

## LETTER FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

I led a worship service in June, and as always when leading, I like to take an active part in choosing the hymns, so that I can fit them into the flow of our worship time together. I look at websites which give charts of which hymns are reflective of the Bible readings of the day, and see those which may be more known to us all. But for the June service, I could only find two hymns which seemed to suit. What other hymns to consider? I could not think of any. So as usual when my mind draws a blank, I put it in the back of my head and let the thought simmer for a while. By the end of the day, three hymns had come to me: *Love divine, all loves excelling; From heaven you came, Servant King; and I, the Lord of sea and sky/Here I am, Lord.* 

These three hymns somehow show the essence of our Christian faith. God, our Creator, whose love for us all is far more than we can ever conceive; God the Son, Jesus Christ who came to serve and show us how to follow in Christ's footsteps in concrete and human terms; and what our response to this love and gift of grace should be as we say "yes, here I am, ready to reflect Your love and care out to the world", using the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance.

I, more often than not, have no answers to questions, or solutions to problems, especially as we, as ACC Council, have considered (and still consider) the questions of the effect of Covid 19 on our community. I have the feeling that we will be dealing with these questions for a long time to come. I am thankful for the counsel given in the Psalms. I am thankful that we can 'in stillness, lay our requests before God; and take heart knowing He will hear and will answer, and in His word we can put our hope.'

And that God is always with us no matter what; whether for small questions as to what hymns to choose for a Sunday service, or the larger concerns facing us all.

Psalm 5:3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.Psalm 27:14 Wait for the Lord: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord

- **Psalm 27:14** Wait for the Lord; be strong and **take heart** and wait for the Lord.
- **Psalm 37:7** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
- Psalm 38:15 Lord, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God.
- **Psalm 40:1** I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

Susan Simonson



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 <u>zoom.us</u> 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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8JaUEORjSo</u> Joining on computer: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fMUxzrgZvZQ</u>



#### **Confirmation Sunday!** Nine students were confirmed on 6th of June by pastor Mark Rich. Their three confirmation teachers Rebecca Mosley, Vance Bicknell and Jeff Hollister presented their students of Eighteen months to the congregation. Each student in turn shared his/her favourite Bible verse which has inspired them through their journey of studies. Karibuni wote.









# Goodbye Kwaheri

The Choir on the left singing a farewell song for Rebecca, Paul, Orem and David Mosley, Vance Bicknell and Daniel Kalule on the 20<sup>th</sup> June – (Farewell Sunday). We thanked them for their service as preachers, musicians, council members, Sunday school coordinators/teachers and committee members. They will be greatly missed.







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.

Left and below photos:

Hike up Kilima Moto on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. **Look out for more ACC hikes in 2021.** Well liked by all!



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

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## News and

# Announcements

## **Confirmation Class – Teachers and students**

Nine young people just affirmed their baptism in the confirmation service held in June.

We do hope to start another Confirmation class in a few months; if that is possible. Two of our past confirmation teachers have now left Arusha and we are looking for others who might want to be involved in this program.

We also need to how if there are students to wish to take this program.

If you either want to help teach OR be a part of this class, please give your name and contacts to Vivi in the ACC office, who can pass on the information to the Christian Education Committee. Thank you.

## 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

### 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

## Sunday School - Teachers and assistants needed!

The Christian Education committee is also considering starting Sunday School classes again, if that can be done in a safe way. Many of our key teachers have now left Arusha, and we are seeking others who want to be a part of this very important ministry. Past experience is not needed!

<u>If you either want to help teach</u>, please give your name and contacts to Vivi in the ACC office, who can pass on the information to the Christian Education Committee. Thank you. In this way, every generation will have a living faith in the laws of life and will never forget the faithful ways of God. – Psalm 78:7 (TPT)

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## **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 interdenominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

## **Alcoholics Anonymous**

AA meets at ACC:

### NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

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



May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Photo to the left and above:

Marriage Seminar at ACC attended by twenty, from different churches in Arusha including Pentecostal, Lutheran, Baptist pastors and Church leaders and some who aspire to minister to strengthen christian marriages. As one ACC member attending said, "This was time well spent!"

## 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)

# July 2021 Worship Schedule

	July 4, 2021	July 11, 2021	July 18, 2021	July 25, 2021
Church Calendar	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Morning Service	Morning Service	Communion Service	Family Service
Service Leader	Erwin Kinsey	Christy Rowe- Miller	Elizabeth Munisi	Eliel Gideon
Preacher	Eliel Gideon	Lisa Borden	Erwin Kinsey	Rev. Herman Kweka
Musician(s)	John Machua	Erwin Kinsey	Aisa & Alute Stephen	Mary Severe
Duty Elder	Neil Miller	Erwin Kinsey	Eric Mbelle	Wilson Mziray
Zoom Host	Jessica Shayo	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sound Projector	Andrea Thomas & Tumsifu Mushi	Beneth Joseph & Philip Mvungi	Edmund Massawe & Severine Manday	Avogadro Jerson & Tumsifu Mushi
Ushers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Flowers	Irene Mchomvu	Yoka Bruisma	Christy Miller	Jane Mashingia
Library	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Books	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
DVDs	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Scripture Readings	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3- 14 Mark 6:14-29	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21