

# Glad Tidings



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Arusha  
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## *From the Council Chair: We all need each other*

Recently we discovered a numerical assessment of the make-up of our church. Based on the 139 responses to a communications survey given by our Church Facilitator, Brenda, it was amazing to recognize that **65% of our regular attendees are Tanzanians!** It is good for international members (non-Tanzanian passport holders) to recognize this changing demographic, and to be challenged how to minister to and engage the whole body even as our make-up changes.

Clearly we can do a lot more together than what we can do individually, and not having a pastor requires a lot of us. The passages quoted above emphasizes what we frequently hear from our church leaders: **“DO YOUR PART!”** Not all take this to heart; some people like to stay on the periphery and not get involved, or their “season of life” (e.g. attending their infant children) prevents them from taking on duties. However, the communications survey indicated that more than 90 members desire to know how they can be more helpful. Some want to participate but fear to take on leadership, or fear their inadequacy, perhaps their English is not strong. They need guidance.

Happily, some want to actually pursue to discover what they can do to help the church, and because of this, there is a high participation level by many members whether voting or not. The Council would like to see the participation level to be higher.

**On 22 and 29 May, two *Time and Availability Fairs* have been organized by the ACC committees to present their activities on the courtyard after Sunday service. Each of the committees solicit sign-ups for the tasks of their committees. If you cannot take part, it is not too late; see Brenda and she will steer you to the Committee leaders.**

**“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”**

1 Corinthians 12:27

**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”**

Ephesians 2:10

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As for the many who have not yet pursued to discover their role in the church, we challenge you to consider John 9:4, that we need to “work while it is still daylight,” and 1 Peter 3:15: “Share the hope that lies within you.” Stop feeling and acting like an outsider. Be bold to take on responsibility so that others will not be tempted to sometimes take on too much.

And to those who have taken on too much, and start to burn out, ask God how you can prompt others to “carry the baton.” May we not show reluctance to relinquish work to others, and inadvertently make the mistake to discount others’ abilities. Paul suggests when we are too critical of each other’s performance we imply, “I don’t need you.” However, we all need each other. We are called to complement one another.

In Ephesians 4:3 we read “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” When we work together in unity and with each taking some responsibility for their part, we are blessed by God, and there is less chance for burn-out.

– Erwin Kinsey, Council Chair



# Time & Ability Fair

***Sundays, 22 and 29 May, following services at ACC***

As a lay-led congregation, Arusha Community Church and its ministries thrive through the volunteer service of its members in a wide variety of ways. How is God calling you to serve at ACC? The Time & Ability Fair will give you the chance to talk with church committees and groups to see where your gifts can best be used.

**What volunteer opportunities are available?** Here are a few:

- *Choir*
- *Worship Leader*
- *Preacher*
- *Sound System Duty*
- *Projector Duty*
- *Usher*
- *Worship Musicians*
- *Simple Repairs around the Church*
- *Library*
- *Crèche Volunteer*
- *Sunday School Teacher*
- *Confirmation Teacher*
- *Flowers*
- *First Aid Team*
- *Teach Adult Education*
- *Pastoral Care*
- *Organize Social Events*
- *Photography*
- *Writing for Newsletter*

## JUNE 2016 Sunday Service Schedule

Date	5 June	12 June CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	19 June	26 June
<i>Church Calendar</i>	Third Sunday After Pentecost	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	TBA	Moira Brehony	Susan Simonson	TBA
<b>Preacher</b>	Wendy Willmore	Pastor Deborah Troester	Fitsimt Dejene	Angelika Kinsey
<b>Music</b>	Alexis Kwamy	Angela Schramm	Linda Jacobson	Daniel Kalule
<b>Sound</b>	Edmund Ntwale	Eunpa Cho	Edmund Kisombe	Edmund Ntwale
<b>Flowers</b>	Yoka Bruinsma/ Willingness	Helena Koster	Erwin Kinsey	Irene Mchomvu
<b>Ushers</b>	Olivier Muhoza Peter Feer	Martin Mathews Peter Mika Metili	Rogers Eliau Dorice Eliuta	Henrique Christopher Olivier Muhoza
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Moira Brehony	Martijn Veen	Irene Joel	Narola Mollel
<b>Library</b>	Eliel Gideon	Sion Miraa	Fitsimt Dejene	Narola Mollel
<b>Books</b>	Betty Magaya	Rogers Eliau	Raymond Lema	Peter Feer
<b>DVDs</b>	Yuki Omori	Leon Veen	Nancy Kimaro	Olivier Muhoza
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	1 Kings 17:17-24	2 Samuel 11:26; 12:10,13-15	Isaiah 65:1-9	1 Kings 19: 15-16,19-21
	Psalms 30	Psalms 32	Psalms 22:19-28	Psalms 16
	Galatians 1:11-24	Galatians 2:15-21	Galatians 3:23-29	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
	Luke 17:11-17	Luke 7:36-38	Luke 8:26-39	Luke 9:51-62



**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.

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

Services are at 10:30 am 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** at [www.acc.habari.co.tz](http://www.acc.habari.co.tz).