

BEYOND SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

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Anniversary & Summer Edition 2021



MY POEM TO JESUS

I see you with my heart and not my eyes
The words you teach me are not lies
You make me feel inspired
I am not dead, but alive

You teach me things about the world
When I look around I see your love unfurled
Keep me strong when I start to fall
You are my greatest love of all

by Judy Wind



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"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

Matthew 24:32

SPRING:

A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.



ANNIVERSARY AND BEYOND...

by Rev. Victor Kim



Dear friends,

it's my privilege and joy to celebrate with you the 61st anniversary of Richmond Presbyterian Church! While I have only been with this community for just over 5 years, I know that many of you have been part of RPC for much longer, helping to start, grow and support this church for decades. As we celebrate God's goodness to us at RPC, it's worth noting that RPC has been a vital partner in our community throughout our existence, helping to initiate services such as the Richmond Food Bank, working to feed and serve the hungry and homeless and working with others to sponsor, support and care for refugees from all over the world, just to name a few things! Now, as we begin to move out of the Covid-19 pandemic and re-embrace in person church activities and ministries, we seek to continue that partnership, to be the church where God has planted us, here in Richmond at the intersection of Granville and 2 Road.

It's appropriate that our anniversary takes place close to Pentecost Sunday, which is informally referred to as the "birthday of the church." Of course, that refers to the gift of the Holy Spirit that was received by the disciples of Jesus those many years ago. As scripture tells us, when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples, their lives and the life of the church, changed forever. The disciples were filled with the gifts of the Spirit, including visions, dreams and prophecy. But the greatest gift of the Spirit to the church has been that of equipping the church to bear witness to and embody the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the world, so that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord may be saved.

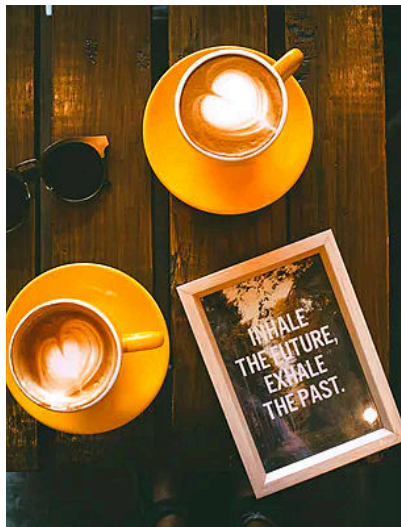


Friends, that gift has also been given to us. The Holy Spirit continues to fill us with the gifts needed to share the love of Jesus with the world. When the Spirit first filled the disciples in that place, a new movement started that came to be known as "the way" which eventually came to be called church. Today, that same Spirit fills us so that we might be renewed, that we might reset with purpose, passion and clarity after this unexpected global pandemic that has shifted the ground under us. As we read this newsletter, our society is making a slow recovery towards being able to return to many activities, including full participation in the church. I look forward to seeing you again in our sanctuary for worship, for singing, for praying and for celebrating God's love for us. I can't wait until we can have a cup of coffee or tea during an in-person Munch and Mingle, shaking hands, sharing hugs, simply being able to see a smile, without the borders of a zoom screen!

As RPC, what will this return, this reset, look like for us? We don't know all the details, but we do know that it will take some time and that the future will not be the same as the past. As we return to in-person church, there will be some people who will not return and there will be some people who will join us who we didn't know before. I believe that we will return smaller than we were before, at least to start, but numbers, while important, aren't the final measuring stick.

More important than how many people are at RPC is how those who are here are engaged in being disciples, in helping to share the love and grace of God in Jesus to the world around us. We can begin this reset, this time of renewal, by remembering our motto, "Deep with God, Wide with the World." Going deep with God and serving wide with the world will help us to focus on the mission of the church and understand how the Spirit is equipping and leading us today and into our future.





To help us go “Deep with God,” I am working to finalize a summer preaching series that I’ve called, “What’s on your Mind? What’s on your Heart? – A Conversation with Friends.” Over the summer months I will be engaging in conversation with gifted preachers and teachers, inviting them to share with us what’s been on their minds and hearts over the course of the pandemic and as they envision the future. I look forward to these conversation worship services, and a full list of those services will be available soon and will be posted on our website and be emailed to you. I know that you will want to join us for worship as we learn and as we are encouraged by our friends. The Session will also lead a new initiative called, “Connect and Reflect,” a series of small groups that will invite people to engage in a time of conversation and reflection, based on the weekly worship service or some other aspect of ministry. These groups will be led by leaders from within the congregation and I want to encourage as many of you as possible to join one when they are offered. It’s a chance to meet others from our congregation and to grow in our faith together.

