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Please let the church know if you have a e-mail address  
Pastor Hours are  
Monday-8:30-12, 1-4:30  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-12, Afternoon visitations  
Wednesday-8:30 -12  
Fridays off

**Special thank** you to everyone who helped deliver Meals on Wheels. It is a great service to the community.

**Special Mission Offering**  
on September 18  
Goes to the hospital to provided new chairs in the waiting area.

**Rally Day - September 11**  
There will be a potluck following worship with barbecues and hot dogs provided. Lula belles will be here around 11:30.

The Bottineau Widows and Widowers Group meets at Maries on the third Thursday of each month They will be meeting Thursday, September 15 at 11:30. Feel free to join the group.

LET US REALIZE  
★ THAT THE ★  
PRIVILEGE TO WORK  
IS A GIFT,  
★ THAT THE ★  
POWER TO WORK  
IS A BLESSING,  
★ THAT ★  
LOVE OF WORK  
IS SUCCESS.  
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# UP BEAT

September 2022

In a 2005 article for *Christian Century*, Barbara Brown Taylor wrote that the Hebrew Bible contains only one commandment to love the neighbor but 36 commands to love the stranger. Luke's gospel particularly emphasizes care for the stranger. The middle section in Luke (Luke 9:-51-19:41) has been called "the Gospel for the Out-cast," since so many of the stories and parables relate to God's love for the lost and the outsider.

With all this discussion of the stranger in the Bible, I was surprised and pleased to see an article last Thursday headlined, "Why Your Social Life Is Not What It Should Be" by David Brooks, a conservative political and cultural commentator who writes for the New York Times. Brooks was puzzled by the news reports of so many Americans feeling lonely these days. For a long time, he was aware of the myriads of people who were focused on the telephones or other electronic devices in public spaces. He wondered, "Why don't lonely people just get together and talk." Brooks turned to Nicholas Epley who had conducted years of research on how people communicate with one another.

Epley discovered that one of the reasons people are reluctant to talk to strangers is they do not think it will be enjoyable, but will be awkward, dull and tiring. In one study Epley found that only 7% of the people would talk to a stranger in a waiting room.

More importantly, Epley and his crew discovered that most of us think we will not enjoy a conversation with a stranger. Brooks writes, "Commuters expected to have less pleasant rides if they tried to strike up a conversation with a stranger. But their actual experience was precisely the opposite. People randomly assigned to talk with a stranger enjoyed their trips consistently more than those instructed to keep to themselves."

Brooks suggests that many of us have strong antisocial filters. Many of us suffer from what Employ calls undersociality. "We see the world in anxiety-drenched ways that cause us to avoid social situation that would be fun, educational and rewarding."

The Biblical imperative to reach out to the stranger is because God loves the stranger as much as God loves us and God wants no one left out. The command to love the stranger requires effort and sacrifice on our part. Now, however, behavioral research suggests we will enjoy the experience of befriending the stranger!  
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Brooks concluded his article writing, “My general view is that the fate of America will be importantly determined by how we treat each other in the smallest acts of daily life.....More lives are diminished by the slow and frigid death of social closeness than by the short and glowing risk of social openness.”

See complete article at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/25/opinion/social-life-talk-strangers.html?smid=em-share>

Little Johnny

Little Johnny went to Sunday school one Sunday. The lesson for the day was from Genesis. “God opened up Adam’s side, took a rib from him, and created Eve from it,” was what really struck Johnny.

Later, that afternoon, Johnny started feeling sick, and his side began to hurt. He layed down on the couch, and after about half an hour, his mother came over and asked him if he was feeling okay. He said, “Not really – I think I’m gonna have a wife.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship				1	2	3
4 9:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	5	6	7 2:00 PW 7:00 Parish Council	8	9	10
11 Rally Day 9:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	12 10:00 Christian Crafters	13	14 2:00 UMW	15 11:30 Widow’s Group	16	17
18 9:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Special Mission	19 10:00 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 Fellowship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26 10:00 Christian Crafters	27	28	29	30	

United Parish Memorial

Joan Olson - Sharon Marquardt  
Pat & Scott Kippen  
Duane Larson



September Birthday’s

- 09 – Kaden Moore
- 13- Shari Turner
- 14 – Mary Lou Reamer
- 15—Doug Bremner



The Meaning of Labor Day  
Guest Post Written By Tylor Standley

Let us remember the reason for the season—the reason why you have a 40-hour workweek, the reason why you have holidays, the reason your children do not work in mines, the reason your work-place is safe. Every day you enjoy the benefits of freedom gained not by the guns of soldiers or the benevolence of capitalists and politicians, but gained by the voices of the workers.

We Christians have etched it into national memory that “Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.” Barring our neglect to live in light of that claim, I think the memory serves us well. With similar gusto, we remember the reason for Memorial and Veterans’ Days—even within our sanctuaries, we call on those who served or who have lost loved ones in military service to stand so we can thank them for their sacrifice.

In practice, these “holidays” mostly give us excuses to enjoy a break—time to relax and forget the cares of work. Meanwhile, the one national holiday explicitly meant to give us that break, the one that impacts our daily life in more tangible ways than most, is the one we’ve chosen to forget. I speak, of course, about Labor Day.