

Lovell United Church of Christ  
PO Box 232  
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# The Circuit Rider

## September 2024



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

Dear friends,

For many of us this is our favorite time of the year. September and October bring cooler and hopefully drier days, fewer pesky insects, bluer skies and the luminous colors. It is also time for apple picking, cider making, a drive over the Kanc to enjoy the view and curse the traffic! We will need to visit some farms to find that perfect pumpkin from which to create your jack-o-lantern masterpiece! And of course, Fryeburg Fair!

Because of these things, and more, autumn is also a time when I am more aware of Divine goodness and providence. Autumn is a “thin” time of the year for me. A time when the numinous world breaks through the barriers of the material world and we sense the nearness of something beyond.

A couple of quotes come to mind. The first is from the Psalms

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills gird themselves with joy;  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;  
the valleys deck themselves with grain;  
they shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 65: 11-13

The second comes from the writing of Lucy Maude Montgomery. It is found in her book *Emily of New Moon*.

It had always seemed to Emily, ever since she could remember, that she was very, very near to a world of wonderful beauty.



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Between it and herself hung only a thin curtain;  
she could never draw the curtain aside—but sometimes, just for a moment,  
a wind fluttered it and then it was as if she caught a glimpse of the enchanting realm beyond—only a  
glimpse—and heard a note of unearthly music.

Yours in seeking wonder,

*Pastor Neil Wilson*



**JOIN US  
for  
LUNCH**

**DRIVE-UP LUNCH**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
**AT THE**  
**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE**  
**10:00-12:00**  
**\$5 PER PERSON**

**Chili, Cornbread & Dessert**

**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 for their annual  
Christmas baskets**

**Thank you for your support!**



**Eat-in or Take-Out Harvest Supper**

**Lovell United Church of Christ**  
**1174 Main St.**  
**Lovell, Maine**  
**Saturday, September 7th**

**5:00-6:30 pm (or until we run out!)**

**\$15 per person**  
**Please PRE-ORDER by calling Elsa**  
**at 928-3100**

Corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage,  
turnip, bread and apple or pumpkin pie

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



Recently the Lovell UCC held a special fundraiser to help the Mexico Congregational Church with rebuilding the dining and basement area from the Dec. 2023 flood. We sent them a check for \$3,000. In memory of Rev. Ron and Alice Ashworth and George and Marcia Hamlin who all had connections to Lovell UCC and Mexico UCC. Thank you to everyone who made this happen!

The Mission Committee will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 9:30 am. We will begin planning for the distribution of Christmas Baskets. Please contact the church office or Pastor Neil if you know of someone or a family that could use some extra holiday assistance.



**TRUSTEES** The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees didn't have a regular meeting in August, however, did meet on August 19 to discuss generators and the parking lot project. Other business in August has been handled by e-mail. The next Trustee regular meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7:00pm. ZOOM, if needed, will be available for regular scheduled meetings. The "to do" list now includes arranging for sealcoating the parking lot and hooking up the Parsonage generator recently donated to the church. Job descriptions for The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures Book have finally been updated.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Mark your calendars now, then watch the October Circuit Rider for more details. Bible Adventures for children will return monthly beginning 10/13 at 9:00 am. Evening Bible Study returns on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm beginning 10/9 and our annual Halloween Drive-up Trick or Treat event will be held on 10/27 from 3:00-5:00.



## LADIES CIRCLE

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for September is Lois Brown and Jacky Stearns is scheduled for October. The Ladies Circle's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Sale on August 3 was a huge success again this year. Fifty-four pies were sold. A thank-you goes to all the bakers and shoppers. In place of our regular meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>, eleven of our group traveled to visit Donna Fowlie at her home in Newry. As always, we had a wonderful time enjoying the delicious lunch Donna had prepared and just sharing memories and stories. Progress is being made on our one on-going project of updating our photo albums. The new photos are printed and have dates but still need identities added. Our next regular meeting will be on Sept. 10 and the program will be presented by Jen Dupree about the Lovell Library. 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)



All of our Girl Scouts have ended regular meetings until September. However, there was an information table at Lovell Old Home Days on July 20. Plans are also underway for a gathering of all troops on August 22 for fun, ice cream, and games at the Lovell Rec. field. Registrations for all troops are now being accepted with Daisy Troop 146 welcoming Dawn Brown who will be joining their leadership team. More volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Linda Libby at 925-3661 or [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)



The Helen Coe Trust Fund has funds available upon request for the 2024 year available to nonprofit organizations serving the residents of Lovell, ME. Interested non-profit organizations should draft a letter of request for specific purpose, the amount of money needed, if the said organization has looked at other places/avenues for funds, an indication about how many Lovell residents are serviced, and how the amount of money requested will benefit the Town of Lovell residents. Please include a copy of the current operating budget including anticipated expenditures and revenues for the current operating or upcoming year. The letter of intent has a deadline date of November 15, 2024 and can be sent to Helen Coe Trust PO Box 185, Center Lovell, 04016.

# Ongoing programs:



## CHILDREN

Bible Adventure classes for children in grades K-6 are offered once per month, October-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**

### **Pastor's office hours:**

**Monday 9:00-1:00**

**Wednesday 9:00-1:00**

Email: [pastor@lovellucc.org](mailto:pastor@lovellucc.org)

Call or text (260)849-1512

## **Heather Sawin, Office Administrator**

### **Office Administrator's hours:**

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## **Dan Moore, Director of Music**

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are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here**