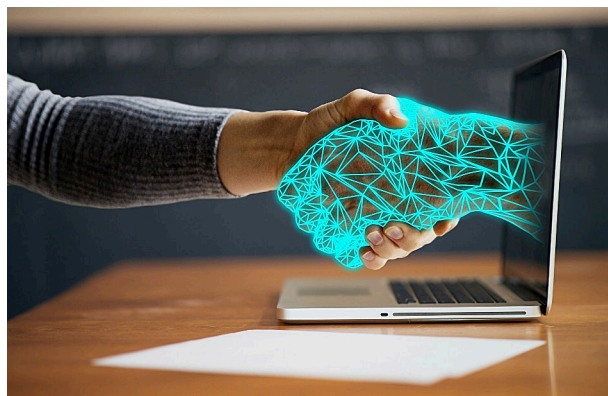
Then to respond in going, “Wide with the World,” I will continue to use the Mid-Week Meditations to help introduce or remind us of the community agencies and organizations that are working to help those in need, to support those on the margins of our society. I want to encourage as many of us to become involved in supporting these organizations, through our prayers, but also through volunteering and the sharing of our resources. Our God invites us to participate in the revealing of the kingdom of God in our midst, to be guided by the Spirit to make a difference in the lives of people in the places where we live, work and play. Please consider how you may best be involved in this kingdom ministry!

A key to going wide with the world is to know the world in which we live. We need to get to know the community where RPC is located. Over 61 years that community has changed significantly. One of the best ways to get to know our community and the needs of that community is to invite the community to come to where we are. As we reset following the pandemic, we need to see our building as a great resource in connecting with the community around us. We have an opportunity to see our building as a kind of ‘oasis in the city,’ a place where needs can be met and organizations that need the space to function can meet. I envision a church building that will be full and busy, that will be a community hub where organizations that help can find space to meet and plan, where community comes together and where RPC becomes more and more indispensable to the well being of Richmond. I imagine RPC to become a church where if we ceased to exist, people would truly miss us!

There are other things we are doing to impact our community. We are planning to host a Community Meal beginning this fall. This meal will be a weekly one, feeding and caring for people who are hungry, lonely, seeking community and friendship. I know that RPC has responded so generously to these mission initiatives before, and I expect that we will do the same going forward. If you can help, we look forward to hearing from you.



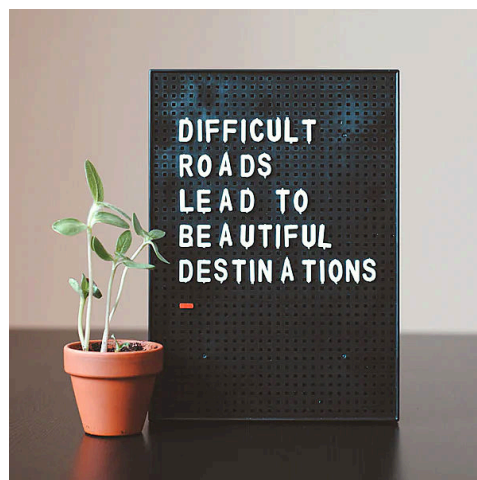
Finally, our Session has been looking at how to engage in a Hybrid Church model of ministry as we emerge from the pandemic. While we have been prevented from gathering in person for church activities, the technology available to us has allowed us to reach people who were never part of the RPC community in the past. How will we keep ministering to those new people once we return to physical church? Our plan is to offer both the robust in-person ministry which people are accustomed to, but also a new online presence for those who are unable or uncomfortable coming to church in person. This post pandemic society will be something new to all of us, with opportunities for those churches that are willing to embrace newness and change. I want to encourage us to be a congregation and a people who will see the change as opportunity and not as a threat, not an obstacle. We are working on plans to offer online worship gatherings as well as small groups for those who will be part of RPC and support our ministry, but who may live at a distance or just find it difficult to travel to church. I am looking forward to the new things we will learn and the new relationships that will emerge.



As we give thanks for the church, for 61 years of RPC, I am grateful for God's love and care for us. But I also know that God isn't finished with us, not by a longshot! God has plans for us, plans for our welfare, to give us a future with hope. I am so looking forward to that future, to moving out of this pandemic and into the opportunities that await us! I hope you will join me in excitement, anticipation and commitment and that all of us will open our hearts to the infilling of the Holy Spirit so that we will continue to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus, loving, serving, and sharing so that all who call on the name of the Lord will know God's salvation!

May God be with and bless us all, Amen!

Rev. Victor Kim
Lead Minister



NOTES FROM REV. YOUNG TAE CHOI

Assistant Minister



Hi everyone!

