

The Circuit Rider

Lovell United Church of Christ PO Box 232 Lovell, ME 04051

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PANCAKES!

Please join us for a Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

9:00 am at LUCC on April 9th

10:30 am Palm Sunday Service

Blueberry, regular, dairy free & gluten free pancakes, bacon & sausage, fruit, juice & coffee. All are welcome!

Donations of items or money will be gratefully accepted for Church World Service.

*See list of items needed on page 3

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HOLY WEEK

4/13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm/LUCC

4/16 Sunrise Service at 170 Hoss Hill Rd., Lovell
6:30 am ~ Potluck Breakfast to follow

Easter worship service 10:30 am/LUCC



JUST FOR KIDS

Annual Easter Bake Sale

All proceeds benefit summer camperships for local children

Saturday, April 15th

9:00-12:00

at the Lovell United Church of Christ

NEW!

Fill your own Easter baskets, stuffed animals, candy, cookies, cakes and more!



Don't miss all the **EGG-CITEMENT** at **LUCC!**

Saturday, April 8th 10:00-11:30 am

Stories, games, crafts, egg hunt and refreshments

FREE and open to all children grade 5 and younger





Hello everybody,

I write today, the first day of spring. It is finally here. Down on the farm our animal friends are enjoying the longer days and warming sun. I see them laying the sunshine chewing their cud and smiling if they could. Of course, there is still two feet of snow under them but it is melting away. Our mule, Josie covers me with her white hairs every time I go near her. She knows it is time to start ridding herself of that winter coat. The rooster crows louder and more often. And we can actually open gates more easily as the ice recedes.

Easter is just around the corner now. I wonder how many of will be up at sunrise to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. How many of us will sing "Christ, the Lord is risen today..." We will gather with family and friends for Easter dinner and maybe Easter egg hunts. How will Easter change our lives this year?

The words, ten verses, to this favorite Easter were written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Charles experiences a conversion by faith in Jesus Christ in 1738. He became an English leader of the Methodist movement, most widely known for writing more than 6,000 hymns. Of course, over the years, the words have been altered to fit more modern language but the meaning is the same.

I remember as a child listening to the congregation sing this hymn on Easter. For me this hymn speaks of our faith in our risen Lord Jesus. I am touch deeply within as we sing this year after year. I hope it speaks to you also.

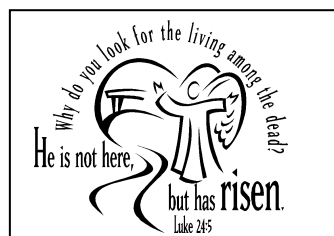
Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led,
Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection day, Alleluia!



May you have a wonderful and Blessed Easter,
Pastor Lois

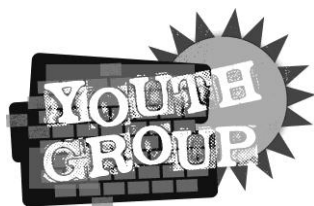
MISSION NEWS

We are currently accepting donations of items to complete School kits and Clean-up Buckets for CWS. A complete list of items needed is available in the vestry beside the donation bin. Don't miss our annual Easter Bake sale on Saturday, April 15th. All proceeds will benefit camp scholarships for our youth. NEW this year, "fill your own basket" as well as the usual fancy Easter treats. Don't miss it!

Missions Committee



**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 10:00-12:00
NO early birds, please!
\$2/Bag sale 4/17-22**



We had 13 teens join us for the lock-in on February 19. We made pizzas, played board games, card games and ping pong. We acted out a murder mystery too. Everyone had a great time. Nobody slept very much at all.

Chaz has covered 9 stories from Genesis so far. Last week, he told the story of Joseph from Genesis 37. The kids are very good about retelling the stories after he's related them. Chaz also plays guitar and we all sing three songs each week too!

On March 5th some of the youth group members spend the afternoon learning how to make maple syrup. Thank you to Jan and Elsa for having us over! The money that is raised from selling their syrup is going to Relay For Life this year. The youth group will be participating in Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society in May.

There will not be a youth group meeting on April 16th, Easter.

