

Lovell United Church of Christ
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The Circuit Rider

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

Dear friends,

Halloween paraphernalia have filled the department and hardware store shelves for weeks now. (Actually, I recall seeing a 7-foot skeleton and zombie in Lowes in early August!) Many people do not care for Halloween. Its theme of scary things: witches and zombies, Dracula's and demons. And to be sure there are those who will take advantage of the night to misbehave (to put it mildly!) Probably those who dislike Halloween the most are teachers. They have to deal with sugar high students for the next week! Others see no harm in having a little fun. Decorating the lawn, dressing up and enjoying a party. It is as much of a festival of fall as anything.

As many of you know Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, (pronounced *sow win*). People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before became known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

Every year I like to celebrate All Saints Day on the first Sunday in November. It is a day when we remember the "saints" of our church and in our lives. As a protestant church we do not have canonized saints but rather we follow the use of the word in the New Testament where when the word *saint(s)* is used it refers to living followers of Jesus.

During our service we read the names of our departed "saints", light a candle for each one and ring a handbell. Last year we remembered 22 of our beloved ones who have made the journey from mortal to abundant life. These included not only members of our congregation but also family members and community members. These are persons



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who have impacted our lives for the better and whose good work and devotion has made our church, community and world a better place.

This year we will be honoring our departed saints on Sunday November 3rd. If you have someone you would like us to remember, and honor let us know. You can send the information to the church office info@lovellucc.org or to me at pastor@lovellucc.org.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Pastor Neil Wilson



JOIN US
for
LUNCH

DRIVE-UP LUNCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th
AT THE
LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE
10:00-12:00
\$5 PER PERSON

Reuben sandwich, chips & 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 for their annual
Christmas baskets

Thank you for your support!



At the Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St.

Lovell, Maine

Saturday, October 19
9:00-12:00

Fall themed baked items will be available
with a few gluten free options included.

All proceeds benefit the Community
Christmas baskets.

Please stop by for a delicious treat!



**Don't miss our annual Drive-up Trick or Treat event! Sunday,
October 27th. 3:00-5:00. Fun for all ages!**

Details on the back page of this newsletter.



TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met Monday, Sept. 9, 7:00pm, in person. ZOOM, if needed, will be available for meetings. This meeting included financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business. The “to do” list has changed. A new stove has been added back on the list at the request of Cabinet members. Information will be presented to the Cabinet at their Sept. 12 meeting. Sealcoating the parking lot has been completed and we are waiting now for striping. The plans for purchasing generators for the Parsonage and church have changed. Since a generator was donated for use at the Parsonage, the Trustees agreed that this would be enough at this point. In case of a power outage, the Parsonage would have lights, heat and water so could be used for services, meetings or even as shelter. This change will also be presented to Cabinet at their Sept. meeting. As a reminder, boards and committees need to have their budget requests to Trustees by their Nov. 11 meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Bible Adventures for children will return monthly beginning 10/13 at 9:00 am. Evening Bible Study returns on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm beginning 10/9.



LADIES CIRCLE

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for September is Lois Brown and Jacky Stearns is responsible for October. The Ladies Circle photo album is now ready to be updated. The 4th Annual Pie Sale on August 3 was a huge success again this year with 54 pies sold. On August 13th, eleven of our group visited Donna Fowlie at her home in Newry. As always, it was so nice to just relax and enjoy the delicious lunch and share memories and experiences. August 12, 2025, has already added to our 2025 Calendar. The program at our September meeting was presented by Jen Dupree sharing information on the many programs that the Lovell Library offers. Most of us had no idea of what was available to us. Thank you, Jen! Hopefully the program at our October 8 meeting will be on flower arranging. Stay tuned for more information. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group as schedules allow. Contacts: Linda Libby 925-3661, lindalibby12345@outlook.com or Carolyn Carter 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com



All of our Lovell Girl Scouts have resumed meetings. Daisy Troop 146 (K & 1) and Brownie Troop 58 (2 & 3) will meet at New Suncook School and Jr/Cadette Troop 3149 (4 & up) will be meeting at Molly Ockett. An informational table was available at Lovell Old Home Days on July 20 and a gathering of all troops on August 22 for fun, ice cream and games. Both events were held at the Lovell Rec. Field. Registrations for all troops are still being accepted with another leader needed for Daisy Troop 146. For more information, contact lindalibby12345@outlook.com. or 925-3661.



NIN(Neighbors IN Need Offering)

One-third of this offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. In 2024 the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice for All!”.

Lovell UCC will be collecting this special offering throughout October. You may place a gift in the offering plate marked NIN offering or mail to the church office. Thank you.

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!

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you're welcome here**