I hope that you and your families are staying healthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Since I updated on my roles in RPC just a few months ago through the AGM report, I would like to briefly share with you some of the highlights in my life and church ministries this time.

May

May is the busiest month for me as there are many special days to celebrate. For example, three birthdays in my family (Jenny, Claire, and my father-in-law), Korean Parents' Day (like Mother's Day in Canada), Korean Children's Day, and Korean Teacher's Day. I can't celebrate all the occasions in an appropriate manner that matches my tradition, but it was really meaningful for me to remember how precious and valuable they are. I would not have been here and now without their love. May reminds me that they are a true blessing and joy in my life.



Figure 1 May 2nd is Jenny's birthday. Claire gets so excited about the candlelight on the sweet potato cake, completely forgetting that this is her mom's birthday.

My Study Leave

I was on my study leave in April. I took four practical online courses to improve my skills and abilities for leading a missional church, such as leadership in creative communities. The courses helped me reimagine my leadership and the vision of Poieo Centre.

The 2021 Lent Art Project at RPC

As part of the 2021 Lenten worship services, Victor and I invited five RPC members to talk about their own story related to risk-taking in line with A. J. Levine's book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus." Graeme Stager, Richard Topping, Heather Suh, Lynn Walters, and John Beatty participated in this creative project. It was truly an honor and a real treat for me to listen to their stories closely and to share their risks with the whole congregation. Thank you, all the participations, for making this project possible!

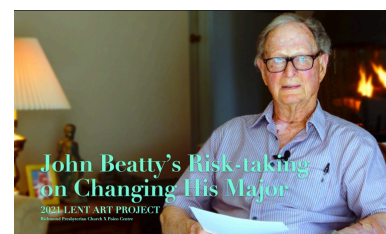


Figure 2 John Beatty talks about his risk-taking on changing his major during the 2021 Lenten art project.

Poieo Centre's Official SNS (Social Network Service) On

Since March, graphic designer of Poieo Centre Jeremy Kang and I have posted about 23 feeds and 10 stories on Poieo's ministries in Poieo's Social Network Service platforms such as Instagram. We are already connected to 79 followers who are interested in the Poieo Centre via the channels. We will continue reaching out to those in need of our care and expertise by means of the POIEO's SNS.

Jeremy Kang's Work 'Mystic Wings' Wins 5 Graphic Design Awards

I am so excited that Jeremy won the Gold prize for his work "Mystic Wings" and he was selected as an 'Emerging Graphic Design of the Year' by IDA Design Awards 2020. Also, the 'Mystic Wings' wins two Platinitums in the MUSE Creative Awards 2021, and 1 Gold & 1 Silver awards in the Indigo Award 2021.



Figure 3 graphic designer of Poieo Centre Jeremy Kang wins 5 design awards for his work, "Mystic Wings."

...continuation of notes from Rev. Young Tae Choi

'Sing along with Jesus' Has Good Sales

Published by Poieo mentor Yong Pil Choi, a beautiful sound book that helps toddlers praise the Lord, "Sing along with Jesus," is selling well on Amazon US today.

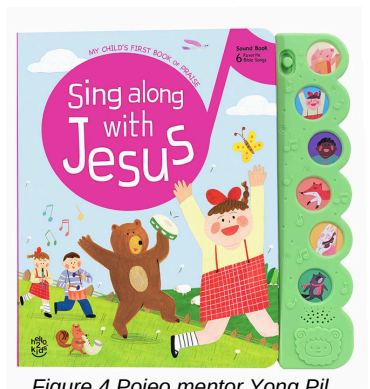


Figure 4 Poieo mentor Yong Pil Choi publishes a sound book for toddlers in the States, which will help many kids praise the Lord.

'Christian Witness in Cascadian Soil' Published

I (Young Tae Choi) contributed an article, "Arts Ministry beyond the Sunday Worship Service: How Can an Arts Ministry be Missional in the Public Arena?" to the book, Christian Witness in Cascadian Soil (edited by Ross A. Lockhart). Do you remember the children art project for the 2019 Lenten Worship Services? In my chapter, the project is mentioned as a good example for cultivating artistic gifts in a local church setting. This book is now available on Amazon CA & US today.

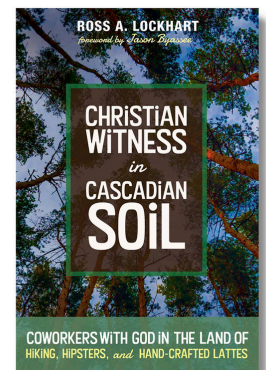


Figure 5 Young Tae Choi contributes "Arts Ministry beyond the Sunday Worship Service: How Can Arts Ministry be Missional in the Public Arena?" to Christian Witness in Cascadian Soil (edited by Ross Lockhart).

