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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Some questions?

Did you know that Arusha Community Church gives a lot of its offerings to the community, and has one of the lowest overhead ratios compared to projects funded of any NGO in Arusha? Did you know that ACC giving is not in pace with what we committed to give by this time of the year. Do you think that ACC just wants your money? Would you trust someone from ACC who said that ACC values **you** more than your money? Would you be offended to hear it said that it takes less effort to give money/write a check than to give your time and energy?

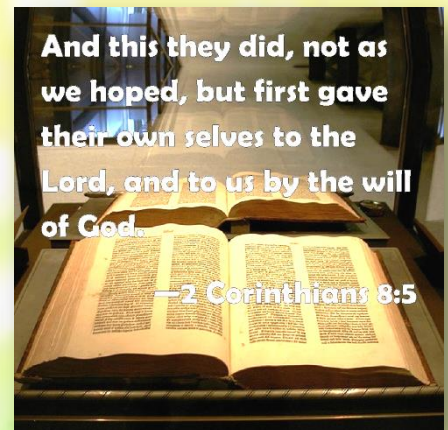
Can you ponder this verse?

2 Cor.8:5 "...they gave themselves first to the Lord, and then by the will of God to us. "

Who are the people in your life who've had the greatest impact on you? Maybe a parent who sacrificed for you and whose love gave you self-worth? Maybe a teacher who affirmed you that you actually could think, learn and achieve? Maybe a friend or mentor who helped you to envision your future then challenged you to rise to it? Maybe someone who led you to trust in Christ? Could you repay them with money? When you look back on all that you have done in your life, which gives you more gratification - what you own or what you did for other people? Is your generosity an act of love or a transaction with God? Do you only give to get? Could you be more generous with your love and your time? If we give such gifts, is God thankful?

In Christ,

Erwin Kinsey
Council Chair



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 in-form 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

What we read in church – and why

Every Sunday, we read Scripture in church, usually four different passages. But why those passages? The Scripture we read is taken from the “Revised Common Lectionary”, a reading schedule that runs from Advent to Christ the King Sunday in November the next year. The Lectionary takes us through the Bible in a 3-year rotation, every year focusing on one of the gospels of Matthew, Mark or Luke, with readings from the gospel of John throughout the 3 years. This Lectionary is used by many church denominations all over the world. The Lectionary comes in two versions: the complementary and the semi-continuous readings. In the complementary version, the Old Testament and Epistle readings generally complement the Gospel reading, while in the semi-continuous version, the Old Testament and Epistle readings are independent from the Gospel reading. This year, we are using the semi-continuous version and the focus is on the gospel of Matthew, as we are now in “Year A”. After Pentecost, on June 4, we are entering what is known as “Ordinary Time”, the time between Pentecost and Advent. We will then begin a journey through the Bible, following three different storylines. The Old Testament readings will take us through the books of Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Judges. The Psalms we read are always related to the first reading from the OT and are meant to be “a congregational response and meditation on the first reading”. The Epistle readings are taken from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians. We will also continue reading through the book of Matthew, from chapter 9 onwards.



The weekly sermons can be on any of the 4 readings, depending on the choice of the preacher of the day. But while you listen to the readings, as they are read every Sunday, you may like to note how the readings of one Sunday connect with the readings of the week before and after - and how the story of the Bible unfolds.

For a full overview of the Lectionary readings as used at ACC, please visit <http://www.acc.habari.co.tz/lectionary.pdf>.

Martine van Wolfswinkel – Worship Committee

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am

NA (Narcotics

Anonymous) meets:

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00

Bible Studies @ ACC

Every **Sunday Morning** – 09:15 to 10:15am

Every **Wednesday evening** from 06:00 to 07:00pm.

The group uses a study guide to look at different Bible chapters each week. Please contact Monica Odede odedem@yahoo.com, phone 0756963021 for more details and information.

Ladies Bible Study – meet every second Thursday at individual homes. Please contact Linda Jacobson, 0754 021 842 for more details and specific locations.

