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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

"You heavens above rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the Lord, have created it."
Isaiah 45: 8



The New Year has finally begun and together with our busy schedules is the need for us to remember what the Lord has promised us and that we must seek Him even more fervently. As a church, we have spent the last few months learning to focus on the giver of the blessings we receive and on serving Him even more. This month we will take time to celebrate last year's achievements and seek God to take us forward to higher heights at our Annual General Assemble on the 15th. During this Assembly we will make major decisions for the leadership and future of ACC. I urge each of us to be present in person.

Over the last year we as a Church Council have emphasized prayer as much as we could and we are grateful for every second taken to pray and seek the Lord for our church family. The church leadership has prayed for each of you and we are convinced that many members of this individual have taken time praying for the church leadership and each other. All this is greatly appreciated.

Sometimes it is easy to note and talk about the things that are not so good around us. But prayer is also about having faith that the Lord we seek is able to do exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ever think, ask or imagine. When we pray, let us seek the promises that apply to us as a church and let us declare these upon our ACC Family. I urge us to add to this prayer a declaration in the words of Isaiah 45 and especially verse 8. May we as a congregation truly be a representation of the Lord's anointed, that righteousness will rain upon us and salvation shall spring forth all around us causing us to be a bright light shining in the Darkness. May we be a family that is united and impacts each other to grow deeper in our walk with the Lord. May we together seek to bring a smile on the Lord's face in all we will do and speak this year.

May the Lord bless each one of us abundantly this year and may He bless the ACC family!

Christine Ebong, Council Chair



Special Services in February

The Season of Lent is beginning with Ash Wednesday, on **February 18th 2015**. ACC offers an evening service on this date at **6.30pm**. All are welcome.

Adult Bible study on session ... every Sunday from 09:15am – 10:30am.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

ACC's AGM will be held **February 15th, 2015** after morning worship. This is a time when we review our faith life and activities in 2014 and plan for the coming year. New Council elders are voted in at this time. Please speak with any Council elder if you have any questions about the AGM. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. A simple meal will be provided after the meeting

The AGM pamphlet showing last year's minutes, the Chair's report, the 2014 committee reports and 2015 budget proposal will be sent out by email.

Paper copies will also be available at church, if you are not able to print them out yourselves.

Council elders. Any registered voting member can be nominated to sit on Council. Two people have to sign the nomination sheet as well as the person being nominated. The nomination sheet will be posted on the back bulletin board.

Registered member list. A revised registered member list is posted on the back bulletin board. If you are a registered member, please do check that you name is listed. Please let a Sunday Duty Elder or Susan Simonson know if your name is not there, and you feel it should be.

While only registered members can vote on any issue at the AGM, the participation and input of all congregational members is really appreciated. Please do come and share your thoughts. **Karibuni wote.**

Christmas Day 25th of December at ACC

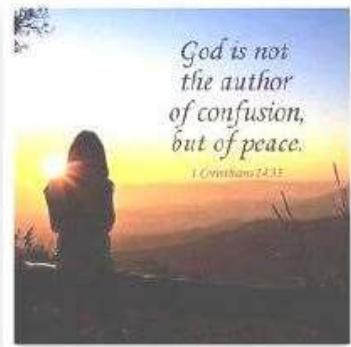
The Nativity story comes to life!



ACC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request and would like our 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 Karamuna 0754 281 337



Christmas Cards – needed for recycling

In December, congregational members went carolling at hospitals to bring cheer to those who are ill. Christmas cards and greetings, cookies and other snacks were distributed as well. The Christmas cards are made by recycling used cards.

So as you clean out after the Christmas season, please bring your old cards to ACC so that new ones can be made. They can be given to the Duty Elder, Susan Simonson or left in the church office. Thank you.

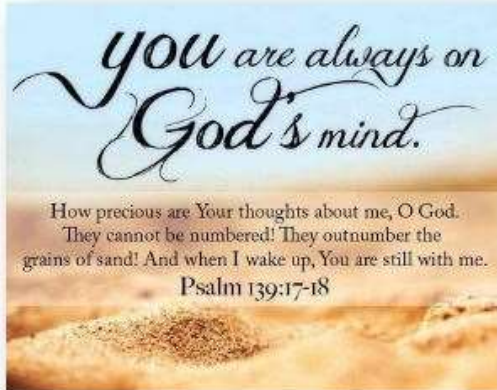
New to ACC? Want to be introduced to other ACC congregational members? Not sure of our programs and activities? Want to be involved in some way, but not sure how? Want to receive Glad Tidings by email? Have a general question about Arusha that an old-timer may have the answer to?

Every Sunday, a member of council is available after the service to assist and to answer your questions. OR please contact ACC via our church phone +255 782 397 708 and/or acc.facilitator@gmail.com and you will be responded to as quickly as possible. Our ACC website www.acc.habari.co.tz also provides information as does our ACC pamphlet available at the church door.

As a congregation, we try to be welcoming to newcomers and visitors. But we also recognise that we are not always as welcoming as we might hope to be. If you are new to ACC and we have not reached out to you, please reach out to us and hopefully you will find a warm welcome and response.

Bible Study ACC – on Sunday Mornings

09:15am - 10:30am before Church Service



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 10:00 am – 11:00 am

NA (Narcotics

Anonymous) meets:

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



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 February 2015 Sunday Worship Services

Date	Feb-01	Feb-08	Feb-15	Feb-18	Feb-22
	<i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
Service	Communion Service	Morning Services	Communion Service AGM	Evening Service	Family Service
Worship Leader	Joe Troester	Steve McFarland	Oscar Tanifum	Moira Brehony	Erwin Kinsey
Preacher	Jean Wahlstrom	Christine Derungs	Rev. John Lunn	Eamon Brehony	Angelika Kinsey
Music	Linda Jacobson	Angela Schramm	Amelia Combrink	TBA	Joanna Wambura
Sound	Edmund Ntwale	Daniel Charles	Eunpa Cho	Joseph Kraft	Joseph Kraft
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma	Yoka Bruinsma	Rosemarie Charles	Helena Koster	Erwin Kinsey
Ushers	Martin Mathews & Rogers Eliau	Peter Metili & Moses Obiuda	Godlisten Solomon & Edward Laizer	Eirehema Wegard & Senais Joseph	Eirehema Wegard & Senais Joseph
Duty Elder	Martijn Veen	Moira Brehony	John Kraft	-	Christine Ebong
Library	Atula Paul	Fitsimt Dejene	Barbro Mushendwa	-	Eliel Gideon
Books	Betty Mgya	Eliou Roger	Raymond Jean Sision		Mathew Martin
DVDs	Nancy Kimaro	Sion Mira	Leon Veen		Peter Feer
Scripture readings	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 5:1-14	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Genesis 9:8-17
	Psalms 111	Psalms 147:1-11, 20c	Psalms 30	Psalms 51:1-17	Psalms 25:1-10
	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	1 Peter 3:18-22
	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 1:40-45	Matthew 6:1-6, 16	Mark 1:9-15

We, **Arusha Community Church** (ACC), are an international, interdenominational, lay-led congregation. We are united in faith in Christ and worship in the English language.

Services are held at 10:30am every Sunday morning, as well as on other special days of the Church Year. **Sunday School** for children is during church through the school year. **Adult Education** is usually held before the service at 9:15 am.

For more information, please visit our **website** www.acc.habari.co.tz

Submission date for **Glad Tidings** articles, announcements, schedules, photos etc: 15th of February 2015 to Fitsimt Dejene (Mrs.) FitsimtD@ethiopianairlines.com. Thank you, GT Team (Fitsimt Dejene & Esther Charles-Lampart)