three little ones into our faith family through baptism. We will rejoice with nine younger people as they affirm their baptismal vows for themselves in a Confirmation service the first Sunday in June. In all these things, we are reminded of, and give thanks for, the transforming power that God the Holy Spirit has in our own lives, and in the life of ACC.

May we each one of us breathe in the Breath of God, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and use that to be more transparent of Christ so that others around us know the love of God.

- Susan Simonson (on behalf of the ACC Council)

Seasons of the church year

ACC uses a liturgical calendar following the seasons of the church year. This calendar is centered round two periods of Sacred Time: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany; and Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, concluding at Pentecost. The rest of the time after Pentecost is known of Ordinary or Ordinal (counted) time when Bible readings and church practices focus on various aspects of our faith especially the mission of the church in this world. The colour green is often used during this 'Ordinary Time' signifying new growth and life, transformation. As we enter this 'green season', let us seek and embrace God's transforming work in our lives.

THANK YOU

to all our ACC volunteers!

1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 7



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people. Now to each one the manifestation is given for the common good.

In this passage, Paul speaks of different gifts, different kinds of service and work, but that all these gifts, abilities, skills are given by the Holy Spirit for the common good. Paul also teaches us to give thanks always to God, through Christ, in whom he has given us every blessing, including the blessing of one another.

We recognize the work that is done by so many faithful and dedicated people, giving thanks to one another, and to Almighty God, for making the Spirit manifest among us in such a variety of ways.



A prayer for volunteers

Gracious God,

We are truly blessed by You, God, and enriched in our fellowship by the many people of this congregation who volunteer their time and their talent in small and large ways for the benefit of this church and for the advancement of the gospel of Christ in this place. Without the many willing hands and hearts; our worship together and our ministries and programs just could not happen.

We give you thanks for them all. We give thanks for the diversity of gifts that they bring, and for their constant faithfulness in doing these things in Your name and to serve You.

Be in their hands and their minds and their words, so that Your love might be brought to all around us.

Strengthen us all and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of mutual love and service in the world. May your Spirit make us wise; may your Spirit guide us and renew us, so that we all will be strong in faith, courageous in witness, and persistent in good deeds.

For all this, and, above all, for the gift of your Son and our salvation, we give our heartfelt thanks and praise. Amen

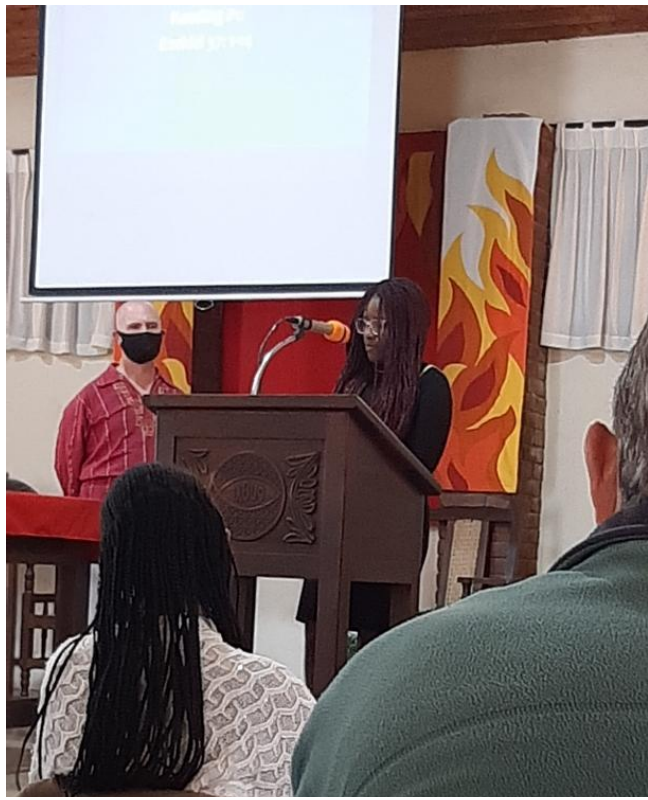
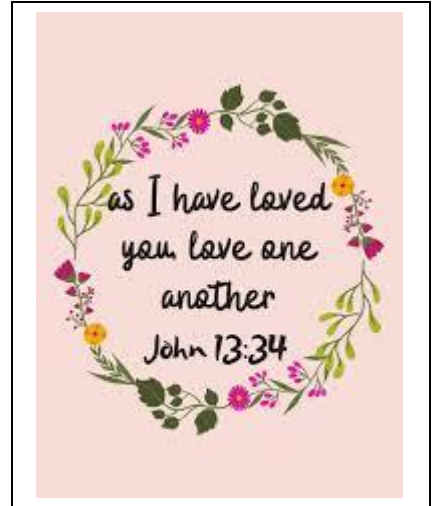
We are continuing our in-person worship services at 10:30 am every Sunday. However, we have a limited number of chairs available in the sanctuary to follow appropriate social distance guidelines. We encourage anyone with risk factors to stay at home and participate in worship by Zoom.

