

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



June 2021

The Circuit Rider

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Already it is June. The year is just about half over. How time flies. Watching spring flow into summer this year has been so good and hard at the same time. I want to thank all of you who sent food, cards and love my way during the last weeks. I am grateful for your love and your presence through these things. Fortunately, time goes on and healing begins slowly. God's healing hand reaches in and embraces me in my loss. God's healing hand reaches in each one of us often when we are not aware. Often, we do not know how to pray but the Holy Spirit does for us. From Romans 8, ²⁶ *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.*

Spring is the time when life is bursting forth all around us. I am finding this is a good time to reflect on the incredible, unbelievable, and very real love of God. God walks with us every day. Please, take time to breathe deeply and know that "The Lord is God".

From a website: [A Concord Pastor Comments](#). The following is a Monday morning prayer.

As this week begins, Lord,
I offer you my intention and my hope
to be more faithful to prayer in the days ahead
than I was in the days just past...

I offer you this coming week's struggles:
those I expect and those I've yet to discover
- and I pray for your help
in making my way through my troubles...

I offer you the joys that will be mine this week,
especially any that will take me by surprise
- and I thank you in advance
for your blessings and your gifts...

I offer you my prayer that in the days ahead
I'll be generous, generous in responding
to the needs of those around me:
generous with my time, my treasure and my talent...

Even before it begins to unfold:
I offer you the mystery of the week before me, Lord,
help me find your wise and quiet presence
in those curious, mystical, secret ways

I know you'll come to meet me,
to lead me and to guide me...

I offer you my thanks and praise
for having brought me safe thus far
and pray, O Lord, you help me still
to walk in peace this day, this week:
to walk in peace with you... Amen.

Pastor Lois

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAYS

9:00-2:00 Secretary's hours
10:00-1:00 Pastor's Hours

WEDNESDAYS

9:00-2:00 Secretary's hours
10:00-1:00 Pastor's Hours
Choir rehearsal 7:00

SATURDAYS

AA meetings via Zoom
Call Pastor Lois FMI

SUNDAYS

Worship service 10:30 am
Masks are still required
unless you are FULLY
VACCINATED.

SUNDAY, 6/6

Deacon's meeting 11:45

MONDAY, 6/14

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

MONDAY, 6/21

Cabinet meeting 7:00

THURSDAY, 6/24

Circuit Rider 9:00



WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS 10:00-2:00

Face coverings are still required unless you
are FULLY VACCINATED. We continue to
receive LOTS of great merchandise.

Stop by and see!

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

Help needed.

Please call the church office to get involved.
925-1321.

Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle has resumed regular meetings at Lovell UCC starting in April. The May meeting was held on May 11th using masks, distancing and sanitizing even though all seven ladies are fully immunized or have had Covid 19. Plans for Church World Service kits and CWS Blanket Sunday on May 9th were reviewed. Donations are being accepted and the Circle will donate \$50 for ten blankets and \$112 to cover cost plus shipping for one each Hygiene Kit, School Kit and Cleanup Buckets. Having a Foodless Bake Sale was discussed with plans to discuss again at the June meeting. The Circle will also donate funds to help with the cost of replacing the Vestry and Pastor's office windows but are waiting for the final estimate on that project. As soon as the window replacement project is complete the Circle will replace the Vestry drapes. A decision was to not sponsor a Thrift Shop Fashion Show in July this year. The Ladies are excited about having our June 8th Luncheon at The Old Mill Tavern in Harrison. Hopefully the weather will be good so we can take advantage of the limited outside seating. We will be back to a regular schedule for the July 13 meeting and would love to have you join us at 12:30 in the Lovell UCC Vestry. For further information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or trout@fairpoint.net or Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or ccarter1994@gmail.com

Lovell Girl Scouts

The Lovell Girl Scout leaders were relieved to have Maine change the Codes from yellow to green which allows troops to meet in person inside or outside using all safety precautions such as masks, distancing and sanitizing. Troops still cannot do overnight camping but are hoping this will be allowed starting in September. On Friday night, May 7, the Apple Mountain Unit Service Team sponsored a Virtual Recognition Celebration for all volunteers. Although not the same as a face-to-face dinner and ceremony, the fun evening included awards of year pins, some special awards, a game of Jeopardy, a song and a "Goodie Bag" that was delivered to each volunteer before the celebration. Lovell volunteers who received year pins for years in Girl Scouts were: Kari Reed – 5 yrs. and Danielle Moore – 10 yrs. Volunteers who received year pins for volunteer years were: Danielle Moore – 5 yrs. and Kari Reed – 5 yrs. All the Lovell troops are currently spring registering girls, and new this year is the opportunity for a girl to register for the rest of this year and all of next year for \$55. Looking ahead to fall troop leadership, volunteers will be needed on all levels. If you would like further information, please contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 or trout@fairpoint.net

COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We have restocked our frozen dinner supply. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Due to Covid restrictions and the gradual re-opening of the church and all activities, Vacation Bible School will NOT be held in 2021. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2022. Happy Summer!

CHILDREN

Sunday School classes for all ages are offered every week from 9:00-10:00 am, September- Mid May. Youth Group for Middle & High School students (time and day to be determined for 2021-2022). All are welcome to join.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Ongoing Programs

MUSIC-CHOIR

Choir rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm and the choir participates in worship every Sunday

MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Handbells rehearse Tuesdays at 10:30 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 **Mondays from 10:00-12:00**. This is **FREE and open to any senior who wishes to drop in!** Coffee, tea and snacks are provided. This is a time for fellowship, games, art and special events. Call the church for more information 925-1321.

RESUMING MONDAY, JUNE 7TH!

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Thank you to everyone who helped to fold, string and hang the origami cranes for the sanctuary. Each Peace Crane represented Maine individuals who lost their lives to Covid-19. They were a reminder to pray for peace for the families left behind and those who are currently ill. They hung in the sanctuary from November 2020 to April 2021.

Currently, our 700 plus cranes join thousands of other paper cranes hanging in the Matter Studio Gallery in Los Angeles, CA. They are now part of the Memorial Crane Project which honors all Americans who died from the Covid-19 virus.

**The Circuit Rider
submission deadline for
July/August is June 13th**



Calendar Raffle Fundraiser

It's that time of year when we start to gather items for our annual Calendar Raffle. Last year was a huge success filling every day with a gift certificate to a local business, online business or for goods and services to be provided safely by the donor. This gift certificate-only plan allows us to mail all prizes to the winners. If you can help with a donation of some sort this year, please let us know!

31 prizes are needed to fill the month of August. All donations should be emailed or mailed to the church office before June 7th. (info@lovellucc.org) (PO Box 232, Lovell, ME 04051). For more information, call us at 925-1321.

The calendar pages will be sold during the month of July for \$10.00 each. You will find all the details in the July/August Circuit Rider.

Thank you in advance for your support!