

News & Notes

Richmond Presbyterian Church

Deep with God, Wide with the World

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Be sure to check out our webpage at www.richpres.com for more information about worship services or online programs and how we can share in your faith journey.

SURVEY



As you know the Search Committee for RPC is engaged in the process leading to the call of the next Minister of Richmond Presbyterian Church. In order to present pertinent information about RPC to potential candidates, that will give them an accurate picture of the life and ministry of the congregation, we need to solicit information from all of you. A survey was sent out this past week for you to fill out. If you missed the email, there are printed copies in the church hall (on every table) that you can pick up and fill out or contact Maureen in the church office and she will send it to you. Remember to hand it in at the church office by August 31.

There are two parts to the survey. The first part simply asks you to rank from 1 to 18 the pastoral skills and interests of a candidate for the position in order of importance. While they are all important, ranking them helps to present a picture of the congregation that will be important to potential candidates who are looking for a fit between your priorities and their gifts. The second page of the survey asks specific questions about the life, ministry and future of RPC. We hope that you will prayerfully consider those questions and provide brief responses- bullet point answers are perfectly acceptable.

Many thanks for your help with this important part of preparation for a profile of our congregation. We will use this information in our "Congregational Profile" document. That document is what we distribute through the national offices of the church, post to our website and send directly to candidates to be our next minister. Your help is crucial to the process.

We also welcome your prayers that the Holy Spirit would guide us in this endeavour for the flourishing of God's people in Richmond for the sake of the world God loves.



SAFE ARMS REFUGEE REPORT – Aug 2022

Although we do not have any "new" news we wish to keep our congregations informed about our *Safe Arms* Refugee families. *Safe Arms* is a joint project of four congregations in Richmond: South Arm United Church, Richmond United Church, Richmond Presbyterian Church and Gilmore Park United Church. We currently are committed to sponsoring a three-generation family of 9 people, including a couple in their late 50's, their three young adult children, a son-in-law and 3 small children. These folks are originally from the Congo, and are currently living in Entebbe, Uganda. Their paperwork was all approved in late 2019, and then of course COVID happened and this impacted everything at home and abroad.

We do not know the arrival date, but once that happens, *Safe Arms* will be responsible for all of the settlement and financial needs for the first 12 months. The estimated cost of this is \$60,000 and we currently have on hand about half of that. Our biggest expense will of course be renting suitable accommodation and so all advice on that will be much appreciated. Once their arrival is determined, we will begin collecting household items and clothing. Please keep this in mind as you do any cleaning and sorting at home! Please see Vic Beltran if you have any questions or suggestions! Thank you and of course we ask everyone to pray for the safety of this dear family and all other refugees.

Intergenerational Ultimate Frisbee, 3-4pm Sunday, at Maple Grove Park, close to Balsam St, between baseball diamonds. Feel free to come and play or come and watch.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed by Mary Co in memory of her husband Eddie.

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