

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



November 2020

## The Circuit Rider

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Greetings,

It is fall! Can you believe it? I still like the fall even though winter is right around the corner. Somewhere things slowdown in the fall. Not here though. LUCC's Christian Education committee is busy with preparing a special Halloween time for the children of town. We continue to worship together on Sunday (spaced apart with masks on). Some of the choir members step outside to sing. (no singing inside just humming and readings the hymn words.)

The trees have been beautiful this year. Were they earlier than usual? Many of us are missed the Fryeburg fair – all those smells, sounds and activities. Hopefully next year we will be safer from Covid and have the fair. I miss playing and singing with the Ukulele Posse. We usually performed on Tuesdays at the fair. Now I sing to the animals. They do not seem to mind.

Down on the farm, I notice those sleek coats of the donkeys and the horse is shaggy. The alpaca fleece is getting longer and longer; not to mention the deep fuzzy wool coats of the sheep are thicker. Each animal still looks for his or her daily scratch or hug. They know the importance of relationship and faithfulness. And the seasons go on. I pray that all of you will find time to enjoy every day as a gift of God's love for each and every one of us.

From Ecclesiastes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

May you be filled with God's peace, love and joy,  
Pastor Lois

## 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 via Zoom  
Call Pastor Lois FMI

### SUNDAYS

Sunday School 9:00 (remote)  
Worship 10:30 am

### SUNDAY, November 1

Communion Service

### SUNDAY, November 8

Deacon's meeting 11:45

### MONDAY, November 9

Missions mtg. 10:30 am

Trustees meeting 7:00 pm

Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 pm

### MONDAY, November 16

Cabinet meeting 7:00

### THURSDAY, November 19

Circuit Rider 9:00



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

### **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.



Drive-up Trick or Treat

**October 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00-5:30\* PM**

(\*or until we run out)

**In the Lovell United Church of Christ parking lot  
Drive-up trick or treat and photo booth  
All are welcome!**

### **Other participating stops in town:**

Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library

Designs by Diana Bags

Kezar Realty

Rosies

Delta Masonic Hall

(Also welcoming non-perishable food and monetary donations for the new Lovell Area Food Pantry)

Center Lovell Market

Molloy Energy

Harvest Gold Gallery-assisted by Oxford County Sherriff

--maybe more!

*Sponsored by the Lovell United Church of Christ Board of Christian Education*

## 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. **Girl Scouting has been given Green Designation now to hold meetings for all ages. For more information 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.

### 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.

**Resuming week of 10/27 at the church**

### 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  
December is November 8th.**



**The Helen Coe Trust Fund** has funds available upon request for the 2020 year, available to non-profit organizations serving the residents of Lovell, ME. Interested non-profit organizations should draft a letter of request for specific purpose, the amount of money needed, if the said organization has looked at other places/avenues for funds, an indication about how many Lovell residents are serviced through the organization, and how the amount of money requested will benefit the Town of Lovell residents. Please include a copy of the current operating budget including anticipated expenditures and revenues for the current operating or upcoming year. The letter of request has a deadline date of November 20, 2020 and can be sent to: Helen Coe Trust Governing Committee PO Box 185, Center Lovell, 04016.

## News from the Thrift Shop

Our LUCC Thrift Shop is open twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00-2:00. More help is needed during open hours as well as off hours sorting merchandise. Email Tia at [jh3081@verizon.net](mailto:jh3081@verizon.net) or call the church office 925-1321, if this interests you.

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: July 270, August 262 and September 289.

We hope you will take advantage of this amazing shop and lend a hand if you can.

Pat Stearns,  
Co-Manager 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!