

Lovell United Church of Christ  
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# The Circuit Rider

July & August 2024



**Sunday worship 10:30 am** Church office: (207)925-131 Email: [info@lovellucc.org](mailto:info@lovellucc.org)

Dear friends,

Shortly (or perhaps by now) you will be celebrating our nation's Independence Day. This is the month for barbecues, fireworks and picnics. (Speaking of picnics, join us for worship on July 7<sup>th</sup> and stay for a church picnic. All are welcome!)

I thought rather than the customary pastoral/spiritual themed letter, this month we would have a little fun and I would do a 4<sup>th</sup> of July trivia with you! So here we go (and no cheating! Set your cellphones and Google aside!)

- 1) We celebrate the Fourth of July but when was the Declaration of Independence actually voted on?
- 2) When was it finally signed by all members of the Continental Congress?
- 3) When did the 4<sup>th</sup> of July become a national holiday 1794, 1812, 1870?
- 4) Who was the first person to sign the Declaration?
- 5) Betsy Ross and Paul Revere share something in common, what is it?
- 6) How old was the youngest signer of the Declaration?
- 7) How many hotdogs are eaten on the 4<sup>th</sup> ?
- 8) Which two presidents of the United States died on July 4<sup>th</sup> of the same year?
- 9) In what year were fireworks first used to celebrate the Fourth of July?
- 10) What is significant about the height of the new One World Trade Center, NYC?
- 11) This year how many Major League Baseball games are there on the fourth?



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12) There is much symbolism in the folding of the flag. What is the symbolism in the triangular shape?

13) On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the Liberty Bell is rung (actually tapped!) how many times?

Have a safe and meaningful fourth of July this year.

*Pastor Neil Wilson*

Answers to the trivia can found elsewhere in this Circuit Rider.

### Our Church in Mission



**Blessing Shelf** – A small shelf has been placed in the hall inside the entrance to the Thrift Shop with nonperishable food items and other necessities. These **items are FREE**. Please take what you need. If you wish to share an item just leave it on the shelf. Friends blessing friends.



**SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**AT THE**  
**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE**

**9:00-1:00**  
**Rain or shine**

**Household items, garden supplies,  
artwork, furniture, TONS of books,  
record albums, clothing, too much  
to list!**

**Thrift Shop open as well**

**JOIN US**  
*for*  
**LUNCH**

**DRIVE-UP LUNCH**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

**AT THE**  
**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE**  
**10:00-12:00**  
**\$5 PER PERSON**

**Sausage sub with peppers & onions,  
pasta salad and a cookie**

**Just drop by or call Joyce at  
928-3132 to reserve your meal**

**All proceeds from this lunch will be  
donated to the LUCC Mission  
Committee funds**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Looking ahead:** The August Drive-up Lunch will be held on Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> to benefit the Sunshine Backpack Food Program. Italian sandwich, chips and a brownie or bar.



**TRUSTEES** The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met Monday, June 10, 7:00pm, in person. ZOOM, if needed, will be available for meetings. This meeting included financial reports, pastor's report, investment reports, old business and new business. Items still remaining on the "to do" list are: how to fund two generator(s) & details, new commercial stove information as well as ideas for funding, and final updating of The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures Book. The Investment Committee will be meeting with our Financial Advisor on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The AED pads have been replaced by Steve Goldsmith. Thanks go to Delanie Lowe for noticing they were outdated. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on July 8.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Vacation Bible School was held June 17-21. It was a very hot, but our theme was Scuba, so we all had a great time under the Sea. Evening Bible Study has ended until October. Our annual Dinner and a Movie night will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. See details on the back page of this newsletter.



**LADIES CIRCLE** The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for June is Sue DeWire and Donna Fowlie is responsible for July. The June luncheon planned for June 11 at The Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison had to be changed to June 12, same time, same place. Thrift Shop volunteers were invited and over 20 people attended. Sue DeWire was hostess and as usual did a wonderful job of decorating. The only item on our project list is attaching the name plates to chairs in the vestry. It was decided to wait until after VBS before completing this project. Also, if you have any Ladies Circle photos, please see that Linda receives them so our albums can be updated. The CWS collection has ended with a total of \$1308. The Circle voted to increase this total to \$1350. The July 9 meeting program will be setting up for the 7:00pm 21st Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show. Sue Clout and Lois Brown will coordinate the show with Linda Libby and Nancy Olmsted in charge of the ice cream social that follows. **Details are on the back page of this newsletter.** There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group as schedules allow. Contacts: Carolyn Carter 928-2080, [cecarter1994@gmail.com](mailto:cecarter1994@gmail.com) or Linda Libby 925-3661, [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)



**Girl Scouts** All our Girl Scouts have ended regular meetings, however, they did attend The Outdoor Skills Day at Pondicherry GS Site on Saturday, June 8. Lots of exercise, crafts, s-mores, "Leave no Trace", knife safety, trail signs and much more. The rain held off until the final closing ceremony. On June 1 a Court of Awards, Bridging & Fly-up ceremony was held at LUCC. Girls crossed the bridge to the next level and also received awards and badges. Leader, Andrea Goodwin, received the Volunteer of Excellence award. Andrea was nominated and had two endorsements plus approval from GSME and the Apple Mountain Service Unit in order to meet the requirements for this award. Registrations for all troops are now being accepted. For more information, contact [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com). or 925-3661.



**A service celebrating the life of Louis Olmsted will be held at Lovell UCC on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

# Ongoing programs:



## CHILDREN

Bible Adventure classes for children in grades K-6 are offered once per month, November-May.

Call the church office for more information.

## EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month (Oct-May). 6:30-9:00 pm. FMI contact Vicki at 925-1444.

## MUSIC-CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Sunday mornings at 9:30 am followed by the choir's participation in worship.

## MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Handbells rehearse Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 and perform during worship monthly.

## 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



## **OPEN WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS**

**10:00-2:00**

\$2/Bag sale the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Follow us on Facebook for additional sales.

### **HELP WANTED**

**Do you ever have an hour or so to spare? Want to meet new people, and make new friends while getting a bit of exercise (as much or as little as you want)? Drop by the church almost any Tuesday or Thursday morning between 8-10, or so, and join in the fun. And we do have fun! The task is sorting the generous donations which come in daily to the Thrift Shop donation shed. Many are priceless treasures; some things we never do figure out! The Thrift Shop is a huge community outreach project which grows continually, as well as being a source of church funding. Projects are available both indoors and outdoors, sitting or standing or doing the stairs. All are welcome!**

## **Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor**

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**Trivia answers:** 1. July 2; 2. August; 3. 1870; 4. John Hancock; 5. A birthday January 1; 6. Edward Rutledge was 26 years old.; 7. 150 million; 8. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826.; 9. 1777; 10. It is 1776 feet tall; 11. 30; 12. The folded flag is emblematic of the tri-cornered hat worn by the Patriots of the American Revolution. 13. 13 times for the 13 original states

**No matter who you are or where you  
are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here**

