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Letter from the Council

Dear ACC members, including regular attenders and those who come occasionally, this message is to all who are seeking to walk with Christ, or to searchers who seek a spark of faith:

A friend at ACC has signed me up to receive the Radio Bible Class' 'Word for Today' devotional online each day. Today's message is pertinent given that our Council is keen to entreat members to provide congregational care in a greater way, especially as we do not have a pastor to delegate this to, and given that we do not have anyone to assign special prayers for the period of June through August this year - many who do this are away periodically, so we will seek people to stand-in when available. I want to share this devotion with you because it may empower you as it does me. (You may also wish to sign up to this free devotional which is well grounded in scripture and gives a challenge to walk faithfully. You can sign up on the following link: <http://www.radiopulpit.co.za/>)



"When a friend or family member is in a crisis, your aim should be to help them cope with it and grow through it. Sometimes that's easier said than done! As their hurting hearts adjust to new and unfamiliar circumstances, they might be skeptical about whom to trust. But being there for them is what the kingdom of God is all about! "Carry each other's burdens" (v. 2 NIV). Your commitment can play a significant role in someone's journey toward becoming emotionally healthy again. Here are three practical suggestions: (1) Don't expect them to initiate contact. It's common for people in crisis to withdraw rather than ask for help. Often they're too distraught to know what they need, so you'll probably have to make the first move. And please don't feel like you have to be a professional. Two simple steps can make the hurting one feel valued and understood: (a) Listen carefully to their concerns and perceptions. (b) Maintain eye contact and show genuine interest. (2) Help reduce their anxiety. Offer a calming presence by inviting them to share their feelings. And if their viewpoint seems distorted, say something like, "May I suggest another way of looking at things?" (3) Help them focus on what's important. They're feeling overwhelmed, so help them sort out the issues that need their immediate attention. Instead of rehashing the past and worrying about the future, encourage them to concentrate on the present and "live one day at a time" (Matthew 6:34 TLB)"

Does this speak to you? At all times, but especially at this time in our church with many grieving from loss of loved ones, or having fallen into sin, or seeking other reconciliation for which we are not aware, it is especially important for us to reach out, to 'bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ'. Most if not all of us feel inadequate to this task and hope others will do it. Yet so many come through our church doors whom we fail to get to know, and whose situations are not for us to find out unless we make time for them. Make time, do not 'find' time. It is not to be found. However feeble you feel your prayers are, or your capacity to listen and to support, God is with you in the smallest things. He will use you in a powerful way especially given your weaknesses. Let us not grow weary of doing good...Gal. 6:9, 10.

May God bless you in doing this, in Christ,

Erwin Kinsey, Council Chair



June events

Saturday, June 9, 4 - 6 pm: International Folk Dance for the whole family. Come and spend time with other ACC community members, and enjoy learning community dances. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, June 10, following worship: Multicultural potluck lunch. Bring a dish from your home country to share.

Friday, June 15, 6:30 pm: An evening of sacred music. The ACC choir will be joined by a variety of musicians and ensembles.

ACC choir: rehearsals every Wednesday from 5 pm - 6:15 pm

Are you part of a small group? We have received the challenge to intentionally take the time to care for one another in the community. But how can we know one another well enough to care? A brief conversation over a cup of tea after the service is usually not enough to build deep relationships. One answer to this problem is to be sure that every member of our community at ACC relates to other Christians in a small group fellowship of some kind.



Many long-term ACC members are part of a bible study or prayer group already. However, many others remain unconnected. They may be wondering how to build relationships at ACC, and how to find encouragement and prayer as they seek to follow Jesus. Newcomers to ACC need to be welcomed and nurtured in the community as well. The ACC Church Council will be working intentionally to create opportunities for people to be connected with existing groups and will also seek out ways to facilitate the formation of new small groups.

Please be in prayer for this important work going on in our community, beginning in June and really kicking off in August.

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

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 10:00am – 11:00am

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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? 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.or.tz also provides information as does our ACC pamphlet available at the church door. (Note the new website address: www.acc.or.tz)

ACC Bank Details: For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds to ACC please find the following details here:



EXIM BANK

TSH. ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

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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.

ACC June 2018 Worship Sunday Services 10.30am

	3 June	10 June	17 June	24 June
Church Calendar	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	4th Sunday after Pentecost	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion Service	Morning Service	Communion Service	Family Service
Leader	John Kraft	Michael Murray	Eric Mbelle	Wendy Willmore
Preacher	Katri Harkonen	Lisa Borden	Paul Mosley	Rebecca Mosley
Musician(s)	Linda Jacobson	Erwin Kinsey	Daniel Kalule	Wendy Willmore
Duty Elder	Erwin Kinsey	John Kraft	Rebecca Mosley	Michael Pallanore
Prayer Team	-	-	-	-
Sound	Edmund Massawe	Philip Mvungi	Goodluck Kaaya	Gabriel Francis
Ushers	Innocent John Martin Mathews	Bryson Justin Roger Eliahu	Obeid Nicodemasy Godlishu Solomon	Martin Mathews Innocent John
Flowers				
Library				
Books				
DVDs				
Scripture Readings	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23—3:6	1 Samuel 8:4-22 [11:14-15] Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35	1 Samuel 15:34—16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Samuel 17:57—18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

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 <http://acc.or.tz>**

Submission date for **Glad Tidings** articles, announcements, schedules, photos etc: 16th of June 2018 to acc.neema@gmail.com.