Daniel Stewart Joined the Poieo Film Project

One of the successful Canadian film directors, Daniel Stewart, has joined the Poieo Film Project that connects faith and art. He will be directing one pilot for the project regarding music in Christian worship.

Three Original Soundtracks for Korean Dramas and a Christian Music Single Album Released

Poieo mentor, Kang-il Park, wrote and produced three original soundtracks for three popular Korean dramas, "Priority" for Run-on, "Walk with You" for Hush, and "On a Secluded Road" for Undercover. Additionally, a new Christian single album, "Rise-Up." All these songs are a great encouragement and comfort for those who are in suffering. Now available on Apple Music and YouTube!



Figure 6 Kang Il Park writes and produces the original soundtrack, "Priority," for the Netflix Korean drama "Run on."

There is no doubt that God has been greatly blessing individuals, local church communities, and our culture through us, and I trust that He will continue blessing RPC's neighborhood and beyond.

The end of my half-time contract with RPC is less than three months away. During this short period of time, I will continue assisting Rev. Kim, consolidating the Korean speaking families, and cultivating the Poieo community to serve the church and our culture for the kingdom of God.

Thank you always for your supportive hearts, and I hope to see you in person again soon!

Submitted by
Rev. Young Tae Choi
Assistant Minister

A STORY OF 2 CONGREGATIONS

by Graeme Stager



Some of you know I grew up in the 50's and 60's in the Toronto suburb now called Mississauga. The PCC decided to plant more churches in this burgeoning commuter area west of the city, and so in 1957 established Hillcrest Presbyterian near us. We met in Hillcrest public school, 74 members strong. Next year we moved to Lorne Park Secondary School (my future alma mater). In 1958 land had been obtained on Clarkson Road, we became Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church, and moved into our brand new building in 1961.



Stories like this were repeated all over postwar, suburbanising Canada, including Richmond. In our case, there had not been a Presbyterian presence in the city since union in 1925, the nearest Presbyterian congregation being in Marpole. RPC was born 2 years after CRPC, with first services held in Garden City school. Our building went up one year after CRPC. So very similar origins, with CRPC being slightly the older sibling.

Both buildings were A-frame structures, with glulam interior arches rising from the sides of the sanctuary and bending inwards to meet at the apex. CRPC, as is the norm for southern Ontario, had a brick exterior, with an office, kitchen, 2 classrooms, and a small hall. RPC was of course frame and siding, and initially had only the Sanctuary and an office. CRPC had more than twice the charter members compared to RPC, and thus more financial resources.

The Marpole congregation amalgamated with RPC in 1967, the year before Rev Tony Plomp was called from Calvin Goforth in Saskatoon. Meanwhile, in Ontario, the PCC had established another congregation soon after CRPC in Park Royal, the next suburb west. This congregation never flourished, and was only a very few kilometers from CRPC, so in 1963 Park Royal merged with Clarkson Road.

Both buildings were later enlarged. A Christian Education wing had been prepared for in the original plans for CRPC, and was added in 1968, consisting of more classrooms, large utility room, and a gym. This configuration has not changed in over 50 years. RPC also expanded as it grew, but not according to any master plan: hall & kitchen on the north in 1970, sanctuary expanded to the west in 1975, and offices added on the east in 1981. This provided needed space but was far from optimal for usage and traffic flow. The old thrice-modified structure underwent a major renovation in 2014-15 and emerged as the much more functional building you see now.

Both congregations had manses. CRPC built one across Clarkson Road a very short distance from the church. In 1968, RPC bought a house on Francis, then sold it in 1977 to purchase the current manse on Lancelot. From 1996 to 2013 we also owned the house and property immediately south of the church. It was sold to help finance the reno.

CRPC had an electronic organ, but RPC was blessed with a small pipe organ. Only the latter survives, Clarkson Road now has a digital instrument. Choirs and band at both congregations, although the CRPC band does not play every week.

Another parallel: both churches housed preschool/out-of-school care operations in their halls for many years. And one direct link between the two congregations: John Crowdis was a VST student intern at RPC in the 90's and as The Reverend John Crowdis was minister at CRPC in the early 2000's.

One aspect of CRPC life, at least back then, has not been reflected at RPC. Summers in southern Ontario are short, hot, and humid. There is a strong culture of weekend escape from the city. So every summer, CRPC would share services with the nearby Christ Church, a United Church of Canada congregation. For July, say, our minister would lead worship in their building, then in August it was the other way around. An efficient way to save on pulpit supply, and an opportunity for new fellowship.

