

The Circuit Rider



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

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March 2018



March 4-Third Sunday in Lent
worship 10:30 am-Communion
March 11-Fourth Sunday in Lent
worship 10:30 am
March 18-Fifth Sunday in Lent
worship 10:30 am
March 24- Egg-Citement 10:00-11:30
March 25- Palm Sunday
worship 10:30 am
Sunday School trip-
NO regular classes
March 29-Maundy Thursday
Service 7:00 pm
March 30-Good Friday
April 1-Easter Sunday.
Sunrise Service at 170 Hoss Hill
Rd., Lovell 6:30 am
Potluck Breakfast to follow
Worship 10:30 am



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

Saturday, March 24th 10:00-11:30 am

**Stories, games, crafts, egg hunt and
refreshments**

**FREE and open to all children grade 5 and
younger**



The Diaconate will once again be ordering flowers to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1st. If you would like to order one (or several), please complete the form below and return it to the church office through the mail slot on the office door with your payment of \$10.00 each. To mail your order please send it to: Lovell UCC/PO Box 232/Lovell, ME 04051. Checks payable to LUCC. For more information contact Geneva Barker at 928-2096.

Name _____ Telephone # _____
Tulips # _____ In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____
Easter Lilies # _____ In Memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

*Please circle whether you wish to take your plants home after Easter or donate them to someone on our community care list.

Take home/donate

Deadline for ordering Easter Flowers is March 18th



Greetings everyone,

I do hope that the winter has not been too hard. Down on the farm my animal friends have stayed pretty close to their barns venturing out only when the wind was fairly still. I did notice how they stayed very close together in the very cold weather that we have had. They take care of each other – they are herd animals after all. Now when the sun is shining they are out nosing around. I like to think they are looking for signs of spring. They are also more energetic and greet me playfully. I am now scratching noses a little longer. Of course, when you read this it will be March and the sap will be definitely running.

Winter and ice makes the work harder on the farm. Everything takes more time but as I am out there at the barn listening to the munching of hay at dusk when the mountains are in silhouette and the wind has slowed, I feel the wonder of God. I feel humbled because we are so privileged to live in this amazing world.

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of self-examination and renewal. Some of us practice spiritual disciplines in preparation for Easter and how we respond when we deeply feel the love God enveloping us. My time at the pile behind the barn when I stop and look at the mountains and the first evening stars is so special. It is quiet, still and I often feel touch by the hand of God's love. I encourage each one during this remaining time of Lent to find that still and quiet place, to rest there for a while listening for the whispers of God.

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?*

² *My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

⁴ *He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ *The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

⁶ *The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.*

⁸ *The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.*

Psalm 121

Peace,

Pastor Lois

The Gathering Place

Lovell United Church of Christ Senior Fellowship

Thursdays 10:00-2:00

GOING ON NOW...PLEASE JOIN US!

In the church vestry of the
Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St. Lovell, Maine

All are welcome

Free

Please bring your own lunch

Coffee and tea are provided

Join us for a social time of friendship and support

What you'll find here:



Friendship

Puzzles

Board games

Arts and Crafts

Music

Visiting guests

Baking

Pastoral care

Bible study

Resource connections and help with enrollment

*All activities will be planned based on the interest
of attendees

We can also help with transportation

For more information contact the church during

office hours:

Monday 9:00-3:00

Thursday 9:00-1:00

MISSION NEWS

Check out the Pastor's page of this newsletter to see an exciting new program supported by our Mission Committee, "The Gathering Place". FMI contact the church office.

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



- 10 Heather Sawin
- 15 John Carter
- 19 Patricia Stearns
- 20 Evan Caracciolo
- 21 Ethel Hurst
- 23 Anna Williams
- 24 Ellen Bacchiocchi
- 26 Trish Stearns

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

We have been doing some rearranging in the Thrift Shop. Check it out! Your opinion is welcome. We had donations of a shelving unit and some heavy tables. This meant lifting which we done by Jan Newhouse, Farwell Sawin and Joe Dorner. We are grateful for the help! Jan also put up a bulletin board. Sales, donations and patron count continue to be good for this mission to the community. We are in need of workers, especially on Saturday, as two thirds of our staff are traveling. Call Peg Mason 935-7528 or Phyllis Gregson 928-2032 if you can give a Saturday morning in late February or anytime in March or April. By May most of the workers will be back. We will be glad to see them and appreciate you taking up the slack.

**Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 10:00-12:00
NO early birds, please!
\$2/Bag sale 3/17-24**

Pat Stearns

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Our annual Secret Angel program was a great success! Fourteen pairs of angels met each other during worship on February 11th. Pilgrim Lodge camp flyers are in. Please contact the church office for more information. The Youth Group held a Lock-in on February 18-19. Sunday School continues through mid May and it's never too late to join us. Classes for children age 3 and up. Youth Group meets on Friday evenings for grades 5-12 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Flea Market & Bake Sale

LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1174 MAIN ST.

LOVELL, MAINE

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

9:00 – 1:30

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

SOUP/SANDWICH LUNCH

BAKED GOODS

FLEA MARKET ITEMS

ANTIQUES

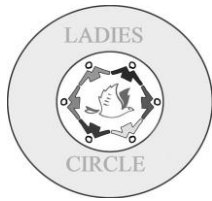
FURNITURE

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

**FOR TABLE RENTAL OR INFORMATION,
CONTACT LINDA LIBBY AT 925-3661**



Sponsored by Lovell Girl Scouts



March 3
March 13
April 10

Bake Sale at Flea Market 9:00-1:30
Business Meeting 12:30
Regular Meeting 12:30

A thank you goes to Jacky Stearns who was in charge of purchasing a new trash container for the church kitchen. On Jan. 27-28, fruit baskets were put together and delivered to those on the LUCC Care List. Nine ladies met for a delicious lunch at Rosie's on Jan. 30. On Feb. 13, a regular business meeting was held then 30 valentines were made by the ladies to be delivered that day to Fryeburg Healthcare Center. The Kitchen clean up volunteer for February is Nancy Olmsted with Phyllis Gregson volunteering for March duty. The Circle will be having a bake sale 9:00-1:30 during the March 3 Flea Market to be held at Lovell UCC. The next business meeting will be held March 13 and will be followed by a program of "Show & Tell". Mary Heroux will be hostess. 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

Returnable Bottle/Can Collection to
Benefit Girl Scouts.

Please place empties in the container
available at Lovell U.C.C.

The Girl Scout cookie sale ended on Jan. 28 with delivery scheduled for Feb. 24. Troops will have some extra cookies that will be on sale at the March 3 Flea Market & Bake Sale, 9:00-1:30, at Lovell UCC. This sale is

sponsored by Lovell Girl Scouts and will include a bake sale by the LUCC Ladies Circle as well as tables rented by individuals to sell their items. Registration for the 2018 Girl Scout year continues, and all Lovell troops have openings. Contact Linda Libby or your GS troop's leader for registration information for girls in grades K-12. There is still a need for a co-leader for the Daisy troop (grades K & 1) to work with leader, Trish Stearns, and a co-leader for the Junior troop (grades 4 & 5) to work with leader, Chaz Reed. Daisies and Brownies are meeting on Thursdays 2:30-4:00 at New Suncook School; Juniors and Cadettes are meeting on Thursdays 3:00-4:30 at the Lovell Library. Troop 58 for older girls is meeting 1st and 3rd Monday nights in Fryeburg at the Congregational Church. Troop 58 Cadette, Hannah Reed, is working on her Silver Award project of replacing the swim shed at the Bridgton town beach. As a money-earning project, a spaghetti lunch was held on Feb. 10 at the Bridgton Community Center. Hannah would like to thank all those who helped and also those who attended. Cadettes, Jade Blood and Alanna Nataluk, are finishing up work on their Silver Award project of "Birthday Bags". Troop 58 girls are learning to knit by creating hats for newborns which will be donated to a local hospital. The girls also volunteered their time by offering babysitting for the Lakes Region Substance Abuse Coalition, which was holding an overdose prevention training. Troop 58 will be away in Brooks, Maine for a statewide World Thinking Day for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors from 2/21/18-2/23/18. Thinking Day is on Feb. 22, however, it will be observed by Lovell troops on Thursday, March 1, 3:15-5:00, at the Lovell Library. Daisies have chosen the country of Fiji, Brownies chose France, Juniors chose Argentina and Cadettes chose Serbia and Austria. Girls have made displays, food samples, crafts, etc. about their country to share with the other troops on March 1. Parents are encouraged to arrive at 4:30 to see what the girls have been doing. All the troops will be attending an Apple Mountain Service Unit bring a friend event at Lake Region High School, 10:00-12:30, on

March 10. Four girls from Cadette Troop 67 attended a GSME event called Fiber Dying in Westbrook on Feb. 3 and are scheduled to visit the Westbrook Animal Shelter for a two-hour program then a GSME event called "Exciting Engineering" on April 20. 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, trout@fairpoint.net, or 925-3661 for local and service unit information.

