



“Labor To Play” Rev. Peggy Tennent

supplies, and a biggie for me was setting the mental alarm clock. Early September morns brought LOUD and CLEAR Mom’s voice “RISE ’EN SHINE” from the kitchen in the other side of the house where she was stirring cream of wheat or oatmeal with raisins, with toast and juice to start our day. From summer fun and free, to Labor Day and learning. I didn’t really consider playing as learning then, as I do now.

September 3, 1928 was the first Monday of the month and my Mothers birthday. “I was born on Labor Day and have labored every day since!” and a smile always follows her quip whenever this holiday is mentioned. Labor Day is a creation of the Labor movement dedicated to social and economic achievement of American workers with the idea of 8 hours work, 8 hours of recreation, and 8 hours of rest, (I perceive it as 24 hours to play anyway I want). Now maybe because I deeply wanted to be my own person, or maybe because no matter what my parents did I wanted to do it differently, or maybe it is just evolution, but I choose to play as opposed to work. Playing house was and is cleaning. Playing in the yard is weeding. Playing with the newborn babies is what

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September is a busy month for many of us here in the Northern Hemisphere and probably around the world: with the beginning of the academic year, Labor Day, and now since the President’s Declaration in 2003 of Patriots Day, not to mention the Autumnal Equinox. If your birthday is in this special month — all birthdays are in a special month because birthdays are special ;-) — realize sapphires, and asters, while morning glory gifts are known to perk up every day in the ninth month of the year.

The mere mention or idea of the end of the summer send some, if not most of us, into a tail spin with the thought of preparing all the tools such as new personal items (clothes, shoes, and accessories), school

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