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FROM THE CHAIR

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you”(Joshua 3:5)

February! The month of fresh beginnings in our Arusha Community Church annual calendar! We shall have the Annual General Meeting in a few days, and at this meeting, conduct elections for Church council members as some Elders shall retire. There shall be agreements by the Assembly on important matters and Committees shall share the achievements of the past year and indicate their goals for the New Year.

This time reminds me of the beginning of the ministry of Joshua as he received the mantle of leadership from Moses. Moses had done a wonderful work leading the Children of Israel from Egypt but they were still to occupy the Promised Land. The Lord had urged Joshua to be strong in the Lord, to meditate on the commands of the Lord and to be careful to observe the Laws of the Lord. Just like the Lord had commanded Moses when He called him, once again the Lord directed Joshua to take off his sandals for the ground on which he stood “ is holy”(Exodus 3:5 and Joshua 5:15). And then just before the children of Israel crossed the River Jordan, the entire community was directed to “consecrate themselves” in preparation for amazing things that the Lord would do among them.

We have dedicated Arusha Community Church as a place for the Lord to dwell and bless His people and so we need to continually observe if we are taking off our sandals in this wonderful place. We must note that soil is not just holy on its own. It is the presence of the Lord that makes the ground holy and as we approach this ground we must remember to “take off our sandals”.

What does this mean? This indicates the respect, humility and submission to the Lord as a way to say, “The Lord is Lord in this place”. It means that we present ourselves to the Lord who molds us into His vessels that He may search our hearts and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. We approach Him with broken and contrite spirits and allow His Holy Spirit to purify us and then fill us anew with His presence. The Lord desires to inhabit each one of us this month. He wishes to do amazing things among us at Arusha Community Church and He desires to do these things through you and I. Shall we take off our personal weaknesses and let Him wash us and make us new for His glory?

I am convinced that as we do this, in personal and corporate prayer and study of the Word of the Lord that we shall start to see the challenges in our path destroyed by His power. We shall also achieve even greater and exploits than we achieved in the last year.

May the Lord grant us wisdom as we seek His face this month and may the Lord use each one of us to do great and amazing things in our midst and in our City and nations this year.

May the banner of the Lord be forever lifted up through Arusha Community Church! I love you all big time! Many blessings.

Christine Ebong
Council Chair



Annual General Meeting (AGM), 7 February following Sunday Worship Service
(Lunch will be served)

This is a time when we review our faith life and activities in 2015 and plan for the coming year. New Church Council members will be elected. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, however, only Registered Voting Members are able to vote. To become a Registered Voting Member, please plan to attend the New Members' Class on **9 January**.

SCOUT CAMP (E & O COMMITTEE)

FROM THE PATRON OF TIGER SCOUT GROUP - LETTER OF THANKS TO ACC CHURCH

Greetings to Arusha Community Church and all members of the church. We are very pleased to you in your sincere attention in building the body of Christ.

Tiger Scout Group, which is also called The Scout P Gospel (the scout plant the gospel), is using scout opportunities to train and plant the gospel of Jesus to youth through scout camps as its main activity.

We express our sincere thanks to Arusha Community Church and all church members as well for a contribution which made to make the scout annual camp possible in December 2015. Trained youth planted the Gospel of Jesus and the glory of God has seen changing youth behavior to becoming good Christians.

Let the grace of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

ISAKA JOSEPH

PATRON



A Special Request from Yen-Lin Goh

Did you attend Yen-Lin's farewell concert? If you happen to have any photos and/or video from her performance, Yen-Lin would greatly appreciate you sharing them with her. She can be reached at yenlin.goh@gmail.com. Thank you!



Devotional – A view from up here by Christine Ebong

My Child, the Apple of my eye, my Hands and Feet, my Letter

I created you with love. The day spoke you into being I was so overwhelmed with love.

I said, 'this love I must put into a precious being. This being shall not only be a creature I have made. This shall be the friend whose hand I will hold, who will hold my hand back. We shall share this love between us. I shall make it possible for this precious being to multiply and spread this love, this pure love for generations. I will see this love become the breath of my entire creation. '

I said to myself, 'I will give this special being a unique purpose and that purpose shall be fulfilled. Yes it shall. It may tarry and there shall be deviations but I will celebrate as I see the fulfillment of my Word'

Oh that my friend would never forget that my love lasts forever! Oh that my friend would never listen to the deceiver! But I know they will one day stray from me... oh how that will break my heart...

But I will come and save my friend. Yes I will. I will save them and deliver them from the trap they will fall into. They will not all understand my heart even then... but some will. They will return home and feel my love again and rediscover the closeness I created them to enjoy and they will run and spread the love again- the wonderful news of redemption! Oh this will bring even more joy up here! Hahahaha! The thought of this brings me joy and deep satisfaction! They will decide of their own free will to run into my arms again!

My Child! I have a reason I keep you among the rest of my creation down there. It is not in vain. It may seem that you have the same purpose as everyone else of my precious beings but you have a special purpose - a place that you were specially made to fill. That is why no one else resembles you. Each of my Children is unique. Seek me, my Child, seek my face. I promise to reveal that special purpose you were created to fulfill. When you seek me you will find me and your joy will be full when you truly understand why you are so unique.

Huddles will present themselves before you but do not worry, and do not fret. I go before you. Nothing can truly hinder my purpose. Even the huddles will make you stronger so rejoice in them. When it becomes really hard to rejoice, remember the things I have already done for you. Many of these are not yet revealed to you. The ones you know of are sufficient proof of my ability and power to keep my every promise.

Tell me my Child, will you be my face to the lost? Will you shine my light to them? Will you be my letter of love to them? Will you let them read my love in your eyes? Will you be my voice to them? Shall they hear me through your words? Will you feed my lambs? Will you love me back?

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC : NA (Narcotics Anonymous)meets:

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



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.



FEBRUARY 2016 Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Date	7-Feb	10-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	28-Feb
Church Calendar	<i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
Service Type	<i>Communion</i> AGM	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Family Service</i>
WorshipLeader	Christa Troester	TBD	Christine Ebong	Edward Charles	Christy Miller
Preacher	Deborah Troester	Oliver O'Brian	Daniel Korpela	Simon Makundi	TBD
Music	Linda Jacobson	Angela Schramm	Youth	Daniel Kalule	Erwin Kinsey
Sound	Eunpa Cho	TBD	Edmund Massawe	Edmund Ntwale	Joseph Kraft
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma	TBD	Erwin Kinsey	Helena Koster	Irene Mchomvu
Ushers	Obeid Nickodemassy, Olivier Muhoza	TBD	Roger Eliau, Senais Joseph	Martin Matthews, Peter Metili	Godlishu Solomon, Henrique Christopher
Duty Elder	Martijn Veen		Erwin Kinsey	Olivier Muhoza	TBD
Library	Eliel Gideon	Closed	Sion Mira	Fitsimt Dejene	Narola Mollel
Books	Betty Mgya		Eliou Rogers	Leon Veen	Yuki Omori
DVDs	Leon Veen		Yuki Omori	Nancy Kimaro	Peter Feer
Scripture readings	Exodus 34:29-35		Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
	Psalms 99	Psalms 51:1-17	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalms 27	Psalms 63:1-8
	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
	Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9

General ACC & Glad Tidings Info 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 9:15am.

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 2016 to Acc.facilitator@gmail.com

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