

# The Circuit Rider



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We are so pleased to be able to offer this gorgeous autumn scene oil painting by local artist, Sandy Bell (16"X20") as a raffle item to benefit the ongoing work of the church. Tickets will be on sale until November 22nd for \$5.00 each. Simply complete the attached entry form and return to the church office in person or via mail: Lovell United Church of Christ/PO Box 232/Lovell, ME 04051

## Lovell United Church of Christ Oil Painting Raffle 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Looking ahead:

Mark your calendars now for the annual **LUCC Snowflake Fair!**



Saturday, November 11th  
9:00-1:00

FRESH BALSAM WREATHS,  
BERRY BOWLS, FIR PILLOWS,  
BAKED GOODS, LUNCHEON,

THANKSGIVING BASKET RAFFLE, TREASURES, GIFTS, BOOKS,  
CHRISTMAS LOFT





Ah, a beautiful day in the fall, in western Maine, down on the farm. It is almost 90 degrees with high humidity. The animals are hiding out in their barns hoping that I sprayed against the re-emerging flies. You gotta love weather to live here. We will be shoveling snow soon enough. But on the good side, the weatherman has promised cool weather just in time for the Fair.

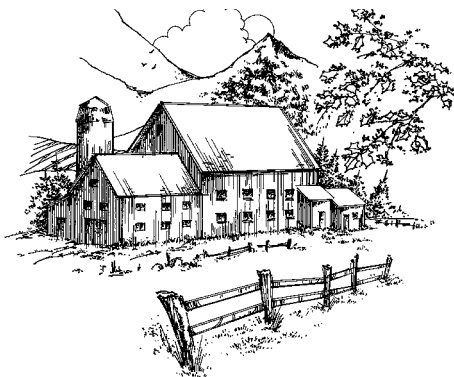
For the next two weeks, I will be enjoying this little farm as I take some time off. The farm will be grounding and rejuvenating. I have fences to fix, piles to move and spread across the field. Anybody need any compost? We have some goats that need clipping. Let's not forget hooves. They need trimming. Think I will wait until it cools down a little. Actually in today's heat paddling on the lake sounds much better. Then when you actually read this month's Circuit Rider we will probably all be wearing jackets.

I had the privilege of leading two celebration of life services this past weekend. I hope they were of comfort to family and friends. For me it was like standing on holy ground knowing that all life comes from God and returns to God. God was so present in both the Lovell Fire Station and LUCC.

As you must know by now, I find this "Dyed in the Wool" farm to be a holy place. It is a gift from God and I love it. So often when I take the time to listen or feel the wind come across the field, I know God is present. Please remind me of this when it is 20 below and the north wind is howling.

I hope everyone can take some time this fall to enjoy shuffling your feet through the falling leaves and to stop and look at the stars. God is present and we all will stand on holy ground. See you at the fair.

Peace,  
Pastor Lois



**We are having our parking lot dug out and repaved  
October 10th-14th.**

**During this time the Thrift Shop and doors to the church on the  
ground floor will be CLOSED.**

## MISSION NEWS

A collection box has been placed in the vestry for our Shoebox Mission. Donations of gifts for all ages are accepted. Just be sure they will fit inside a shoebox! We will be assembling these boxes on October 19th and then they will be delivered to the Maine Seacoast Mission.

Watch for news about our Christmas collection for local families in the November Circuit Rider.

We continue to collect non-perishable food for the local pantries in Brownfield and Sweden, single serve food for the Sunshine Backpack program, ink cartridges to recycle and used eyeglasses. Stop by the vestry anytime and place your donations in the appropriate box on the rolling carts. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

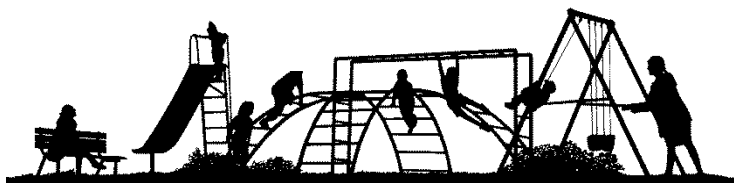
Missions Committee



- 7 Joyce Koop
- 10 Haley Littlefield
- 14 Robert Williams
- 20 Ann Williams
- 22 Nancy Olmsted  
Penny Williams  
Samara Nataluk
- 24 TJ Rose
- 25 Stuart Gardner
- 28 Ned Jordan
- 29 Caprice Littlefield  
Dave Mills



