# Glad Tidings

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# **Letter from the Council:**

With Easter past, we look to the coming days with new hope of the resurrected Christ that guides our lives and walks with us through life's trials. In 2022, this newness of life is accompanied by new freedoms from restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. For ACC, this means cautiously reopening our Sunday School, increasing the number of worshipers in our sanctuary, and in the coming weeks the ACC Council has agreed to resume after-worship tea time and to celebrate communion in the sanctuary. We thank God for these resumed freedoms, and pray that they can continue enriching our life together as believers.

While we celebrate newfound freedoms, others in our community struggle with crises of various sorts. For many years, Arusha Community Church has responded to many such needs through our Projects and Benevolence fund. Over the past two years, this fund was inactive due to reduced giving as result of the Covid 19 pandemic, but this year at our Annual General Meeting, we agreed to resume PBC spending, recognizing that it is an integral part of our ministry. In fact, the Bible tells us that serving the less fortunate is the very hallmark of what it means to be a Christian:

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth (1 John 16-18)."

The Projects and Benevolence Committee (PBC), at the request of the ACC Council, has refocused its mandate to prioritize the following:

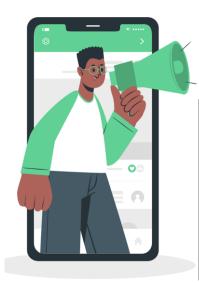
- Needs identified by members of our congregation who are willing to vouch for and follow-up with the person in need
- Support of individuals, not institutions
- Short-term emergencies where a single donation can make a big difference (e.g. health crises, a house fire, etc.) rather than chronic or recurring needs.

To carry out this mandate the PBC needs your help!! We need your help in two major ways:

- 1. **Help us identify those in need in our community.** As noted above, individuals who are assisted by PBC *must* be brought to us by a church member who is willing to vouch for their need, and who is willing to follow up after they have received assistance. PBC request forms can be obtained from the ACC office. Members of the congregation, their relatives and employees *cannot* be recipients of PBC funds.
- 2. **Help provide the financial means to fund this ministry.** Our 2022 budget was an act of faith, pledging 10 million shillings to PBC, on the assumption that ACC members would step up and help us resume our external ministries by increasing their giving over last year. As of April, however, our income has *not* increased significantly. With our renewed mandate, PBC will begin distributing assistance this month. Please help us find the means to carry out this essential ministry!

~Neil Miller,

Council Member.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday Morning Bible Study has resumed at ACC. From **9am to 10**, and each **Saturday from 4pm**.



# **ACC Evening of Music**

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of June 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Makumira and Loruvani Choirs will be one of the Participant.

All are welcome!

### **ACC Hike and Picnic**

Come join others for a hike on 5<sup>th</sup> of June, to Mwandet Hill, Lengijave. Occurs after the International picnic potluck at ACC after church. Everyone should bring some local food from their country. For the hike good walking shoes and a water bottle. Those who can help with cars please contact Erwin Kinsey.

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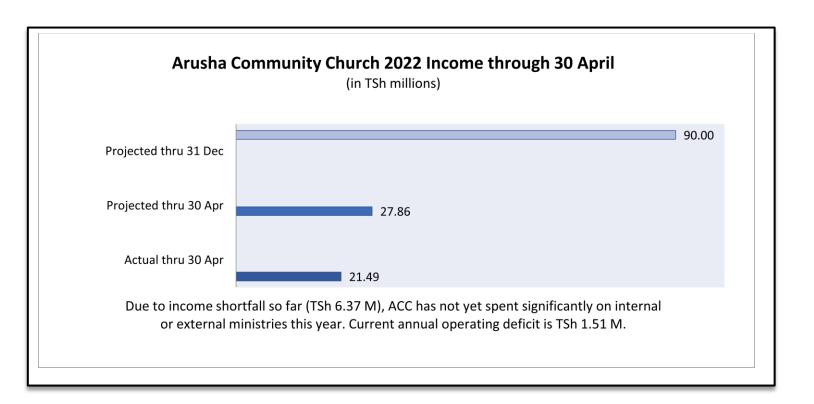
#### Mission Statement:

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 inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

### 1 Samuel 16:7

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."



#### 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

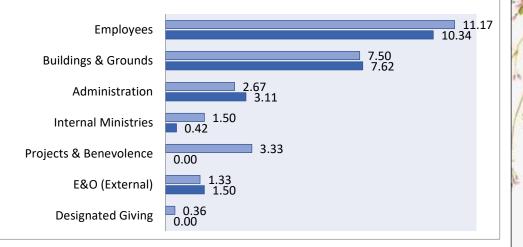
NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

## Arusha Community Church 2022 Expenditure through 30 April (in TSh millions)

■ Projected thru 30 Apr: 27.86

Actual thru 30 Apr: 23.00

Due to income shortfall so far (TSh 6.37 M), ACC has not yet spent significantly on internal or external ministries this year. Current annual operating deficit is TSh 1.51 M.



#### **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:

NA (Narcotics

Anonymous) meets:

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

Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday 10:00am -11:00am Saturday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



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!





# June 2022 Worship Schedule

	June 5, 2022	June 12, 2022	June 19, 2022	June 26, 2022
Church Calendar	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	Proper 7, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Proper 8, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion	Morning	Communion	Family
Service Leader	Daudi Msseemmaa	John Kraft	Eric Mbelle	Christy Rowe Miller
Preacher	Dr. Derrick Mathews	Daudi Mmseemmaa	Rev. Israel Meitamei	Mary Ngida
Musician(s)	Sion Miraa	Erwin Kinsey	Randy Stubbs	Megan Ndale
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Susan Simonson	Neil Miller	Michael Murray	Wilson Mzirai
Zoom Host/ Projector	Jessica Shayo	Sion Miraa		
Sound				
Ushers	Jacqueline Njau Thomas Desta	Jacqueline Njau David Frank	Jacqueline Njau Innocent Massawe	Jacqueline Njau Jacqueline Njama
Flowers	Doreen Marandu	Irene Joel	Christy Miller	Jane Mashingia
Library				
Scripture Readings	Acts 2:1-21 OR Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 OR Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62