**April**

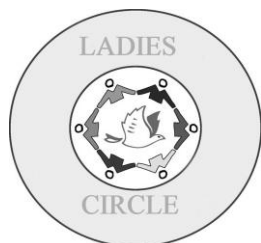
- 1 Kathy Feld
- 4 Ruth Hodgkins
- 6 Angie Thomas
- 7 Jacob Morse
- 9 Alexandria Waterman
Dave Mason
Geneva Barker
Roberta Bennett
- 12 Sandra Bell
- 13 Allison Thomas
- 16 Carolyn Carter
- 18 Lyn Beliveau
- 21 Margrit Newman
Nick Nataluk
Sylvia Brown
- 22 Laura McCabe
- 25 Bill Gardner
- 28 Ashley Henschel
- 30 Peter Fleming

***Items needed for each of the Church World Service Emergency Clean-up Buckets:**

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| 4 scouring pads | 1 pkg. 48-50 clothespins |
| 7 sponges, including 1 large | Clothesline, two 50' or one 100' |
| 1 scrub brush | 5 dust masks |
| 18 reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes) | 1 (6-9 oz) bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent |
| 1 (16-28 oz) bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap | 2 pr. non-surgical latex gloves |
| 1 (50oz) or 2 (25oz) bottles of liquid laundry detergent | |
| 1 (12-16 oz) bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles) | |
| 1 pr. work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather | |
| 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton | |

WE HAVE RECEIVED A MATCHING GRANT TO HELP PUT AS MANY KITS TOGETHER AS WE CAN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



April 11 Business Meeting 12:30
 May 9 Business Meeting 12:30

Kitchen clean-up volunteer signed up for March is Mary Heroux and April volunteer is Sandy Bell. The March 11 Bake Sale went ok and added \$255.50 to the Circle's treasury. It really was a very cold day. Our March 14 meeting was cancelled because of the huge snow storm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 with Phyllis Gregson and Linda Libby as hostesses. During April, the Circle usually collects items for Church World Service kits. This year, however, we will only be doing school kits plus clean-up kits for the first time. These kits will be put together and delivered to Portland in early May. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle, so please feel free to attend business meetings, work meetings or other activities as your time allows. Contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661, trout@fairpoint.net or Carolyn Carter, 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com

Lovell Girl Scouts

The annual Girl Scout initial cookie sale has ended and only a few boxes of cookies are left to sell. Cookies were available at the March 11 Girl Scout Flea Market.

Attendance was low but was ok. Cadette/Senior Troop 58 sponsored the soup & sandwich lunch which was delicious. Brownie Troop 3149 received proceeds from table rentals, and Junior Troop 208 was in charge of the cookie booth sales. Cadettes Alanna Nataluk and Jade Blood are using proceeds from the sale of flea market items for their Silver Award project of putting together Birthday Bags. These will be donated to the local food cupboards so children can have all the extras for a fun birthday party. Troop 58 is still raising money for their April 17-21 trip to NY. Congratulations go to Troop 58 Senior Girl Scout Audra Hamlin who has been chosen as an alternate to the GSUSA National Council meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Troop 3149 Brownies finished requirements for their First Aid Try-it thanks to Dr. Jennifer Smith. Dr. Smith came to the troop's meeting at Lovell UCC on March 8. The girls learned how to make a splint, bandaging, tourniquet use, calling 911 but especially liked carrying each other around on a stretcher made with two poles and jackets. This troop also spent the night at Lovell UCC Feb. 23-24. Girls and leaders spent very little time sleeping. We will be doing another overnight during April vacation. Date has not been set yet. Registrations are still being accepted for the Girl Scout 2017 year with openings in all the troops. Contact Girl Scouts of Maine for registration information. The Scouts still continue their returnable bottle/can collection (*please be sure containers are returnable*) at Lovell UCC, or donations may be left at Woitko's Redemption Center on McNeil Road. Just ask that the Girl Scout account be credited. Contact Linda Libby, Lovell Organizer/ Recruiter, 925-3661 or trout@fairpoint.net, for local and service unit information.

***Returnable Bottle/Can Collection to
 Benefit Girl Scouts.
 Please place empties in the container
 available at Lovell U.C.C.***

