

## The Bridge

No Sunday School Programs and no Childcare during this time. The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it. Due to Covid-19, except for Sunday 11:00 a.m. services, many activities remain cancelled. Sunday School programs have been delayed until Fall 2022.

**September 4, 2022: "What Are You Looking For?"** – Jimmy Merritt– Interpretations of two quotes: one from Jesus and the other from Emerson.

**September 11, 2022: "History of the Young Peoples' Christian Union"** – Jay Kiskel – First in a three-part series from Universalist Convocation 2022.

**September 18, 2022: "Father, Son, Holy Ghost – Vision Mediating Tradition and Change"** – Reverend Brian Clougherty – Religion (or whatever guides each person) is a way of mediating the tension between tradition and change. There is always a tension between what has (and has not) worked in the past, what is (and is not) working now, and what the future "should" or "will" be. Let us consider how much the past (tradition) informs the present and how much the challenges, troubles, and crises of the present call for change.

**September 25, 2022: "Water Service"** – Sharing our memories from the past year.



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### Dates to Remember

**September 8: 11:30 a.m. meet at the church for lunch at Johnny's; 1:00 p.m. AUV meeting.**

**September 11: Covered dish lunch and Annual Meeting following service.**



**October 1: Harvest Sale starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by Supper at 6:00.**

*“The Labor of Our Days”*

*Jennifer Willet: Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville, Indiana*

What Images come to mind when I say, “Labor Day”?

Chances are you think of the holiday weekend and celebrations with your loved ones, the Federal Holiday, Unions and the cause of a working wage and benefits, maybe the history of the struggle of working people to have a fair share of the profits from their work. Those are all great.

Now I want you to think of your parents and caregivers. The parent that fed you, bathed you, nurtured you and taught the building blocks of how to be in the world.

Now think of your elders. Who shops for them, goes to the doctor with them, cleans for them and cares for them when they begin to fail?

Now think of those that have physical and mental challenges of differing degrees. They come in all ages. Who assists them in the daily tasks that make day to day life easier and sometimes possible at all?

Much of this work is unpaid labor, yet the work of homemaking, childcare, eldercare and differently abled care isn't part of our economic system. It doesn't count on our GDP, but our society would collapse without it.

Now consider the other non-paid labor we do to mentor, to educate, to assist, to advocate, to entertain and enrich the community, the country and the world. Think of all that we do for our neighbors, our friends, our community to make life better.

This is labor. A paycheck isn't the only measure of your work. Without this labor our world would be a lonelier and more desperate place.

Honor your labor. If you work for money, this holiday is for you. If you work for love, this holiday is still for you. Our work makes the world better. Enjoy your day.

*Have a safe Labor Day*

