

# 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. The barns are finally dry and the animals are beginning to discover the snow free field. They are so happy especially the young alpaca. Better than nibbling however, is rolling in the mud and have a good back scratch. White mule, Josie, is more often black. For all it is time to shed that itchy winter coat. They will soon be sleek and shining with their summer coats. The sheep are all shorn. They are so funny. They don't seem to recognize each other once shorn. They must get to know each other all over again. Spring is the wonderful time that brings transformation; leaving the winter "drearies" behind.

In our walk of faith, we have experienced transformation once again through the love of God and through Easter, the resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. We have celebrated and rejoiced together as a new people of God. This is the spring of new life and all the possibilities of living the new life that Christ has given us. We are called to turn around and to come to God filling our lives with the "Good

News." God, through Jesus Christ, has made us sons and daughters, one family living out the love that Jesus taught us. The old is gone. We are called to begin each day as a new creation, a new start.

Pastor Lois

*Blessing of green plants, blessing of forests  
 Cedar, douglas fir, sword fern, salal bush  
 Blessing of fish and birds, blessing of mammals  
 Salmon, eagle, cougar and mountain goat.  
 May all humankind offer blessing,  
 Old woman, young woman, wise men and foolish  
 Blessing of youthfulness, blessing of children  
 Big boys, little boys, big girls and little ones  
 Bless the wisdom of the holy one above us,  
 Bless the truth of the holy one beneath us,  
 Bless the love of the holy one within us.*

Chinook Psalter

## 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 School & Youth  
Group end on 5/12

### SUNDAY, May 5

Communion Service

### SUNDAY, May 12

Mother's Day  
Sunday School closing

### MONDAY, May 13

Missions Meeting 10:30  
Deacon's meeting 7:00

Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm  
Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

### TUESDAY, May 14

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

### MONDAY, May 20

Cabinet meeting 7:00

### SUNDAY, May 19

Graduate Sunday

### THURSDAY, May 23

Circuit Rider 9:00

### TUESDAY, May 28

Evening Bible Study 6:30

Mark your calendars for this  
special event!



"The Ringers on the Green" will be  
here at LUCG for a concert

This is a teen handbell choir from the  
Presbyterian Church of Morristown, NJ

Tuesday, July 2nd

7:00 pm

A free will offering will be accepted

## LADIES CIRCLE

May 12 CWS Blanket Sunday  
May 14 Business Meeting 12:30  
June 11 Annual Luncheon

The Ladies Circle kitchen clean up volunteer for April is Phyllis Gregson and for May is Jacky Stearns. Two of the Circle's projects have been completed. There are ten new comfortable chairs to use in the Vestry now and a beautiful new refrigerator in the kitchen. The project of replacing the Vestry windows has been referred to the Board of Trustees. The Circle continues to collect photos of Circle activities to be organized and put in albums. A work meeting will be scheduled after our May 12th meeting. If you should 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 Missions Committee is coordinating the Clean Up Buckets. The Circle voted to pay all shipping costs plus pay \$75 for one Clean Up

Bucket. It was also voted to give gifts of \$25 and a card to each 2019 graduate. The next Circle business meeting will be on May 14 at 12:30 followed by a program of bringing quilts to show and tell their history. Sue DeWire and Jacky Stearns 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.

7 Joyce Furtado  
9 Geneva Barker  
12 Debra Brown  
14 Tiler Drew  
15 John Bacchiocchi  
17 Gary Heroux  
18 Jane Gleason  
22 Sally McAllister  
27 Tamsen Drew  
29 Ashanah Tripp



## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Sunday School is coming to an end for the year**

Our Sunday School Closing will be held during worship on Sunday, May 12th and will resume in September. 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**

Thank you for the generous donations to our Church World Service project. For this joint endeavor between our Sunday School, Ladies Circle and Missions Committee we have collected items for school kits, hygiene kits and clean-up buckets. We still 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!

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Many thanks to everyone who helped and came out to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner and silent auction!

Over \$1,000.00 was raised to support the ongoing work of the church.

Coming in June- live auction!

Coming in August-our annual Calendar Raffle. We are looking for donations of new items or gift certificates to business or for services. Once again, contact the church office for more information.

Thanks!



## **LIVE AUCTION AT LUCC**

**ON SATURDAY, JUNE 29!**

**WATCH THE JUNE CIRCUIT RIDER FOR  
MORE DETAILS.**

**MEANWHILE, AS YOU ARE SPRING  
CLEANING, CONSIDER DONATING YOUR  
NO-LONGER-NEEDED ITEMS TO THIS  
SALE.**

**FMI CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
AT 925-1321. THANK YOU!**



# 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

It's not too late to register your daughter for the 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. Most of the troops will be meeting through May. 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. Brownie Troop 3149 (Gr. 2 & 3) meets each Thursday 2:30-4:00 in the Art Room or the Community Room at New Suncook School and held a sleepover at LUCC March 29-30. Tents were actually set up in the Vestry and they had a fake campfire with s'mores and songs. This troop also went to Home Depot and made and painted birdhouses. The girls visited Harvest Gold on April 17 to learn about different styles of painting. They then went to Lovell UCC to have lunch and do some different paintings as a requirement on their Painting Try-It. Junior Troop 208 (Gr. 4 & 5) meets twice a month. These girls also made and painted bird houses at Home Depot on April 7. On April 15 they traveled to Bethel to visit the Maine Mineral Museum as a requirement on their Jewelry Badge. Cadette Troop 67 (Gr. 6-8) has not been meeting on a regular basis due to their sports schedules. They are still planning a trip in June. 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. Lovell leaders will be attending the Apple-Mountain Recognition Dinner on May 10 in Harrison. 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 U.C.C.***



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

- May 2 Monthly hot lunch served come make a dish garden
May 16 Learn to make a collage

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.

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The Circuit Rider submission deadline for June is May 23rd.

# The "Mane" Event



## The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location:    Lovell United Church of Christ  
(church name)

VBS will last from:    June 24 to June 28  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at:    9:30 a.m (Bring a bagged lunch.)  
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at:    1:30 p.m.  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call:    LUCC 925-1321 or Vicki 925-1444  
(church phone number)

Register online here:    vbspro.events/p/lucc  
(web address)