**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday  
from 10:00-12:00  
NO early birds, please!**



The Lovell Recreation Committee is holding a calendar raffle during the month of October to benefit their playground fund to build a playground at the town athletic field. The calendar pages are \$10. each and will give you 31 chances to win some great prizes. FMI contact Lovell Rec Director, Meg Dyer, at [Lovellrecdirector@gmail.com](mailto:Lovellrecdirector@gmail.com), call (207)256-2223 or stop by New Suncook School to purchase a page. You can find a copy of the actual calendar on the Facebook page for Lovell Recreation. Let's all support this community project!

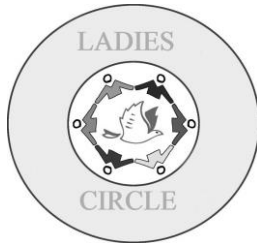


Please join us for a family pancake breakfast on 10/15 at 9:00 am. All are welcome! Gluten free and dairy free pancake options will be available. All children and youth will be recognized during the 10:30 worship service so we hope you will all plan to stay.

We have Sunday School classes available for all ages every week at 9:00 am and Youth Group for grades 5 and up on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm. FMI contact the church office at



Plans are underway for our annual online auction. It's time to start thinking about your donation! It could be a new or vintage/antique item or a certificate for goods or services. FMI contact Joe Dorner at [joemattewdorner@gmail.com](mailto:joemattewdorner@gmail.com).



- Oct. 10 12:00 Business Meeting & Lunch at Campfire Grill
- Nov. 9 9:00 Business Meeting & Snowflake Fair Set Up
- Nov. 11 9:00-1:00 Snowflake Fair

A huge thank you goes to all who helped make the Sept. 8th Harvest Supper such a great success adding over \$977 to the Circle's treasury. One of the over 36 people involved in the supper was Jan Newhouse who picked up the 150lbs of corned beef, cooked it and sliced it plus helped the cooks the day of the supper. Thank you, Jan! At the Sept. 12th Circle meeting, it was voted to donate \$1000 towards the cost of the new church parking lot. Plans also were started for the Nov. 11th Snowflake Fair. One change this year will be the Christmas Loft will be located in the Vestry. Other tables will be Food, Treasures, Gifts, Balsam Fir Pillows, Greens, Berry Bowls, Raffle, a Youth Group table as well as lunch. The next regular Circle meeting will be at 12:00 on Oct. 10 at the Campfire Grill in Bridgton. Kitchen clean up volunteer for September is Trish Stearns, and Ruth Mitchell is scheduled for October. 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. Contacts: Linda Libby, 925-3661, [trout@fairpoint.net](mailto:trout@fairpoint.net) or Carolyn Carter, 928-2080, [cecarter1994@gmail.com](mailto:cecarter1994@gmail.com)

## Lovell Girl Scouts

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

The annual Girl Scout fall sale of magazines, candy & nuts started Sept. 1 and will end Oct. 19 for most troops. If you would like to order or renew a magazine, just contact any Girl Scout or their leader. Registration for the 2017-2018 Girl Scout year continues. Contact Linda Libby or your GS's troop leader for registration information for girls in grades K-12. For this coming Girl Scout year, a co-leader will be needed for the Daisy (grades K & 1) troop to work with Trish Stearns. At this point, it looks like Brownies, Juniors and a new Cadette Troop for girls in 6-8 grades will hold meetings on Thursdays 3:00-4:30 either at the Lovell Library or New Suncook School. Another troop for older girls will be meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday nights in Fryeburg at the Congregational Church. Troop 58 Cadettes, Jade Blood and Alanna Nataluk, continue to work 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 Lovell UCC Vestry. Completed bags will be donated to area food pantries. Scouts still continue their returnable bottle and 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](mailto:trout@fairpoint.net), for local and service unit information.

