

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

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## The Circuit Rider



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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Down on the farm all is well. Well maybe not completely. The barn keeps flooding. We keep sweeping out the water. When all is said and done though, we are going to have the cleanest work area floor there ever was not to mention the floor mats in the stalls. I always know when the floor is wet because the alpaca hum and hum.

Les, the horse, and Josie, the mule, keep walking their little snow path and then stand and enjoy the warm sun. The snow depth this year has left about an eight-inch-tall fence. Fortunately, they still respect it. All are waiting and waiting for the new grass of spring. One good sign of spring – Les and Josie are shedding. Yeah!

Shearing time is right around the corner. It will be good for the sheep and goats not to have heavy winter coats. Then Lyn and I will have to start washing, picking and carding all that fleece. We may send it out to the mill this time. Spring is the wonderful time that brings transformation leaving the winter “drearies” behind.

As I write, we are half way through the season of Lent. I have encouraged everyone to take on something rather than giving up something – to take on the discipline was spending 5, 10, 15 minutes a day just being in the presence of God, maybe not speaking words so much as listening for the whispers, feeling the sensations of the Holy Spirit surrounding you.

Jesus, as a devout Jew, would have prayed the Shema morning and night. The first part of this prayer is from Deuteronomy 6:4-9. I invite you to use this scripture as your prayer.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Enjoy the warming weather as we all join together looking forward to Easter and our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Lois

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### MONDAYS ALL MONTH

9:00-3:00 Secretary's hours

9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours

### WEDNESDAYS ALL MONTH

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

### SATURDAYS ALL MONTH

AA meetings 7:00

### SUNDAYS ALL MONTH

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:30 am

Youth Group 1:00-3:00 pm

### SUNDAY, April 7

Communion Service

### MONDAY, April 8

Missions Meeting 10:30

Deacon's meeting 12:00

Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm

### TUESDAY, April 9

Ladies Circle Meeting 12:30

Evening Bible Study 6:30

### SATURDAY, April 13

Egg Citement 10:00-11:30

### SUNDAY, April 14

Palm Sunday

Youth Group Lock-In

### MONDAY, April 15

Cabinet meeting 7:00

### THURSDAY, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00

### SUNDAY, April 21

Easter Sunrise service 6:30 am

on Hoss Hill

Easter worship 10:30 am

### TUESDAY, April 23

Evening Bible Study 6:30

### THURSDAY, April 25

Circuit Rider 9:00



## Holy Week

April 14

Palm Sunday worship 10:30 am

April 18

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

April 21

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on  
Hoss Hill 6:30 am

Easter Sunday worship 10:30 am

Please join us, all are welcome!



## LADIES CIRCLE

April 9 Business Meeting 12:30  
Recipe Swap for program

May 12 CWS Blanket Sunday

May 14 Business Meeting 12:30

The Ladies Circle kitchen clean up volunteer for March is Carolyn Carter and April is Phyllis Gregson. At the March 18 meeting, the Circle voted to purchase a new refrigerator for the church kitchen and have ordered a total of ten new padded chairs with arms for the Vestry. The idea of replacing the Vestry windows has been referred to the Board of Trustees. The March 2 Bake Sale, which was held during the Girl Scout Flea Market, went well with a profit of \$289.50 added to the Circle's treasury. The Circle continues to collect photos of Circle activities to be organized and put in albums. A work meeting will be scheduled after our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any older photos of Ladies Circle activities that you would like to donate, please put them in an envelope marked Ladies Circle and leave in the Secretary's folder by the office door. During April, Carolyn Carter will be coordinating the

Church World Service collection of items for School and Health Kits. The next Circle business meeting will be on April 9 at 12:30 followed by a program of bringing a recipe and samples to share. Sue DeWire and Nancy Olmsted are hostesses. 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, [trout@fairpoint.net](mailto:trout@fairpoint.net) 925-3661, or Carolyn Carter, [cecarter1994@gmail.com](mailto:cecarter1994@gmail.com) 928-2080.

1	Kathy Feld	
4	Ruth Hodgkins	
7	Jacob Morse	
9	Alexandria Waterman	
	Roberta Bennett	
12	Sandra Bell	
16	Carolyn Carter	22 Laura McCabe
18	Lyn Beliveau	24 Lucas Chesley
21	Margrit Newman	25 William Gardner
	Sylvia Brown	28 Ashley Henschel



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **Sunday School is in full swing!**

We offer classes for all ages every Sunday at 9:00 am. Youth Group for grades 5-12 meets on Sunday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 at LUCC. It's never too late to join and all are welcome! FMI about any CE programs, contact Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or the church office.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We're getting ready for our annual donation to Church World Service. For this joint endeavor between our Sunday School and Missions Committee we are collecting items for school kits, hygiene kits and monetary donations for clean-up buckets. Donation boxes are available in the vestry and monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to the church office with "CWS" in the memo. We also have ongoing donation boxes out for food pantry items, used eye glasses, used ink cartridges and single serve, shelf stable snacks for the Sunshine Backpack Program. Your continued support of our Mission work is greatly appreciated!

