
The Circuit Rider

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The best week of the summer!

- New friends
- Amazing experiments
- Creative games
- Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

Location: Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine

VBS will last from: June 26-June 30, 2017

Each day's fun begins at: 9:30 am

The VBS day ends at: 1:30 pm

For more information, call:

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Hi everybody,

Have you been by the church lately? The garden along the side of the building is bursting forth with color. I love this time of year with the snow leaving; the days are warmer AND the bugs are not buzzing yet! When do we expect black flies?

Down of the farm we are definitely in mud season. The animals do not seem to care one bit. They are joyfully running and jumping -- so glad to have open field again. They also are enjoying the warming sun. I often see them just lazing about basking in the sun. God's creation is amazing. I hope all of you can take some time to be outside enjoying all that we have been given. As the Psalmist wrote: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

We are in the Easter season – the time between Easter Day – the resurrection and Pentecost Sunday when God sent the Holy Spirit within each of us. To begin Holy Week, we had a exuberant celebration of Palm Sunday beginning with pancakes for breakfast and with waving palms and singing Hosanna. "Ride on! Ride On in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility, on the lowly colt, your road pursue as palms and cloaks are spread for you." (The New Century Hymnal). This is the story of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem.

We gathered for worship on Maundy Thursday to celebrate The Lord's Supper and to remember the story of Jesus walking toward the cross. The sanctuary was stripped of decorations, the music was somber and the lights were dimmed. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord..." We carried a nail in our pockets Friday and Saturday to remember.

Easter Sunday -- a wonderful celebration. The morning started on Hoss Hill overlooking the lake with the mountains in the background. It was cloudy and misty but oh so very beautiful. Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!

We gathered again to celebrate Jesus' resurrection reading the story from the Gospel of John. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the living Christ, her weeping turning into joy. She was the first to tell the others. Jesus lives.

We gather still to celebrate Easter discovering each day the new life that Christ gives.

And because he lives,
I can face tomorrow.
Because he lives
All fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives. – Bill Gaither

Enjoy this wonderful season,
Pastor Lois

MISSION NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter Bake sale a huge success! We raised \$247.80 for summer camp scholarships. With the help of the Sunday School, congregation, Youth Group, Ladies Circle and a grant from the UCC Disaster Ministries we have been able to put together 10 clean-up buckets and 10 school kits for Church World Service. Keep an eye on our ongoing Farmer's Market table on Sunday mornings. More items will start appearing as seedlings get going and produce comes in. We also continue to collect food items for the local food pantries. Donations are always welcome.

Missions Committee



May

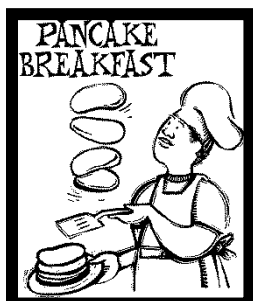
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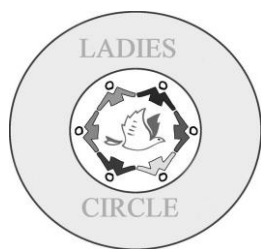
**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 10:00-12:00
NO early birds, please!
\$2/Bag sale 4/17-22**



Stop by our weekly farmer's market table after worship. Shop for fresh produce, eggs, baked goods and seedlings as they come in. We welcome donations of items at any time! All proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the Mission Committee.



We had so much fun, we're doing it again! Join us on Mother's Day, May 14th at 9:00 am for a blueberry pancake breakfast followed by our Sunday School closing during worship. Everyone is welcome! We will serve regular, gluten free and dairy free pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee. Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray the cost. See you there!



May 9	Business Meeting 12:30
May 14	CWS Blanket Sunday
June 13	Ladies Circle Annual Luncheon

Kitchen clean-up volunteer signed up for April is Sandy Bell and for May is Jacky Stearns. The program after our regular April 11 business meeting was provided by Trish Stearns about her recent trip to Asia. Some of us actually made Origami cranes, and we really appreciated our bookmark gifts. The Church World Service School and Clean-Up Kits will be delivered to Portland on May 4 or May 5. The Ladies Circle pays the handling fees on the kits. CWS Blanket Sunday will be observed at LUCC on May 14. The group voted to pay for having the church stove repaired and appreciated the work Jan Newhouse did arranging for a repairman from Portland to do the work. The next Circle meeting will be at 12:30pm on May 9. Please bring a recipe with samples to share with the group. 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

Troop 58 is in NY as this article is written. They left April 17 and will return April 20. Congratulations to Troop 58 Cadettes, Audra Hamlin, Katherine Trumbull and Sinead Lounsbury, who were presented the Silver Award at the GSME Annual Meeting in Augusta on April 8. The Silver Award is the highest award in Cadette Girl Scouting. The girls' project was "Remembering Forgotten Cemeteries". The girls researched names and made maps that can be viewed at the Stoneham Town Office. Cadettes, Jade Blood and Alanna Nataluk, are currently working on their Silver Award project of "Birthday Bags". They are collecting items and sewing bags to make children's birthdays more enjoyable. There is a collection box and list of needed items available in the LUCC vestry. Completed bags will be donated to area food pantries. Brownie Troop 3149 spent another overnight at LUCC, April 20-21. The girls are practicing for a two-night stay at Scelkit GS Site in Kittery in August and two nights at a camporee at Pondicherry GS Site in So. Bridgton the end of September. They also finished requirements on the "Celebrating Community" try-it and will have a display at the GS Spring Fling in Bridgton on April 29. These girls will be attending an Outdoor Skills Day event at Pondicherry Girl Scout Site in Bridgton on May 13. Junior Troop 208 had a great time bowling and eating pizza on March 30. Daisy Troop 146 has been working on their Animal Journey and are planning an outing to Storyland. Registrations are now being accepted for the Girl Scout 2017-2018 year with openings in all the troops. Contact Linda Libby for registration information or your GS's troop leader. The Scouts still continue their returnables 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.**

