September 2023: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church Welcoming Congregation

The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services. No Sunday School programs and no childcare. The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

September 3: "And the Wheel Turns; Welcome to September" – Jimmy Merritt

September 10: "See Ya, Stress" – Facilitator Ann Malpass – Sixteen ways to feel calmer – fast; based on an article by Marisa Cohen. How do you deal with stress? Bring your thoughts and ideas to share.

September 17: "Jesus Before the Gospels and After" – Reverend Brian Clougherty – How did ancient monotheism allow the One God to have a "son"? Let's see what Bart Ehrman has to say in two of his books, "Jesus Before the Gospels", and "How Jesus Became God."

September 24: "Water Service" – Facilitator Linda Jones



Dates to Remember

September 10: Covered-dish lunch and Annual Meeting following service. Hope you can attend!

September 14: Lunch at Johnny's Seafood followed by AUW Meeting at church.

Get Ready! Harvest Sale is set for Saturday October 7. Sale begins at 3:00 pm; Supper is at 6:00 pm.



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"WE LABOR IN LOVE"

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One: On Labor Day we honor our work, physical and mental,

paid and unpaid, joyous and heartbreaking.

Many: We give thanks for work's gifts, suffer its difficulties and strive to make labor just and joyous for all.

One: Our work can build our society, provide for our material needs and give our life meaning.

Many: We labor in gratitude.

One: Our work can damage our society and the planet,

fail to sustain our material needs and be meaningless.

Many: We join together to create work that supports the well-being of all.

One: Our work can heal the world, help us understand who we are

and keep us safe.

Many: We labor in joy.

One: Our work can harm the world, demean us and expose us to danger.

Many: We join together to create work that is safe and humane.

One: Our work can fill our days with accomplishments

and our lives with stories.

Many: We labor in love.

One: Our work can dissatisfy and alienate us; we may not be able to find enough work or any work. Many: We join together to create work that blesses us,

all people and the planet.

One: This Labor Day and all Labor Days to come,

All: May our work, and all work, serve humanity and all living beings.

