

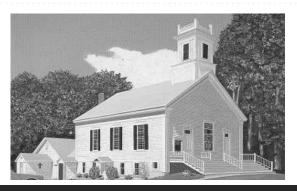
2018

Lovell United Church of Christ

The Circuit Rider

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello everyone,

I pray and hope that you are filled to brim with God's love. Out of that love, I hope you find time in your days "to taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8).

Down on the farm it is easy to see God's love and goodness. Each animal is so full of himself or herself, so good at being what they are – a sheep is good at being a sheep, a mule is good as being a mule, a cria (baby alpaca) is so very good at being an alpaca. They all reflect God's good creation.

Speaking of babies – those cria now almost four months, are rapidly growing with coats warm and fuzzy. They will so enjoy the newness of snow as alpaca are cold loving animals. They try so hard to be dignified like the adult watching over them. Then they burst into play running and jumping chasing each other around the field. They are eating grass, hay and grain but each of them still seeks out Mom for a quick snack and maybe some comfort.

I can't believe that November is here. Does time speed up as you get older? There must be some scientific evidence somewhere that says it does. When I was a child it took forever to get to Thanksgiving from the beginning of school. Then it took even longer from Thanksgiving to

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Christmas.

But out in the barn, time slows once again as I listen to the munching of hay and quiet noises around me. I wrote this poem a while back.

> Don't rush. All I really have to do is listen. God, the Holy One, will speak I will know when it is right to move and which direction to take. In the meantime, just listen. Listen to the words and to the silence. Enjoy the journey as it unfolds today. Enter into preparation with expectancy. This is a happy time of learning of seeing new things of finding God in our midst.

May your days of fall be blessed, 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, November 4 **Communion Service** Oxford Union Association Mtg. **MONDAY, November 5** Greens day 9:00 **TUESDAY**, November 6 Greens night 6:30 WEDNESDAY, November 7 Greens Day 9:00 **THURSDAY, November 8** Ladies Circle 9:00 FRIDAY, November 9 Ladies Circle 9:00 SATURDAY, November 10 Snowflake Fair 9:00-1:00 **MONDAY, November 12** Veteran's Day OFFICE CLOSED Deacon's meeting 12:00 Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm MONDAY, November 19 Missions Meeting 10:30 am Cabinet Meeting 7:00 pm **THURSDAY**, November 22 Thanksgiving Day **THURSDAY**, November 29 Circuit Rider Mtg. 9:00 am

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Snowflake Fair

1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine

Saturday, November 10, 2018

9:00-1:00

Balsam wreaths, berry bowls, fir pillows, hand-knit hats and mittens, treasures table, gifts, books, Christmas loft, baked goods, Thanksgiving Basket raffle, Christmas China raffle, afghan raffle and lunch!

LADIES CIRCLE

- Nov. 5 Greens Day 9-12
- Nov. 6 Greens Night 6:30-8:30
- Nov. 7 Greens Day 9-12
- Nov. 8 Business Meeting & Fair Decorating 9:00
- Nov. 9 Fair Set Up 9:00
- Nov. 10 Snowflake Fair 9:00-1:00

The Ladies Circle kitchen clean up volunteer for Nov. is Linda Libby and Dec. is Nancy Olmsted.

Our regular business meeting in Nov. will be at 9:00am followed by decorating for the Snowflake Fair. The Snowflake Fair will be held Nov. 10, 9-1. Please start saving treasures, books, & gifts. Donations can be left at the church marked "Ladies Circle." Hopefully, many of you will come and help make wreaths at the Greens days/nights. We would also encourage everyone to attend the Snowflake Fair to make your purchases of Food, Gifts, Christmas Loft items, Treasures, Books, Raffle and Greens plus lunch. One of the Ladies Circle's projects has been completed - repairs have finally been made to the kitchen stove. Purchase of a portable mike is the other possible purchase. We are also awaiting delivery of a new 10 x 20 canopy. 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, <u>trout@fairpoint.net</u> 925-3661, or Carolyn Carter, <u>cecarter1994@gmail.com</u> 928-2080.