CRPC and RPC: Postwar suburban church plants meeting in schools, moving into A-frame buildings, each with a manse (a welcome asset now in Canada's 2 priciest housing markets); both flourished, expanded their physical plants, and merged with another smaller congregation. I grew up in the one, and my children grew up in the other. Over 4000km apart, yet alike in many ways.

submitted by
Graeme Stager
Clerk of Session



NOTES FROM DR. ANNE-MARIE ELLITHORPE

Director of Children & Youth Ministries



Dear friends,

What a year this has been! I am grateful for the gift of technology that has enabled at least some relationships to develop and grow during these challenging months. I also look forward to soon being able to meet with you in person. In this report I outline several highlights from recent months as well as hopes and activities for the coming months.

Canada Summer Jobs Positions

It has been a delight to have Jacqueline Cleland and James Lolong continue to serve in a volunteer capacity in the early months of 2021, after working as CSJ-funded program planners in 2020. This year we applied for and received funding for three positions with the 2021 Canada Summer Jobs program, all for twelve hours a week over 23 weeks. Each program planner position in 2021 has a different focus. James Lolong is our Program Planner with a Multimedia and Environment Focus. He began in this role in early May, as did Chloe Niderost, our Program Planner with a Protecting and Conserving the Environment Focus. Jacqueline is our Program Planner with a Community and Special Events Focus; she will begin in this role in early July.

Family and Multi-Generational Activities

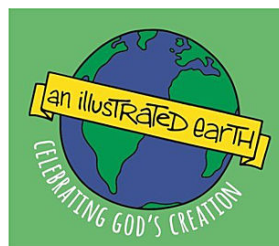
A new experience for RPC this Lent was creating a virtual Easter Pageant: Good News. The pageant shared something of the life and ministry of Jesus and explored how the Good News of the resurrection gives us hope, even amidst the bad news of our world that we so often hear. We are grateful to all who participated, and for James Lolong's technical skills in putting it all together.



At 7 pm on Saturday May 29 we will host an Online RPC Birthday Games Night for all ages. We have a number of intergenerational activities in mind for the coming months, including Bird Watching, Geocaching, and other outdoor activities.

Elementary Aged Students

Faith formation times for elementary age students throughout the winter and spring have drawn primarily on Illustrated Ministry resources. We have recently embarked on a series entitled "An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation." This series focuses firstly on water stories, then on plant and food stories, and finally on animal stories from the Scriptures. It is designed to help children remember to celebrate God's creation while they enjoy the outdoors. In the fall our learning will be focused around the "Lord's Prayer."

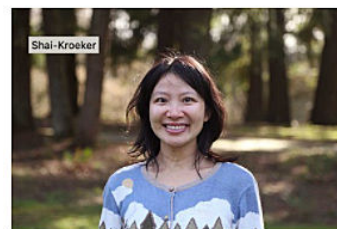
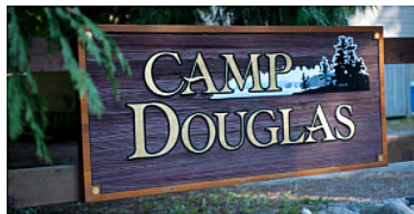


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High School and Young Adults

Jacqueline Cleland and James Lolong continue to host a weekly faith formation time for Grades 8 and 9, 7-8 pm, alternating a review of Living Faith designed by Jacqueline Cleland with an application and exploration of our beliefs using the tool of Minecraft.

We have adapted our plans for a missional year for our Grade 10-12 students. Older teens and younger adults are invited to participate in an online connection time over Zoom, approximately every two weeks. Missional, vocational, and community themes are intertwined. In early February our guest was Janet Eastwood, Co-Director of Camp Douglas. On March 14 Shai Kroeker from A Rocha joined our Online Connection Time to talk about caring for the environment. We met on April 25 for a more informal meeting that included discussing potential adaptations to our plans for the coming months and brainstorming new possibilities for spending time together-apart. On May 16 we played Among Us and discussed the potential for adapting outdoor activities such as Geocaching.



Fostering Friendship and Community: Camp, VBS, and more

Our desire to foster friendship and community remains. Currently the opportunities being provided are online, due to provincial health orders. But the children and youth ministry team are keen to provide outdoor opportunities very soon.

We are particularly excited to be hosting a Camp Douglas Day Camp, August 9-13, for ages 8-12 year. Camp will run Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Wherever possible, activities will be held outside. Cost is \$120 per child for the week to cover staffing and program supply costs. Camperships are available; day camp must have at least 20 campers in order to run. Staff training will be held June 28-30, is mandatory for all staff and volunteers and may be in part or in whole online. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer.

