

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



October 2020

## The Circuit Rider

PO Box 232 Lovell, ME 04051 [www.lovellucc.org](http://www.lovellucc.org) Office:925-1321 email:lucc@fairpoint.net



The harvest season is upon us and the holidays are just around the corner. In this time of Covid 19 concerns, we are continuously looking for ways to join in fellowship with our community. We are holding Sunday School classes remotely and all children are invited to join in the fun. Just contact the church office (925-1321) for more information. Worship continues every Sunday at 10:30 am. Safety measures are in place to allow us to welcome you. Please wear a face covering and only sit with members of your own household while worshipping with us.

Our recent take-out dinners have been a huge success and we thank you for your support. How about a little drive-through Halloween fun for your family? This will be a free event and safety will be the top priority. You will be able to drive up and each child in the car will receive a treat bag. You can then pull ahead to the photo booth where your family can step out of the car for a picture that you take yourself. We hope you'll stop by!



## Drive-up Trick or Treat

**Sponsored by the Lovell United Church of Christ**

**Board of Christian Education**

**FREE FOR FAMILIES**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM**

**In the Lovell United Church of Christ parking lot**

**Drive-up trick or treat and photo booth for families**

**All are welcome!**

# 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

**SUNDAY, October 4**  
Communion Service  
**SUNDAY, October 11**  
Deacon's meeting 11:45

**MONDAY, October 12**  
Missions mtg. 10:30 am  
Trustees meeting 7:00 pm  
Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

**MONDAY, October 19**  
Cabinet meeting 7:00  
**THURSDAY, October 22**  
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 8 customers at a time 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.

## A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

### What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

### What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School classes resumed on September 13<sup>th</sup> for children ages PreK through grade 5. More information to come about our Youth Group for grades 6-12.

We have started 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 [luc@fairpoint.net](mailto:luc@fairpoint.net) if your child would like to participate. We will need the following information:

Child's name  
Address  
Age  
Email address  
Phone number

Our Youth Group for grades 6-12 continues to meet weekly for a family hike. All are welcome! For more information or to receive the weekly email notice, contact Chaz Reed [chazreed11@gmail.com](mailto:chazreed11@gmail.com).



**Have you heard? There is a new food pantry coming to Lovell!**

**The Lovell Area Food Pantry will be opening soon in the Lovell Lion's building/the North Lovell Grange Hall.**

**For more information, or to get involved, contact Michelle Molloy at 928-9023.**

## 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

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Many thanks for the generous contributions of frozen meals. If you, or someone you know, is in need of a meal please call the church office. We are happy to help!

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.

Plans are underway to start collecting donations for our annual community Christmas Baskets. Donations gratefully accepted for toys and food. No items can be donated this year, just monetary donations. While any amount is greatly appreciated, \$10 will provide a toy for a child and \$25 will provide a family holiday meal. Mail donations to LUCC PO Box 232 Lovell, ME 04051 marked "Christmas Baskets". Thank you for your support!

### 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. **Resumed 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 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.

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  
November is October 11th.**



## News from the Thrift Shop

Our LUCC Thrift Shop is open twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00-2:00. We have twelve workers we can depend on for these shifts, but as always, we could use more. Additionally, we have six or more workers who help outside to sort donations in the shed or who will work inside when the shop is closed. Email Tia at [jh3081@verizon.net](mailto:jh3081@verizon.net) or call the church office 925-1321, if this interests you. They usually work Sunday afternoon and Friday morning.

We continue to share our very generous donations: books to the Charlotte Hobbs Library, clothing for the Bridgton Shelter at the Methodist church, clothing to the Brownfield Church Thrift Shop and we often help others who call and have a need we can meet.

Due to Covid 19 we limit patrons to 8 in the shop, require masks and hand sanitizing, no trying on of clothing and shoes, enter through the front and exit out the back.

We will be having a \$2/Bag sale the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month. These sales are popular and move a lot merchandise while helping our loyal customers. The patron count totals for the past few months were: June 171, July 270 and August 262.

In addition to the sharing mentioned above, our year to date income is currently \$12,163.28. Thank for your continued support! We hope you will take advantage of this amazing shop and lend a hand if you can.

Pat Stearns, Co-Manger of the LUCC Thrift Shop



Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us! Our Mission Committee is gearing up now for our annual community Christmas Baskets. These baskets include a complete holiday meal and a toy for each child in the household. They are distributed to members of our community that could use a little extra help. If you, or someone you know, should be added to our list this year, please call Pastor Lois at 925-1321.

We are handling this a bit different this year and will not be able to accept item donations. Monetary donations of any size will be gratefully accepted to cover the cost of basket items. If you are looking for a suggested donation size, \$10 will provide a child with a toy or \$25 will provide the ingredients for a holiday meal for the family. Donations can be mailed to Lovell United Church of Christ, PO Box 232, Lovell, ME 04051. Please mark your check "Christmas Baskets".

Thank you for your support!