

Lovell United Church of Christ

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The Circuit Rider



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Down of the farm I feel a close connection to the land the hills beyond. I feel held by the earth itself. After all, God created the heavens and the earth declaring them good. I often see Josie, the mule, standing in the field looking around taking care of her companions. She guards and alerts the others to possible danger. When she senses something, she calls everybody to the barn. Then she watches. When she determines that all is safe, everyone returns to the field.

Our lives are in the arms of God during good times and bad. We with confidence can put our faith and trust in our Creator God.

“How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. “ -- Psalm 36:7

Happy Spring,

Pastor Lois

***There was a little seed.
All wispy and white.
Being blown in the wind.
It had no anchor.
It would get caught on a twig,
then be blown on its way.
it rose high in the air across the pond.
No! - Don't let it get wet and die.
Across the ripples of water,
with spring ice receding,
that little seed came to rest,
held close to the rich earth.
Grow little seed
Reach your roots down
strong and firm
Hold onto your life
as the earth holds onto you.***



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAYS ALL MONTH

9:00-3:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours

WEDNESDAYS ALL MONTH

Bell Choir rehearsal 9:30 am
Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm

THURSDAYS ALL MONTH

9:00-1:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours
10:00-2:00 *The Gathering Place*
Senior Fellowship

FRIDAYS ALL MONTH

Youth Group Meeting 6:00 pm

SATURDAYS ALL MONTH

AA & Al-Anon meetings 7:00

SUNDAY, April 1 EASTER

Sunrise Service 6:30 am
10:30 am Worship
NO Sunday School

SUNDAY, April 8

Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

MONDAY, April 9

Missions Meeting 9:30 am
Deacon's meeting 12:00
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, April 10

Ladies Circle Meeting 12:30 pm
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

SUNDAY-MONDAY April 15-16

Youth Group Lock-In
6:00 pm-7:00 am

MONDAY, April 16

Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, April 22

Oxford Union Association
Meeting at the N. Waterford
Church 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, April 24

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, April 26

Circuit Rider Committee 9:00



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

- 1 Kathy Feld
- 4 Ruth Hodgkins
- 7 Jacob Morse
- 9 Alexandria Waterman
Roberta Bennett
- 12 Sandy Bell
- 16 Carolyn Carter
- 18 Lyn Beliveau
- 21 Margrit Newman
Nick Nataluk
Sylvia Brown
- 22 Laura McCabe
- 24 Lucas Chesley
- 25 Bill Gardner
- 28 Ashley Henschel
- 30 Peter Fleming



LADIES CIRCLE

April 10 Regular Meeting 12:30

May 8 Sr. Plus representative will be
Guest Speaker. 1:00-3:00

February and March have been a little quieter for the Ladies Circle. We did have a Bake Sale at the March 3 Flea Market and added over \$250 to our treasury. We have scheduled Keith Bedell to refinish the Vestry, kitchen and bathroom floors on Tuesday, March 20. These rooms will be closed that day. The Kitchen clean up volunteer for March is Phyllis Gregson and Jacky Stearns volunteered for April duty. The March 13 meeting was cancelled because of a snow storm. The next business meeting is scheduled for April 10 followed by a recipe swap. Be sure to bring samples and a copy of your recipe. 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, cercarter1994@gmail.com



HOLY WEEK
Worship Services

March 29-Maundy Thursday

Service 7:00 pm

March 30-Good Friday

Prayer vigil 7:00 am-7:00 pm

at LUCC-drop ins are welcome

April 1-Easter Sunday.

Sunrise Service at 170 Hoss

Hill Rd., Lovell 6:30 am

Potluck Breakfast to follow

Worship 10:30 am at LUCC

COMMITTEE NEWS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our annual "Egg-Citement" event was held on March 24th. It was a fun time for all the families in attendance. The Youth Group enjoyed a trip to the Newhouse's home to learn about making maple syrup. A Lock-in for this group is planned for April 15-16. Plans are already underway for Vacation Bible School 2018 as well as our Sunday School Closing on May 13th and Graduate Sunday on May 20th. FMI about any CE programs, contact Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or the church office.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Throughout the year we will spotlight various groups we support with a "Mission Moment" during Sunday worship. We heard about the Sunshine Backpack Program providing weekend food to children in MSAD72. This month we heard about Fryeburg Academy's team of Maine Special Olympians. Our Senior Fellowship, *The Gathering Place*, is going well. Please remember that ALL are welcome to join us. Just drop in on any Thursday from 10:00-2:00.



