

December 2019
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Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

The Circuit Rider

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Help us fill the bus with carolers this year! This fun and FREE annual event is open to all who wish to join us! (All children must be accompanied by an adult). Meet at the Lovell United Church of Christ on **Friday, December 6th at 4:30 pm** for some cider and popcorn. We will board the bus shortly after that and spread some holiday cheer all around town. The bus will return to LUCC in time to pick up your car and get to the town tree lighting event if you choose to. The more the merrier!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GATHERING PLACE

11/28 NO MEETING Happy Thanksgiving!
12/5 Lunch (provided) and games
12/12 Christmas party with songs and ornament craft
12/19 Yoga
12/26 NO MEETING Happy holidays!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL ACTIVITIES!

Please join us!



12/1 First Sunday in Advent
NO Sunday School
Worship at 10:30 am

12/6 Community Christmas
Caroling

12/8 Second Sunday in Advent
Tree trimming and carol singing
during worship followed by a potluck
lunch *please sign up in the vestry
for the lunch

12/15 Third Sunday in Advent
Potluck supper at 5:30 pm followed
by a sing along with the MWV
Ukulele Posse.

12/22 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:30 am

12/24 Christmas Eve service
at LUCC 7:00 pm



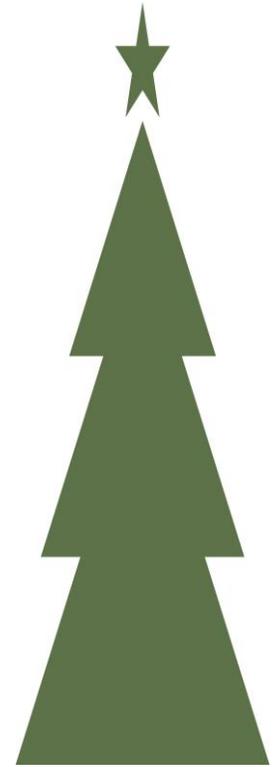
Joy to the world, the
Lord is come.



Down on the farm, we
all pray that you have
a blessed and merry,
merry Christmas.



Pastor Lois & Lyn



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAYS

9:00-3:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours

WEDNESDAYS

Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm
Bell Choir rehearsal 10:00 am

THURSDAYS

9:00-1:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours
10:00-2:00 *The Gathering*
Place Senior Fellowship

SATURDAYS

AA meetings 7:00

SUNDAYS

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:30 am
Youth Group 1:00 pm

SUNDAY, December 1

Communion Service

MONDAY, December 9

Deacon's meeting 7:00 pm
Trustees meeting 7:00 pm
Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, December 6

Christmas Caroling 4:30 pm

SUNDAY, December 8

Potluck lunch after worship

SUNDAY, December 15

Advent Potluck 5:30 pm
Ukulele Posse sing a long

MONDAY, December 18

Cabinet meeting 7:00

TUESDAY, December 10

Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, December 11

Missions meeting 10:30

THURSDAY, December 19

Mission meeting 9:00

TUESDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THURSDAY, December 26

OFFICES CLOSED



**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
AND SATURDAY
FROM 10:00-12:00
NEW ITEMS DAILY!**

Thrift Shop News- Thanks to all who supported our recent \$2/Bag Sale. A lot of merchandise sold, but there is still plenty available and we put out new items each week. Have you noticed the bulletin board at the top of the stairs? Thanks, Jan, for the installation! It features items for sale in the basement of the parsonage; if any interest you, let one of the workers take you over to check it out.

Many of our seasonal workers have gone south, or will soon. We miss their willingness to work and are really in need of replacement help. Call 925-6536 or 935-7528 if this interests you for winter fun.

We have lots of winter coats, boots, hats, sweaters, pants, turtlenecks, skates and other cold weather gear. This is the place to shop for great prices.

Our next sale is December 14-23-fill a bag for \$2. The Snowflake Fair is over and we still have many nice Christmas Decorations.

Hope to see you at the Thrift Shop!