Sixteen-year-olds are encouraged to consider the Leaders in Training Camp from July 5-9 in North Vancouver; thirteen to fifteen years may want to consider the Youth Camp in Coquitlam from August 23-27.

We are also considering running an in-person half-day camp later in August, with outdoor activities. Please let me know if this is something you would like to help with.



*This Summer
we'll bring camp to You!*

July 5-9 LIT (16 yrs)- North Vancouver, SASS
July 12-16 Intermediate (8-12 yrs) - Mission, St. Paul's Presbyterian
July 19-23 Intermediate (8-12 yrs) - Vancouver, Kerrisdale Presbyterian
July 26-30 Intermediate (8-12 yrs) - Coquitlam, Coquitlam Presbyterian
August 9-13 Intermediate (8-12 yrs) - Richmond, Richmond Presbyterian
August 16-20 Intermediate (8-12 yrs) - Maple Ridge, Haney Presbyterian
August 23-27 Youth (13-15 yrs) - Coquitlam, Coquitlam Presbyterian

For more information and registration visit campdouglas.ca

Writing about the Place of Friendship

I have contributed to Christian Witness in Cascadian Soil (edited by Ross A. Lockhart), with a chapter entitled "Transformative Gardens in Cascadian Soil: The Place of Friendship within New Faith Communities."



Submitted by
Dr. Anne-Marie Ellithorpe

NOTES FROM DR. JANNIE BURDETI

Music Director



Dear friends,

What a journey this past year has been! Perhaps years from now, we will have a better perspective about this tumultuous time for our planet. I do believe that God has his plans and even Judas had his role he had to play, without which, the ultimate greatness of Christ's resurrection would not have been possible. All we can do is try our best each day to live Christ's teachings.

Advent and Christmas was rich with activity for the choir, with virtual anthems, the "O Holy Night" celebration, and duets and solos. In some ways, it felt like a more authentic Christmas, away from the hustle and bustle of shopping and parties; we were given the gift of quietude and calmness to reflect the true meaning of Jesus' birth.

The new year brought new enthusiasm as we continued to meet on ZOOM for choir rehearsals. With a slight change of goal, we have been exploring lesser-known hymns that we normally would not have the chance to sing. We explored genres such as Taizé hymns, African-American gospels, great women hymn composers, among others. We also spent two choir rehearsals discussing more in-depth about rhythm and musical expression. We have taken a more long-term goal of building up our repertoire so we can have a lot to offer "in our toolbox" when we sing together again in person. The weekly fellowship of choir has, most of all, been meaningful and healing and I am grateful that our choir members come week after week to gather on this virtual medium. Throughout Lent, we offered mini-meditations on Fridays, where a hymn was sung following a reading from the St. Andrew's Lenten devotional. Easter was filled with band music and it was lovely to have the trumpet player Candice Newberry join us again.

Rev. Kim tells me that our gathering song, "Come Now is the Time to Worship," has been sung for many years now. Our choir's summer project is to compose together a new gathering song. Please look forward to the premiere in the Fall!

**Blessings,
Jannie**



WIDE WITH THE WORLD

Over the first few weeks in Spring 2021, we have been engaging in conversations with agencies and organisations in and around Richmond that are in the ministry or in the work of assisting people, especially people who may be most vulnerable, and in particular in this time of the pandemic, where the needs are even more apparent than before.



The Richmond Food Bank is a dynamic hub that connects people, food, and services that are essential to health and well-being – the hallmark of a caring community. The Richmond Food Bank gives healthy and nutritionally-balanced food to more than 2200 people in a typical week, providing Richmond residents with healthy food choices and connecting our clients to services that address the root causes of poverty.

Our History *(excerpt from their webpage)*

Founded on 6 March 1983 by the congregations of St. Alban Anglican Church and Richmond Presbyterian, the Richmond Food Bank has continuously provided nutritious food for our neighbours in need. Twenty families were served on that first day.

Today, the Richmond Food Bank serves over 2200 people on average every week. We provide nutritious grocery assistance through our grocery distributions, grocery parcels delivery service, breakfast and lunch programs in seven Richmond schools, and by supplying community partners with food for their programs.

We have moved around Richmond- including our first location in Howard De Beck School, the Public Works Yard on Lynas Lane, two locations in Steveston, and finally in our present location in Richmond City Centre (100-5800 Cedarbridge Way). Every move has been made without missing a single distribution day thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the support of local businesses and organizations.

The Richmond Food Bank is not government-run or government-funded; we rely on our community donating food, money, and time to help our neighbours in need. We are a registered charity with a volunteer board of directors.

