

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



March 2020

## The Circuit Rider



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It's March! The days are definitely longer. The sun is a little bit warmer (if you are inside). Down on the farm all is well. Our four-footed farm friends are patiently waiting for the ice to disappear and the new grass of spring to appear. In the meantime, they love their hay. I love the sound of their contented munching of hay.

Lent has begun. This is our sacred journey toward the Passion of Jesus with the new dawn of Easter. All are welcome to join us on Sundays for this journey. We also have a six-week Lenten study group at noon on Sunday, beginning March 1st – “Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Amy Jill Levine. Join us if you wish.

I enjoy reading Meditations with Julian of Norwich by Brendon Doyle. Julian was a woman who lived in England in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. I share the following meditation with you because it is one that deeply caught my attention this week.

God showed me in my palm  
little thing round as a ball  
About the size of a hazelnut.  
I looked at it with the eye of my  
understanding and asked myself:  
“What is this thing?”

And I was answered: It is everything  
that is created.”

I wondered how it could survive since  
it seemed so little it could suddenly  
disintegrate into nothing.

The answer came: “It endures and ever will  
endure, because God loves it.”

And so everything has being  
because of God's love.

Peace, Pastor Lois

# 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, March 1st**  
Communion Service  
Lenten study begins 12:00

**MONDAY, March 9**  
Missions mtg. 10:30 am  
Trustees meeting 7:00 pm  
Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

**TUESDAY, March 10**  
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

**MONDAY, March 16**  
Cabinet meeting 7:00

**TUESDAY, March 24**  
Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm

**THURSDAY, March 26**  
Circuit Rider 9:00

**SATURDAY, March 28**  
Turkey Dinner 5:00 pm



**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY  
AND SATURDAY  
FROM 10:00-12:00  
NEW DONATION SHED!**

**WE ARE RE-OPENING ON FEBRUARY 29TH!**  
Thank you for your patience while we recovered from furnace issue here at the church. The Thrift Shop has been repainted, redesigned and we now have an outdoor donation shed ready to accept your gently used items. Stop by and see the new look, you'll love it!

## Turkey Dinner and 50/50 Raffle

**Lovell United Church of Christ**  
1174 Main St. Lovell, Maine  
Saturday, March 28th  
5:00-6:30 pm

**\$8.00 Adults**  
**\$5.00 children under 12**



*Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy,  
vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, coffee,  
lemonade and homemade pie!*  
Gluten free rolls and pies will be available.  
Takeout option. Handicap accessible.

*All proceeds benefit the work of the Lovell  
United Church of Christ*



# FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

AT  
**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
ROUTE 5 - 1174 MAIN ST.  
(CENTER) LOVELL, MAINE

SATURDAY, FEB. 29<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 1:30

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**  
SOUP/SANDWICH LUNCH

BAKED GOODS

FLEA MARKET ITEMS  
ANTIQUES

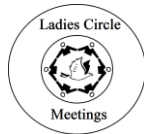
FURNITURE  
GIRL SCOUT COOKIES



FOR TABLE RENTAL OR INFORMATION,  
CONTACT LINDA LIBBY AT 925-3661

*Sponsored by Lovell Girl Scouts*

## LADIES CIRCLE



Feb. 29 Ladies Circle Bake Sale 9-1:30  
March 10 Meeting Cancelled  
April 14 Meeting 12:30

The Ladies Circle kitchen clean up volunteer for February is Phyllis Gregson and for March is Sue Clout. The group will continue to collect photos of the Circle until a work meeting is scheduled. If you should 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. On Jan. 25, the ladies put together eight fruit baskets that were delivered on Jan. 26 to those on the Community Care List. The group had a very enjoyable lunch together on Jan. 28 at the House of Pizza in Fryeburg. At the Feb. 11 meeting, the group made Valentines for some very special people and also made decorations for the Feb. 15 Tea Party to be held at the Parsonage. On Feb. 29, the ladies will be having a Bake Sale during the Girl Scout Flea Market, 9:00-1:30, so be sure to mark your calendars now. Because many of our ladies will be away on March 10, that meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be April 14 with Linda Libby and Carolyn Carter as hostesses. The program will be "Show & Tell". 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](mailto:trout@fairpoint.net) 925-3661, or Carolyn Carter, [cecarter1994@gmail.com](mailto:cecarter1994@gmail.com) 928-2080.

## Lovell Girl Scouts

Registrations for the 2020 Girl Scout year are still being accepted. Cookies will be delivered Feb. 22 so watch for your cookie delivery. Most troops have extra cookies to sell so feel free to contact any leader if you haven't purchased your favorite cookies yet. 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, My Best Self, and a cookie sale badge plus the Brownie Quest Journey. Junior Troop 208 (Gr. 4 & 5) with leaders Susie Mosca, and Trish Stearns is now also meeting at New Suncook School Wednesdays 2:30-4:00. Both the Brownie and Junior troops will be meeting in the Art Room at the same time as two leaders are required and Trish Stearns will be away for several weeks. The Junior Troop was registered to attend a GSME event called "Fizzing and Exploding Science Overnight" in Portland Jan. 18-19, however, the event was cancelled due to bad weather. The event has been rescheduled to March 28-29. Cadette Troop 67 (Gr. 6-8) with leaders Linda Libby, Chaz Reed, Anna Mosca, Sue Mosca and Kari Reed is meeting the first Monday evening of each month at the Fryeburg Congregational Church 5:45-7:00 plus an occasional Sunday afternoon. These girls are working on their Book Artist and New Cuisine badges, Breathe Journey and requirements for the Silver Award. They are also registered for a GSME event "World Thinking Day" Feb. 14-16 at Pondicherry GS site in So. Bridgton. 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. A Lovell World Thinking Day event was held on Feb. 12 in the Art Room at New Suncook School with troops picking a country to learn about for their presentation. On Feb. 29, Lovell Girl Scouts will be sponsoring a Flea Market at Lovell UCC (including a cookie sale booth), 9:00-1:30. Troop 58 will be serving lunch and the LUCC Ladies Circle will be having a bake sale. 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. Contact Linda Libby, Lovell Organizer/Recruiter, 925-3661 or [trout@fairpoint.net](mailto:trout@fairpoint.net) for local and service unit information.

**Returnable Bottle/Can Collection to Benefit Girl Scouts.**

**Please place empties in the container available at Lovell U.C.C.**



**Roast Beef Dinner at the Lovell Volunteer Fire Department on March 7th. Watch their sign for more information!**

# COMMITTEE NEWS

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday School classes meet every Sunday at 9:00 am. New students are welcome at any time. We offer classes for ages preK-Grade 5. Youth Group for grades 5-12 meets on Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 at LUCC. All are welcome! FMI about any CE programs, contact the church office. Mark your calendars now for our annual Vacation Bible School, June 22-26!

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

In the upcoming months we will host Mission Moments during worship featuring some of the community efforts we support. On Sunday, February 23rd join us to hear from Rev. Dr. Larry Kalajainen about the Maine School of Ministry. In April we will join forces with our Board of Christian Education to collect items for Church World Service health and school kits.

We have our ongoing food donation for the local pantries; donations of non perishable food are always welcome.

## Ongoing Programs

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GATHERING PLACE

- 3/5 Lunch (provided) and games
- 3/12 TBD
- 3/19 Chair yoga
- 3/26 Ukulele sing-a-long



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL ACTIVITIES!**

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

### COME SEE US

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**The Circuit Rider submission deadline for April is March 15th.**