LADIES CIRCLE

Dec. 10 Meeting & Christmas Party 12:00

Jan. 14 Business Meeting 12:30

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Gathering 5:30

The Ladies Circle kitchen clean up volunteer for November is Ruth Mitchell and December is Nancy Olmsted. The Circle's project of replacing the Vestry windows is being scheduled by the Board of Trustees, and the Christian Ed. wing window replacement is on the 2020 schedule. Our next session to work on photo albums will be at the January meeting so we will continue to collect photos of the Circle until then. If you 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. November has been a very busy but successful month for the Circle. Forty wreaths were made at work sessions and donations of food, treasures, jewelry, gifts, books, etc. helped make the Nov. 9 Snowflake Fair such a success again this year. Many thanks to all the workers, bakers and those who came forward at the last minute to help out. On Nov. 7th the ladies enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared and served by Sue DeWire at her home including a brief business meeting. Following lunch, the ladies went to the church to decorate for the fair. Friday was another busy day with getting items ready for sale. A special thank you goes to Jan Newhouse and Art DeWire for setting up the vestry and lunch room tables. The day of the fair was a nice day although cold allowing the Circle to add over \$2500 to their treasury. The Circle's Christmas party and business meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10. Plans are not definite yet so stay tuned for more information. The next Circle activity will be the New Year's Eve Gathering to be held at the Olmsted's home. 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 925-3661, or Carolyn Carter, cecarter1994@gmail.com 928-2080.

COMMITTEE NEWS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday School classes are underway! New students are welcome at any time.

We offer classes for all ages every Sunday at 9:00 am for ages preK-Grade 5. Youth Group for grades 5-12 meets on Sunday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 at LUCC. All are welcome! FMI about any CE programs, contact the church office. **Please note: No Sunday School Classes on 12/1 & 12/29. Happy Holidays!**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Mission Fair and helped raise awareness of programs in our area and around the world. We are currently accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for our annual Christmas baskets. The toy drive runs through December 1st. We are also looking for donations of non-perishable food. A list of items needed is available on the donation cart in the vestry (deadline is 12/8). The need is great this year and monetary donations towards toys or food are always appreciated. Checks payable to LUCC can be mailed to the church office or dropped in the office door slot.

We have our ongoing food donation for the local pantries too, and donations of any kind are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Circuit Rider submission deadline for February is January 12th.

Lovell Girl Scouts

Registrations for the 2019-2020 Girl Scout year are still being accepted. Daisy Troop 146 (Gr. K-1) with leaders Heather Rowe, Andrea Walker and Abbey Nataluk is meeting at New Suncook School on Fridays, 2:30 -4:00. The girls are

working on their Daisy petals and several other badges. Brownie Troop 3149 (Gr. 2 & 3) with leaders Trish Stearns and Linda Libby is meeting at New Suncook School on Wednesdays 2:30-4:00. These girls are working on the Girl Scout Way badge and Brownie Quest Journey. Junior Troop 208 (Gr. 4 & 5) with leaders Susie Mosca, Anna Mosca and Trish Stearns is meeting at New Suncook School Thursdays 3:00-4:30. Girls and leaders attended a performance at the USM Planetarium in Portland on Nov. 10 and are working on their Musician badge. Cadette Troop 67 (Gr. 6-8) with leaders Linda Libby, Chaz Reed and Kari Reed are meeting the first Monday evening of each month at the Fryeburg Congregational Church 5:45-7:00. These girls are working on their Book Artist badge, Breathe Journey and requirements for the Silver Award. The Senior/Ambassador Troop 58 (Gr. 9-12) with leaders Megan Hamlin, Anne Trumbull and Tabitha Blood is meeting the first and third Monday evenings of the month at the Fryeburg Congregational Church, 5:45-7:00. They also met on Nov. 3 to make apple pies. Contact any #58 leader to place an order. Audra Hamlin continues work on her Gold Award project of starting the Stoneham Historical Society. An Open House was held Oct. 27 where many items were displayed in the display cabinets Audra had built. The Girl Scout fall sale of candy, nuts and magazines has finished and the girls are looking forward to the cookie sale which will start Jan 4 with a cookie rally for all troops. Brownies and Juniors will be meeting Dec. 6 for pizza followed by Christmas caroling at the Fryeburg Healthcare. Scouts still continue their returnable bottle and 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 empty bottles/cans in the container available at Lovell U.C.C.

Lovell Girl Scouts and leaders wish everyone a very happy holiday season!

Ongoing Programs

PRESCHOOL

Childcare is provided during worship every Sunday if needed.

CHILDREN (PreK- Grade 5)

Sunday School classes for all ages 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 group meets September-May and is open to all youth in grades 5-12. FMI contact the church office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group meets at Vicki Royer's home on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (Oct-June). 6:30-9:00 pm. FMI contact Vicki at 925-1444.

MUSIC-CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm and the choir participates in worship every Sunday. Handbells rehearse at 10:00 am.



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.

STAY IN TOUCH

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