

# THE CP POST



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## Giving Around the Corner

As many of you may know, we are gearing up for our annual stewardship campaign. There are several ways you can contribute, including a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. To ensure this transaction is completed before the year ends, please reach out to your IRA trustee soon.

- Contact your IRA trustee today
- Inquire about making a tax-free donation to the church from your IRA

Remember, the transfer must be completed by December 31, 2025, to assist you with your 2025 taxes.

Did you know there are various ways to contribute beyond just monetary donations? During our stewardship campaign, we provide the opportunity to donate your time and skills as an alternative means of supporting our church.

-Your Finance and Session Teams



## *Pulpit Supply*

Thank you to Rev. Rick Oppelt who will be filling in our pulpit supply for the entire month of September!

I hope you are all ready for some growth, learning, good music, and care.

From those of us traveling to Carnegie Hall this year, we would like to share a heartfelt thank you for your attendance, help, and donations at our fundraiser this past month.

A special thanks to the Nurture Committee for their help preparing and serving cookies and treats as well as the ushers who made sure guests felt welcome.



What a fun afternoon! YOU made it possible!



## Property

- Elevator and lift options are being evaluated
- Received quote for A/C in principals office

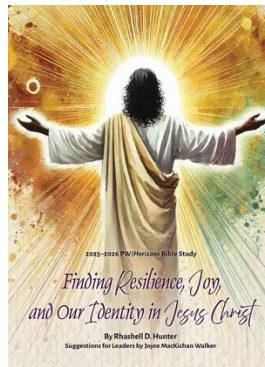
**Thank you to Bud and those both on and off the property committee who are committed to keeping our property beautiful and functional!**

### Ruth Circle

Circle will meet Thursday,  
**September 11 @ 11 am**  
WCR #26 for our first bible study "Find Resilience, Joy, and Identity in Jesus Christ"

We will be going to lunch following bible study.

For more info, please call Laurie King: 321-543-3654



### Busy Fingers and Priscilla Circle

Busy Fingers will be meeting **September 27th @ 9 AM in the WCR followed by Priscilla Cir @ 10 AM.**

The PW bible study for 25-26 is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ."

### Worship Committee

The team will be meeting on **September 14<sup>th</sup>** immediately following service for a short meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Men's breakfast will return in full swing on **September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8 AM** in the DownUnder. If you are looking for good food, fellowship, and a quick bible study, this breakfast is for you!

Choir will be joining the mens' breakfast crew @ 9:00 am for breakfast before our Cantata rehearsal



## LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR WORKSHOP - SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:00 AM DU**

This workshop will be our first look at this year's Christmas Cantata.

The Men's Breakfast crew has offered to provide breakfast before we get started! **THANK YOU!**



*From the Desk Of*  
**REV. RICK OPPELT**



Dear Cocoa Presbyterian Church Family,

Since word tends to travel fast in churches, you have probably already heard that your Session and I have recently entered into an agreement for me to serve as a (very) part-time Pastoral Care Minister while your search for more permanent pastoral leadership continues.

Under terms of this agreement, I will make myself available one day a week – typically Wednesdays, beginning on September 10th– to attend to pastoral care needs as they arise. While I anticipate holding some “office hours” in the morning, my plan is to be out and about visiting in the afternoons. A particular focus of my time will be tending to shut-ins and others who do not “get out” much, including Home Communion as those are desired. I will, of course, be available to visit anyone who requests a pastoral visit or to meet with me at the church. Those appointments may be arranged by calling the church office.

Within the limitations of this agreement, I will make myself as available as I can.

My weekly presence will not take the place of the good care members of the church have received from your “shepherds”. My work will supplement and support the caring community you already are! I will take my cues from those shepherds on how to best budget my limited time and energies.

I have been honored over the past year to be part of CPC’s roster of pulpit supply preachers and will continue in that capacity for the foreseeable future, including the entire month of September. And yes, I will always have a ukulele with me!

I look forward to this additional way I can serve Christ and his Church, even in retirement!

Grace and peace,

*Rev. Rick*

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# September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day 	5	6 Jim Armstrong
7 Communion Sunday  Shepherds Mtg @ 11:30 AM	8	9 National Teddy Bear Day 	10 Rev. Rick starting Pastoral Care  Choir @ 6 PM	11 Ruth Cir - WCR #26 @ 11 AM	12	13
14 Worship Com Mtg @ 11:30 AM	15 Nancy Neel	16 World Ozone Day 	17 Tom Burke  Choir @ 6 PM	18	19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day 	20 Men's Breakfast @ 8 AM  Cantata Rehearsal @ 9 AM (breakfast)
21 Session Sunday 	22	23 National Voter Registration Day 	24  Choir @ 6 PM	25 Sue Perry  Brian Timmons	26 National Day of Praise and Worship 	27 Busy Fingers @ 9 AM  Priscilla Cir @ 10 AM
28	29	30 Kim & Gregg Thompson National Love People Day 	Choir @ 6 PM		<p><b>Legend</b></p> <p><b>Church Events</b></p> <p>Holidays</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Anniversaries</p>	