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• **The Missions Committee and Board of Christian Education are working**
• **together to collect items to complete Health kits, School kits and Clean-up**
• **buckets for Church World Service. We are fortunate to have received a**
• **matching grant to put together as many of these kits as we can. If you**
• **would like to help, you will find lists of the items needed alongside our**
• **donation bins in the church vestry. FMI about Church World Service and**
• **the work they do around the world, visit their website at www.cwskits.org**
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Lovell Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout cookie sale ended on Jan. 28, however, troops have booth sales scheduled. The flea market sponsored by Lovell Girl Scouts was a success. Six tables were rented, the LUCC Ladies Circle had lots of baked goods to sell. Troop 58

served a delicious soup and sandwich lunch including apple pie and ice cream. DELICIOUS! In addition, there were Girl Scout cookies and plenty of treasures on sale. Thank you to all who made the day a success. Registration for the 2018 Girl Scout year continues, and all Lovell troops K-12 have openings. Contact Linda Libby or any other leader for information on meetings. 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. Troop 58 Cadette, Hannah Reed, continues to work on her Silver Award project of replacing the swim shed at the Bridgton town beach. Cadettes, Jade Blood and Alanna Nataluk, are finishing up work on their Silver Award project of "Birthday Bags". Troop 58 attended a statewide World Thinking Day for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors in Brooks, Maine from 2/21/18-2/23/18. All other Lovell troops gathered on March 1 at the Lovell Library. Girls and leaders shared information about their country, food samples and music. Fun was had by all. Girls received a Thinking Day patch plus eight girls received their World Association pin. None of the troops attended the March 10 GS Bring a Friend event at Lake Region High School because of busy schedules. Girl Scout Sunday at Lovell UCC was observed on March 11 with several leaders and girls taking part in the worship service and serving refreshments after. Cadette Troop 67 is scheduled to visit the Westbrook Animal Shelter for a two-hour program then a GSME event called "Exciting Engineering" on April 20. All troops have been invited to the Lovell Library to celebrate Girl Scouts 106th birthday on March 15, 2:30-4:30. 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, trout@fairpoint.net, or 925-3661 for local and service unit information.

Returnable Bottle/Can Collection to Benefit Girl Scouts.
Please place empty bottles and cans in the container
available at Lovell UCC



Ongoing Programs

PRESCHOOL

Childcare is provided during worship every Sunday if needed. We offer a PreK-K Sunday School class every week at 9:00 am. All are welcome and it is never too late to join in the fun!

CHILDREN (K-5)

Sunday School classes are offered every week from 9:00-10:00 am. All are welcome to join any time September-May.

YOUTH GROUP

This meets on Friday evenings from 6:00-8:00 and is open to all youth in grades 5-12. FMI contact the church office.

MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Our handbell choir rehearses and performs at various times during the year. FMI contact Ruth Mitchell at 928-2888.

MUSIC-CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm and the choir participates in worship every Sunday. All are welcome to join!

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets at Vicki Royer's home on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. 6:30-9:00 pm. FMI contact Vicki at 925-1444.

LADIES CIRCLE

This group meets twice a month for business and throughout the year for special programs and events. All ladies are welcome to come as their schedule permits. FMI contact Linda Libby at 925-3661 or Carolyn Carter at 928-2080.

SENIOR ADULTS

Our Senior Fellowship, *The Gathering Place*, meets on Thursdays from 10:00-2:00. This is **FREE and open to any senior who wishes to drop in**. Bring your own lunch, coffee, tea and snacks are provided. This is a time for fellowship, games, art and special events. Call the church FMI.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GATHERING PLACE

4/5 Communion will be served
4/12 Come try the art of "Zen Tangle"
TBD Special music-sing a long

AA AND AL-ANON MEETINGS

are held at LUCC on Saturdays at 7:00 pm

STAY IN TOUCH

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The Circuit Rider submission deadline for May is April 15th.