

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



September 2020

The Circuit Rider

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September! Already, so soon --where did the summer go and why doesn't winter flee as fast? As I write to you the sun is shining warmly, the animals are grazing on the grass, the rooster is crowing. They are all doing what they do best. Isn't that what is asked of us -- to do our best?

September -- The Covid 19 virus is still with us. Life has changed because of this pandemic but we are all still in the arms of God. This is the beginning of a school year. Please pray for our children that they may remain safe and secure in the midst of this ever-changing time. Pray that they may eagerly learn and discover new things either at home or at school. Please pray for our teachers that they remain healthy and safe and eager to teach either at a distance or in the classroom.

As church worship returns to its later time of 10:30, we are still wearing masks and keeping distance. Our bell choir has stepped up to the challenge of playing once a month while our singing voices remain silent. (We do hum, however.) Our small church continues its outreach and ministry through the Thrift Shop, take out suppers, and sending food and support to those in need of a boost. All our committees will resume after their August break. Our lives as a congregation have changed in the way we do things, but we continue to serve in the name of Christ supporting each other along the way. I pray that our lives are full of the Spirit and that we are able to hear those whispers and nudges of God.

However, maybe now is the time for each of us to pause and consider all the gifts of God that surround us today. I find myself often needing to take a deep breath and pause to take in these gifts and to be thankful. This is a good time to discover, or rediscover, who we are and what we like to do the best.

I shared this poem once before and I offer it to you again.

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.
Be assured that God is with us all the way.

May God bless you all richly.



Many thanks for the lovely cards and phone calls I received during my recent recovery.
Phyllis Gregson

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAYS

9:00-2:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours

WEDNESDAYS

Bell Choir rehearsal 10:30 am
9:00-2:00 Secretary's hours
9:00-12:00 Pastor's Hours

SATURDAYS

AA meetings 7:00 pm

SUNDAYS

Worship 10:30 am

**WORSHIP CHANGES
BACK TO 10:30 AM IN
SEPTEMBER**

SUNDAY, September 6

Communion Service

SUNDAY, September 13

Deacon's meeting 11:45

MONDAY, September 14

Missions mtg. 10:30 am
Trustees meeting 7:00 pm
Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

MONDAY, September 21

Cabinet meeting 7:00

THURSDAY, September 24

Circuit Rider 9:00



Wednesday and Saturday
from 10:00-2:00
DONATION SHED IS OPEN!

NEW HOURS!

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!


We are limited to 5 customers at a time and gloves and face coverings need to be worn. We continue to receive LOTS of great merchandise. Stop by and see!

**\$2 Bag Sale on the last Wednesday & Saturday
of each month**

Help needed. Please call the church office if you can help- 925-1321.

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



Our Sunday School classes will resume on September 13th for children ages PreK through grade 5. More information next month about our Youth Group for grades 6-12.

We're starting the year off remotely with lesson bags available for pick up on Wednesday each week. We have three teachers that will rotate leading a class each Sunday at 9:00 am via Zoom. Please call 925-1321 or email lucc@fairpoint.net if your child would like to participate. We will need the following information:

Child's name
Address
Age
Email address
Phone number

Hope to "see" you here!

Lovell Girl Scouts

The Lovell Girl Scouts continue their collection of returnable bottles and cans. Please be sure they are returnable and place them in the receptacles outside at LUCC. For more information about Girl Scouting in Lovell, contact Linda Libby at 925-3661.

COMMITTEE NEWS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School will resume remotely on September 13th. See the details elsewhere in this newsletter. More information to come next month regarding our Youth Group program.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Many thanks for the generous contributions we received for our Christmas in July project. We were able to provide three families with some summer support. We also sent books to 4th grade students in one Texas classroom, offering a personally selected book and a note of encouragement for the school year. Our mask makers have now made over 1,000 masks for individuals and health care facilities! Personal home cooked meals are being delivered to a list of folks weekly. Our Mission Committee is busier than ever!

We continue our ongoing food collection for the local pantries; donations of non-perishable food are always welcome. Donations bins are located in the church vestry.

Ongoing Programs

Most ongoing programs are
ON HOLD FOR NOW!



CHILDREN (PreK- Grade 5)

Childcare is provided during worship every Sunday if needed.

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.

Resuming 9/13!

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

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.

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.

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. This is a time for fellowship, games, art and special events. Call the church for more information 925-1321.

STAY IN TOUCH

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**The Circuit Rider submission deadline for
October is September 14th.**



Take-Out Harvest Supper

**Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St.
Lovell, Maine
Saturday, September 12th**

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

\$10. 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