The Richmond Food Bank is a member of Food Banks BC and Food Banks Canada. We also hold membership with many community organizations including Richmond Cares Richmond Gives, the Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (formerly Richmond Poverty Response Committee), Vantage Point, Volunteer Canada, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee.

To watch the conversation with Hajira Hussain, Executive Director of Richmond Food Bank, visit Richmond Presbyterian Church YouTube Channel and Facebook page.

For more information and how you can be involved, visit their webpage www.richmondfoodbank.org

IMPACT IN 2020

RICHMOND FOOD BANK SOCIETY

OUR RESPONSES TO COVID-19

- Express Service**: Pre-packaged boxes to limit contact, wait time, crowding
- Two off-site Depots**: Open weekly to reduce wait-time and allow physical distancing
- Extended Hours of Operation**: 5 days of grocery distribution, plus Express Service
- Health and Safety**: Daily cleaning; Regular sanitizing of high-touch surfaces; Masks mandatory; Temperature checks

Households served by our home delivery program **TRIPLED** since the pandemic

>190 deliveries made monthly to those unable to leave home

FOOD RECEIVED / RECOVERED

- 187,068 KG** Non-perishable foods donated / recovered
- 539,045 KG** Perishable foods donated / recovered

Total food recovered = **726,113 KG**

Which is equivalent to **1.2 MILLION** meals

Our clients

- 1,405** Individuals served per week on average
- 580** Weekly household visits on average
- ↑44%** Increase in clients served
- ↑49%** Increase in new household registrations
- 43%** Single people
- 27%** Children
- 20%** New Immigrants
- 17%** Seniors (65+)
- 11%** Single parent households

25 Community partners served

1/8 British Columbians face food insecurity

70,065 KG Food shared

11 School Food Programs Supported

116,775 Equivalent Meals

Total number of donors more than **DOUBLED** in 2020

THANK YOU for supporting our neighbours in need, especially during this uncertain year



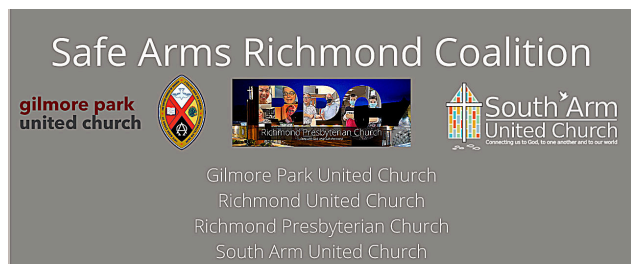
... a coalition of Richmond residents and agencies working together to reduce poverty and the impacts of poverty with research, projects, and public education.

The Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (RPRC) is a group of community volunteers comprised of local social services, the faith community, community organizations and members of the public including those affected by poverty. Founded by several Richmond-based organizations, the RPRC was formed as a response to the release of 'A Sense of Belonging', a poverty report commissioned by the Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee with funding from the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Our goal is to work towards alleviating the effects of poverty in our community. The RPRC has a strong track record of identifying gaps in services in our community, working towards a solution and identifying funding sources and partnering with a suitable agency.

"Revolutionary change does not come as one cataclysmic moment (beware of such moments!) but as an endless succession of surprises, moving zigzag towards a more decent society. We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can quietly become a power no government can suppress, a power that can transform the world."
(excerpt taken from their webpage)

To watch the conversation with Deidre Whalen, President of RPRC, visit Richmond Presbyterian Church YouTube channel and Facebook page. For more information and how you can be involved, visit their webpage www.richmondprc.org



Safe Arms Richmond is a coalition of churches that sponsor refugees. Richmond Presbyterian is a member of Safe Arms Richmond along with Gilmore Park United Church, Richmond United Church and South Arm United Church.

History

In the fall of 2015, Reverend Maggie Watts-Hammond of Gilmore Park Church received a request from Mosaic which is a society which specifically deals with the needs of immigrants and refugees addressing all of the multiple needs, to consider being co-sponsors with two Canadian Syrian families living in Richmond who wanted to sponsor some of their family members who had refugee status. Rev. Maggie called a meeting and opened the invitation to a few other Richmond churches that might be interested, and about 30 people attended that meeting. At that time, devastation in Syria was constantly in the press and the need for safe haven for folks on the wrong side of conflict was well known. After that meeting and representatives going back to their church boards and so on, they decided to proceed with those two sponsorships and to give themselves the names of Safe Arms Richmond and proceeded to get to work with filling in the paperwork and getting to receive both families. Those two families arrived between August and November 2017.