Personal Reflections By Fits

What a musical feast it had been at ACC last week! With **CANTATE DOMINO** on Sunday, May 14; the teaching that followed from ACC Choir Director Angela Schramm: that afternoon of learning to sing new songs together; the Sacred Music night on Friday 19 May; the cultural Food & Music day on Sunday May 21 when music in different languages and cultures were presented.

A series of anecdotes happened before and after that week that compelled me to examine myself and take action.

For the first time in my recent memory, I bought a music album of an icon singer in my country. This was unbecoming of me, because I did not consider myself musical nor do I have a great singing voice. But it proved to be a worthwhile investment because most of the songs celebrate our mother land, history, heritage, unity and love. I learned to sing along some of the songs aided by the lyrics booklet included in the CD cover. No wonder, for the first time in the history of Ethiopian music, an Amharic song has been No 1. on World's Album Chart.

This past week, I was reading a book titled "90 minutes in Heaven" by Don Piper. The most exciting thing he has to say about heaven, apart from meeting loved ones & the dazzling intensity of light; it was the Music! He writes: "... joyous sounds and melodies of praise filled the atmosphere ... hundreds of songs were being sung at the same time – all of them worshiping God... all were praises about Christ's reign as King of Kings and our joyful worship for all he has done for us and how wonderful he is... I want to experience everything heaven offers, but most of all, I want to hear those never-ending songs again."

I felt embarrassed that I do not have any song to present at the Cultural day in my language, Amharic. While My husband recently shared with me that he has included more singing into his devotional time. It is true, I admire, enjoy and encourage musical talents in others. But I now understand there is another dimension I need to grow into: I, myself, singing. Now, I take the experiences of the past week to teach & discipline myself to sing, to sing to the Lord, here on earth, so on that great day when I stand in heaven I could sing along together with other believers. Let us sing a new song to the Lord! (Psalm 96:1 / Psalm 149:1)

Biblical Reasons why Singing Matters:

1. When you sing you obey.
2. When you sing, you dig deep roots in the Word.
3. When you sing, you build up others
4. When you sing, you make war against temptation, sin.
5. When you sing, you are spiritually strengthened for trial.
6. When you sing, you walk a God-designed pathway to joy.
7. When you sing, you glorify God



"In Revelation 7:9-10, the Apostle John describes a glimpse of eternity with a great multitude of people from every tribe, peoples, and languages singing before the Lamb, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Eternity awaits. Will you on that day be one of the great multitude that no one could number, singing the song of the Lamb, singing His praises? I hope you'll be there, singing the song of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sing now. Sing forever. Singing matters. And it matters that we do it together."

Read more from Pastor Collin Smith: <http://unlockingthebible.org/why-singing-matters/>



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.

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.neema@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. **Sunday School** for children is during church through the school year.

ACC June 2017 Worship Sunday Services 10.30am

	4 June	11 June	18 June	25 June
Church Calendar	<i>Day of Pentecost</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Service Type	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Communion Service	Family Service
Leader	Christy Miller	Joe Troester	Fitsimt Dejene	John Kraft
Preacher	Wendy Willmore	Dave Sullivan	Katri Harkonen	Rev. Mike Taylor
Musician(s)	Hendrick Christopher	Linda Jacobson	Daniel Kalule	Neil Miller
Duty Elder	Deborah Troester	Jimmy Ebong	Moira Brehony	Irene Mchomvu
Prayer Team	Betty Mgya	Moira Brehony	Sharon Mkisi	Sharon Mkisi
Sound	Edmund Kisombe	Eunpa Cho	Gabriel Francis	Goodluck Kaaya
Ushers	Peter Feer Martin Mathews	Rogers Eliahu Irene Kiria	Martin Mathews Obeid Nicodemasy	Peter Feer Jackson Solomon
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma	Helena Koster	Christy Miller	Irene Mchomvu
Library	Narola Mollel	Fitsimt Dejene	Eliel Gideon	Sion Miraa
Books	Alfayo A Alfred	Peter Feer	Raymond Mashambo	Leon Veen
DVDs	Olivier Muhoza	Peter Feer	Nancy Kimaro	Ramond D Lema
Scripture Readings	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b- 13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Genesis 18:1-15 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35—10:8	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

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