### CWS Hygiene Kit Supplies needed:

- One hand towel** measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth**
- One wide-tooth comb** removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper** removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap** in the wrapper
- One toothbrush** in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids**

### **SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER- COMING APRIL 6TH!**

We're gearing up for something new and we hope you can help. We are currently accepting donations of new or gently used items, large or small, as well as toys and gift certificates for a silent auction. Contact the church office if you have something to donate. Thanks!

### CWS School Kit Supplies needed:

- One pair of blunt scissors** removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages** (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter 12" ruler**
- One hand-held pencil sharpener** removed from the package
- One large eraser** (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers** removed from the package
- One box of 24 crayons** (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight, solid colored canvas bag with cloth handles (no logos).** No reusable shopping bags or backpacks.

Don't miss all the **EGG-CITEMENT** at the Lovell United Church of Christ!  
(1174 Main St., Lovell)



Saturday, April 13th 10:00-11:30 am

Stories, games, crafts, egg hunt and refreshments

FREE and open to all children grade 5 and younger

**PRIZES!**





# The Gathering Place

LUCC Senior Fellowship

Every Thursday

10:00-2:00

**Come join us on Thursdays at The Gathering Place. This program is FREE and all are welcome. Come enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, fellowship, games, art activities, special events, and more! Bring a bag lunch (the first week of each month a hot lunch is provided). Hope to see you soon!**

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## Lovell Girl Scouts

2019-2020 Girl Scout year as all five Lovell troops have openings and are active with 14

trained leaders and 31 girls aged 5-17. The Girl Scout cookie sale is winding down with a final sale date of March 31. Thank you to everyone for your support of the cookie sale as well as the March 2 Flea Market. A Thinking Day event was held on March 14 at the Lovell Library and four troops made presentations about seven countries. Girls received Thinking Day patches, swaps, and new girls received their World Pin. Samples of foods from different countries were enjoyed by all. Daisy Troop 146 (Gr. K & 1) meets Fridays, 2:30-4:00, in the New Suncook School Art Room and are still working on their Daisy petal program. A huge welcome is extended to Andrea Walker who recently completed her volunteer training. Brownie Troop 3149 (Gr. 2 & 3) meets each Thursday 2:30-4:00 in the Community Room at New Suncook School and are planning a sleepover at LUCC March 29-30. Junior Troop 208 (Gr. 4 & 5) meets twice a month. These girls will be attending a bird house building workshop at Home Depot on April 7. Cadette Troop 67 (Gr. 6-8) meets twice a month at the Lovell Library and girls are planning for a spring trip to Boston. The Senior/Ambassador Troop 58 (Gr. 9-12) meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday nights at the Fryeburg Congregational Church. These girls are making plans for a June camping trip to Montreal. 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, trout@fairpoint.net, or 925-3661 for local and service unit information.

***Returnable Bottle/Can Collection to Benefit Girl Scouts.***

***Please place empties in the container available at Lovell UCC***



MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY FROM 10:00-12:00 NO EARLY BIRDS. PLEASE!

\$2/BAG SALE APRIL 27-MAY 11

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. A hot meal is provided on the first Thursday of each month. Chair yoga is offered on the Third Thursday of the month. This is a time for fellowship, games, art and special events. Call the church FMI.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GATHERING PLACE

- April 4 Monthly hot lunch served
April 18 Origami
April 25 Dish Gardens

AA MEETINGS

are held at LUCC on Saturdays at 7:00 pm

Ongoing Programs

PRESCHOOL

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

CHILDREN (K-8)

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

YOUTH GROUP (Middle School & High School)

This meets September-May 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 on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting 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.

STAY IN TOUCH

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The Circuit Rider submission deadline for May is April 14th.

# Turkey Dinner and a Silent Auction!



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**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm**

**\$8.00 Adults**

**\$5.00 children under 12**

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, coffee, lemonade and homemade pie!

Gluten free rolls and pies will be available.

Takeout option. Handicap accessible.



**Silent Auction:** Come bid on many great items including antiques, gently used treasures, new items, gift cards and services.

All proceeds benefit the work of the  
Lovell United Church of Christ