To prepare yourself: Download Zoom on a computer or mobile device by going to zoom.us Click on these links to watch a tutorial on how to download the Zoom App and how to join a meeting from a computer or a phone.

Joining on mobile

phone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8JaUEORjSo>

Joining on computer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ>



Above pic:
"Leader" Vance listening to Nari, one of the 9 confirmation students reading the scriptures.
The students have been brilliant in sharing the words of the liturgy since we re-opened on the 4th of October.

Confirmation Sunday, June 6th:

A wonderful group of 9 students will be confirming their faith and officially joining the ACC community on Sunday, June 6th. We expect a large number of their relatives and guests to join us for the celebration. We advise those with health risks or concerns to join us by Zoom that Sunday, as the sanctuary will be more crowded than usual.

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
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Do you have a word of encouragement, favorite bible verse, inspiring or even funny story, song, poem or picture that you would like share with us ACC?

If so, we would love to hear from you! Please send on to: arushacommunitychurch.office@gmail.com

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church Hike!

E&O are organizing a hike to Kilima Moto on the 20th June on the Farewell Sunday following the service.

Hikers should wear good shoes for hiking, bring a water bottle, and bring a lunch bag/box with something light to eat for themselves and someone else!

Those with transport are also encouraged to offer if their vehicles can take how many people, in advance so we will know if we need one or more daladalas.

Karibuni - it is an easy hike and we will be back in town before 4pm.



❖ June 6

✓ Confirmation Sunday

❖ June 20

✓ Farewell Sunday

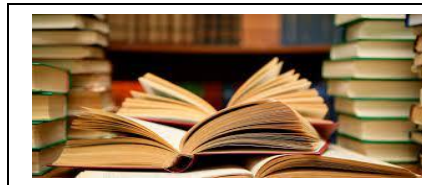
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Farewell Sunday

20th June 2021

As members of our community leave Arusha and ACC, we would like to have time to thank them and say a Blessing Prayer before they go. If you will soon leave ACC, please do join us on Sunday, June 20th.

News from the ACC LIBRARY



We are opening the church library on a limited basis. Welcome to see all our wonderful books and resources on the last Sunday of each month. Hopefully over time, we can open the library more often.

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.

Feel free to add your words of encouragement in the comment section. Tuko pamoja.



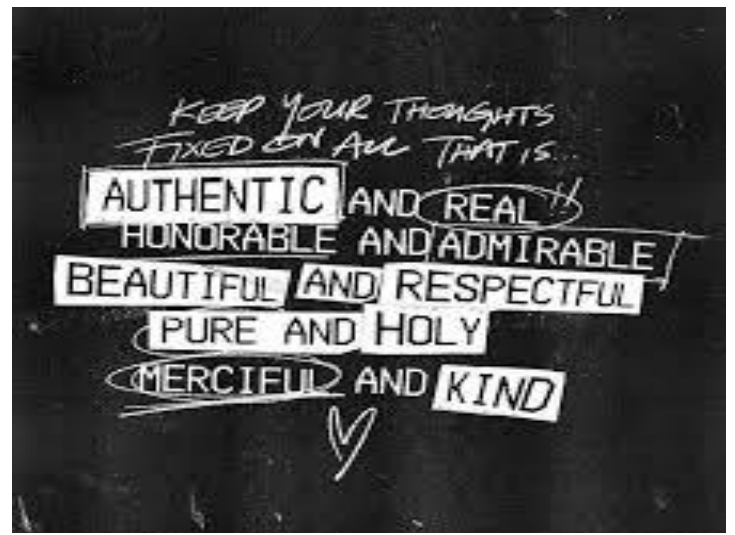
Mission Statement:

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 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



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Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC:

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
6:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
6:00 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 –
Thursday 5:00 pm –

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)

June 2021 Worship Schedule

	June 6, 2021	June 13, 2021	June 20, 2021	June 27, 2021
Church Calendar	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Confirmation Service	Morning service	Communion service	Family Service
Service Leader	Rebecca Mosley	Susan Simonson	Elizabeth Hudgin	Eric Mbelle
Preacher	Vance Bicknell Miller	Moses Manyama	Rebecca Mosley	Derrick Matthews
Musician(s)	Daniel Kalule	Randy Stubbs	Ruth Bach-Svendson and Erwin Kinsey	Neil Rowe Miller
Duty Elder	Elizabeth Hudgin	Erwin Kinsey	Neil Miller	Eliel Gideon
Zoom Host	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sound Projector	Avogadro Jerson	Tumsifu Mushi	Edmund Massawe & Beneath Joseph	Severine Manday & Philip Mvungi
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu & Nancy Sadiq	Doreen Marandu	Christy Miller	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