To watch the conversation with Susan Johnsen of Safe Arms Richmond, visit Richmond Presbyterian Church YouTube channel and Facebook page. If you like more information and how to be involved, contact:

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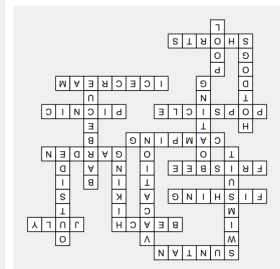
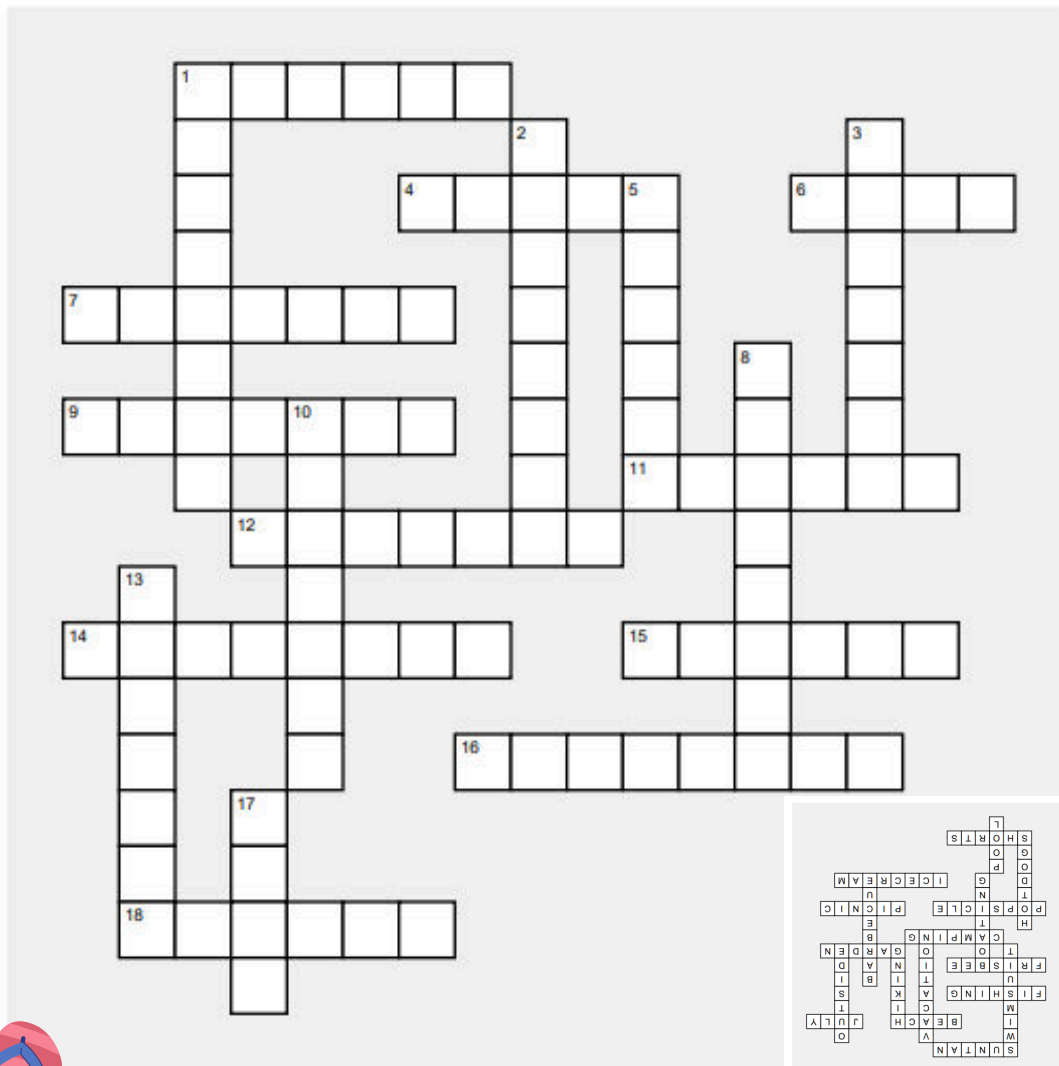


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Summer Crossword



NOIUTOS



ACROSS

- 1) Beachgoer's pride
- 4) Surfer's hangout
- 6) Dog days month
- 7) Rod & reel sport
- 9) Disk you whisk
- 11) Make a bed?
- 12) Roughing it, perhaps
- 14) Treat on a stick
- 15) Alfresco meal
- 16) Parlor treat
- 18) Bermuda _____

DOWN

- 1) Beach attire
- 2) Worker's respite
- 3) Not indoors
- 5) Tramping on the trail
- 8) Outdoor cookout
- 10) Lake activity
- 13) Ballpark fare
- 17) Summer cooler