November

- 1 Janice Thompson Kathy Dunham
- 2 Steve Stearns
- 14 Bob Morse
 - Elsa Newhouse Kyleigh Rose
- 15 Steven Caracciolo
- Susan Hamlin
- 19 Trevor Henschel
- 20 Pat Thurston
- 21 Cliff Rowe
- 23 Joshua Morse
- 26 Jan Newhouse
- Peter Koop
- 30 Sawyer Nataluk



COMMITTEE NEWS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School is in full swing!

We offer classes for all ages. Returning teachers are: Heather Sawin (Pre-K & K), Vicki Royer (Grades 1-3) Carolyn Carter (Grades 4-8). Youth Group for grades 5-12 meets on Sunday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 at the Faith Community Church for the fall months. It's never to late to join and all are welcome! FMI about any CE programs, contact Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or the church office

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER- COMING IN JANUARY 2019!

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. Date to be announced. Contact the church office if you have something to donate. Thanks!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We continue our donation collection of items for the local food pantries, used ink cartridges, used eyeglasses and food for the Sunshine Backpack Program. Receptacles are on the carts in the vestry. New bins have been placed to accept food donations for the Christmas baskets. A complete list of items in also there listing non-perishable items for a holiday dinner. We need approximately 25 of each, so please donate if you can.

Our Senior Fellowship, *The Gathering Place*, is going well. Please remember that ALL are welcome to join us. Just drop in on any Thursday from 10:00-2:00. We are looking for folks to share a skill or hobby with this group. Maybe you sing, knit, arrange flowers, are a chess master or whatever. We would love to have you visit our group!

Lovell Girl Scouts

Registration for the 2018-2019 Girl Scout year continues, and all Lovell troops K-12 have openings. Lovell troops have leadership but could use at least one more adult to work with each leadership team. Several

<u>Returnable</u> Bottle & Can Collection to Benefit Girl Scouts. Please place empty bottles and cans in the container available at Lovell UCC

of the new leaders will be finishing their training on Nov. 10 in Bridgton. Daisy Troop 146 (Gr. K & 1) meets Fridays, 2:30-4:00, in the New Suncook School Art Room. On Oct. 25, the girls will be celebrating Juliette Lowe's (the founder of Girl Scouts) birthday as well as the birthday of one of the Daisies. Brownie Troop 3149 (Gr. 2 & 3) started meeting Oct. 11 in the Community Room at New Suncook School. Junior Troop 208 (Gr. 4 & 5) visited the Currier Doll Museum on Sept. 29 and had a great time. They learned about first aid at the Fryeburg Rescue Barn on Oct. 11. Thank you Frank Robie for instructing this lively group. These girls will be attending an overnight at the Children's Museum in Portland Nov. 3 & 4. Cadette Troop 67 (Gr. 6-8) started regular meetings on Oct. 18 at the Lovell Library. The Senior/Ambassador Troop 58 (Gr. 9-12) meets 1st & 3rd Monday nights at the Fryeburg Congregational Church. These girls will be picking cranberries to freeze for their Thanksgiving dinner and will be making apple pies to sell. Troop 58 Cadette, Hannah Reed, has received notice that she has completed all requirements for the Silver Award and Cadettes, Jade Blood and Alanna Nataluk, have also finished requirements for their Silver Award. Congratulations girls! The Lovell Girl Scouts and leaders parked cars at the Cunningham's lot during the Fryeburg Fair. Scouts still continue their returnables 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. A Court of Awards - Investiture & Rededication Ceremony will be held at Lovell UCC on Dec. 11, 6:30pm. Contact Linda Libby, Lovell Organizer/ Recruiter, trout@fairpoint.net, or 925-3661 for local and service unit information.



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.

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00-12:00 NO early birds, please!

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

November 1Monthly hot lunch servedNovember 15Chair YogaNovember 22NO Gathering Place

AA MEETINGS

are held at LUCC on Saturdays at 7:00 pm

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The Circuit Rider submission deadline for December/January is November 18th.