

The Circuit Rider



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

www.lovellucc.org
December 2017/January 2018




All are welcome and invited to join us!

- 12/1 Christmas Caroling.
All ages are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.
4:00 pm The bus departs LUCC and returns after the town tree lighting event at the library.
- 12/3 First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am worship
4:30 pm Decorating of the sanctuary tree and a carol sing-a-long followed by a potluck supper
- 12/10 Second Sunday of Advent.
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am worship with a performance by the LUCC Hand Bell Choir
- 12/14 7:00 pm concert
St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble
- 12/17 Third Sunday of Advent.
9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm potluck supper followed by a concert by the LUCC Hand Bell Choir
- 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Sunday School
10:30 am family worship service
7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service of carols and scripture
- 12/31 No Sunday School




JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE AWARD-WINNING



ST. PETERSBURG
MEN'S ENSEMBLE

AS THEY PERFORM

The Masterpieces



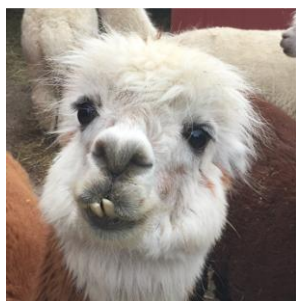
OF RUSSIAN
CLASSIC CHORAL
AND SACRED MUSIC

Thursday, December 14th

7:00 pm

**At the Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine**

***A free will offering will be accepted**



*O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him.
Christ the Lord.*



We wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. May you be filled with the love of God as you dwell on the mystery in Bethlehem.

*From all of us on the Dyed in the Wool Farm,
Pastor Lois and Lyn
and all our furry friends.*

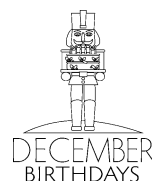


MISSION NEWS

Nineteen Christmas baskets will be assembled this year including a complete holiday dinner, toys, hats and mittens for the children. Thank you all for your generous support of this annual event. There is still time to donate needed food items. A collection box and list of items needed is located on the cart in the vestry.

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.

~LUCC Missions Committee



9 Nancy Wilson
13 Betty White
Lois Brown
Susan Clout
14 Becky Heath
Phyllis Gregson
16 Gene Royer
Linda Libby
17 James Littlefield
20 Norm Hodgkins
24 Holly Morse
26 Angie Blake
28 Ethan Jordan
29 Judy Mills
31 Andrew Carter
Clare Gardner



1 Farwell Sawin
Vicki Royer
3 Bruce Thurston
8 Deb Delmonico
9 Ruth Mitchell
10 Eamonn McCabe
11 Donna Wilson
20 Mark Tripp
21 Spencer Thomas
22 Stephen Mead
28 Al Stearns
29 Elizabeth Littlefield

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be having a Holiday \$2/bag sale from Saturday December 9th through Saturday December 16th. We are accepting donations and putting out new items each week. Hope you will come in to take advantage of the great buys.

Monday workers who are leaving for their winter quarters are Jackie Scudder, Lyn Beliveau and Lois Boysen; Pat Stearns going for March and April. Mary Heroux needs a co-worker or two on Monday. From the Wednesday crew, Martha VanSteenburgh goes early January; Peg Mason, Bev Fogg and Trish Stearns keep the shop open. The Saturday gals are down to Phyllis Gregson when Nancy Pitman and Lois Brown leave. Betty White comes in to help when she can and Bev Bassett likes to work as her family concerns allow. As you can see we are really in need of workers to keep this very successful shop running—especially on Monday and Saturday. Our current subs are Jackie Stearns, Sue Hamlin, Nancy Olmsted and Jan Risch. Barbara McAllister was a great worker but now lives in Conway and drives over occasionally.

So please give this some thought and if you can sign on for a regular shift from December to May or would like to add your name to our sub list, please call Peg Mason 935-7528 or Pat Stearns 925-6536. We are counting on you. It is a fun place to work and meet friends.

Pat Stearns

**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 10:00-12:00
NO early birds, please!
\$2/Bag Sale December 9-16**

Would you like to order a poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary during this Christmas Season?

Plants are \$10.00 each and can be picked up after Christmas or donated to someone on our Community Care list. Checks can be made payable to LUCC and returned with this order form to LUCC/PO Box 232/Lovell, ME 04051 or dropped off at the church office by December 10th. FMI contact Geneva Barker at 928-2096. Thank you!

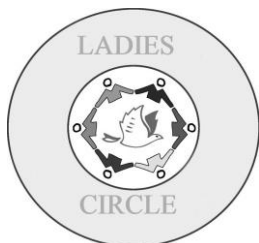
Your name _____

of plants _____ X \$10.00 each= Total due \$ _____

In memory/honor of _____

In would like to ____ Pick up my plant after Christmas
Donate it to the Community Care List





Dec. 12 Christmas Party & Business Meeting 12:00 at AJ's
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Gathering 5:30 at Olmsted's home

The Nov. 11 Snowflake Fair was a huge success. More than \$2500 has been added to the Circle's treasury. A thank you goes to the many people who made the fair possible. There were those who donated food, books, treasures, etc. plus the many who worked on greens and those who came and shopped. At the Nov. 9th business meeting, the ladies reviewed the 2018 calendar and voted Christmas gifts to Lovell UCC staff as well as several other groups. The Circle will take a short break then will gather at AJ's in Stoneham for a business meeting, lunch and Christmas party on Dec. 12. Be sure to bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$5-\$10 and join the fun. Kitchen clean up volunteer for November is Nancy Olmsted, and Nancy and Linda Libby will share December responsibilities. Plans are in the process for a New Year's Eve Celebration at Lou and Nancy Olmsted's home. Stay tuned for more information. 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 or Carolyn Carter, 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com

Lovell Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout candy & nuts from the fall sale should have been delivered by the time you receive this newsletter. Be sure to contact the GS you ordered from if you have not received delivery yet. Registration for the 2017-2018 Girl Scout year continues. Contact Linda Libby or your GS troop's leader for registration information for girls in grades K-12. For this coming Girl Scout year, a co-leader is still needed for the Daisy (grades K & 1) troop to work with leader, Trish Stearns. Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and a new Cadette Troop for girls in grades 6-8 is meeting on Thursdays 3:00-4:30 either at the Lovell Library or New Suncook School. Another troop for older girls is meeting 1st and 3rd Monday nights in Fryeburg at the Congregational Church. Troop 58 Cadette Hannah Reed has started work on her Silver Award project of replacing the swim shed at the Bridgton town beach; and 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 are being donated to area food pantries. Thank you Brownie Troop 3149 for decorating some of the Birthday Bags. You did a GREAT job! As a service project, Lovell Girl Scouts decorated small pumpkins and delivered them to local nursing homes. New Cadette Troop 67 has also been helping organize the Kids' Closet at New Suncook School. A Girl Scout Court of Awards, Investiture and Rededication Ceremony, is scheduled for Tuesday night, Dec. 5, 6:30, at the Center Lovell Church. 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.

The Lovell Girl Scouts wish everyone a very happy holiday season!
~Watch for our annual cookie sale starting in early January~



