

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

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The Circuit Rider

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Greetings Everyone,

I do hope that the winter is treating you kindly and that covid has not paid a visit. Down on the farm my animal friends have stayed close to the barn venturing out only when the wind is fairly still. I did notice how they stayed very close together in the very cold weather that we have had. As good herd animals do, they take care of each other. The horse, the mule and the two mini horses parade around the field quite often and then spend time standing in the sunshine, getting good light and vitamin D, I suppose. It is a little early, but I like to think they are looking for signs of spring.

Winter and ice make the work harder on the farm. Everything takes more time but as I am out there at the barn listening to the munching of hay at dusk when the mountains are in silhouette and the wind has slowed, I feel the wonder of God. I feel humbled because we are so privileged to live in this amazing world.

My time behind the barn when I stop to look at the mountains and the first evening stars is so special. It is quiet, still and I often feel touched by the hand of God's love. I encourage everyone to find a quiet and still place to listen for the whispers of God and immerse yourself in the love of God.

As you probably have heard by now, on Sunday January 9, 2022, I submitted my resignation as pastor of the Lovell United Church of Christ. My last Sunday will be March 6, 2022. This was a hard decision, but I spent many hours in prayer and in thought about it. May we continue to pray for each other as we step forward in faith and trust knowing that God is leading even if the future is unknown. I have been so very grateful and so fortunate to be part of this church. I thank you deeply.

In all things may we know and constantly remember that God is love; that God is faithful, and that the love we have shared in the name of Christ will continue.

"And now faith, hope and love abide,
these three, and the greatest of these is love." *1 Corinthians 13:13*

Pastor Lois

Ladies Circle

The Jan. 11 Ladies Circle meeting was held with only four ladies present, but we all had a great time. Sunshine Lady, Nancy Olmsted, continues to send cards each month as needed. The 2022 slate of officers will remain the same as 2021. The LC "projects to do" list still includes vestry and office curtains as well as refinishing the vestry, kitchen and bathroom floors. The group is trying a new meeting time of 10:30 on the second Tuesday of each month rather than 12:30. The February meeting will be a Valentine Tea at 3:00 with hostesses Sue Clout and Sue DeWire. Each person is to bring Valentines for delivery to the Veteran's Home in So. Paris. Approximately 30 Valentines are needed. The March 8 meeting will be back to the 10:30 time with Linda Libby as hostess. Ladies are to bring prizes for Bingo again as we postponed this program from the January meeting. The annual fruit basket delivery is scheduled for Jan. 22-23 and will be coordinated by Nancy Olmsted, Pat Stearns, Jacky Stearns and Sue DeWire. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group on the second Tuesday of each month as schedules allow. For further information, contact Linda Libby at 925-3661 or trout@fairpoint.net or Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or cecarter1994@gmail.com

Anyone who would like to donate Valentines for the Veteran's Home can leave them on the table by the Vestry door.

Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy GS Troop 146 with eight girls continues to meet 2:45-4:00, on Mondays, in the Art Room at New Suncook School. Leaders are Danielle Moore and Linda Libby. Thanks to a donation from the Lovell UCC Ladies Circle, the eight Daisies now have tunics complete with insignia which the girls modeled for parents at the Jan. 3 Investiture. The annual GS cookie sale will begin Feb. 1 with a Cookie Rally on ZOOM Jan. 29, 10-11:30. Other Lovell troops will be holding their investiture and rededication ceremony at an upcoming meeting. Brownie Troop 3149 is meeting on Tuesdays also in the Art Room with leaders Andrea Walker, Andrea Goodwin and Abbey Nataluk. Junior Troop 208 still needs leadership and does not have a schedule yet. C/S/A Troop 58 with leaders Megan Hamlin, Tabitha Blood, Heather Jean and Abbey Nataluk is meeting on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 5:45-7:00, at Lovell UCC. This troop is planning a trip and also an overnight at Pondicherry GS Site. All Lovell Girl Scout troops are accepting registrations for 2022. For further information, contact Linda Libby at 925-3661 or trout@fairpoint.net.

COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSIONS

Many thanks to all the folks that made our annual Christmas Baskets possible! We put together 15 family baskets and 6 smaller "Thinking of You" baskets this year. It wouldn't be possible with the generous support of our community! We continue to accept food donations for the local pantries year-round. You can drop off your non-perishable items in the church vestry any time. We also have frozen meals available for those who could use a little support. Please call the church office if you would like to receive one.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We offer monthly Bible School for children in grades K-6 on the third Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. For more information or to sign up for the next class on February 20th, please contact Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or the church office at 925-1321.

We also offer a Women's Evening Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. For more information about this group please call Vicki Royer at 925-1444.

Ongoing Programs

CHILDREN

Bible School classes for children in grades K-6 are offered once per month, October-May for 2021-2022. Call the church office for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (Oct-May). 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.

MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Handbells rehearse Mondays at 10:30 am. Bell Ringers wanted! Call the church FMI 925-1321.

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.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

The Gathering Place is not meeting, at this time.

LUCC Thrift Shop

**OPEN WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
10:00-2:00**

We continue to receive LOTS of great merchandise. Stop by and see!

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

On February 12th all red and Valentine themed items will be ½ price!



Did you know that our Mission Committee supports more than 10 local charities every year? We work to support local, national, and worldwide groups throughout the year that are working for the greater good. One of the groups we support is Mother Seton House. Here's a little bit of information about their program.

Mother Seton House is a private, nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization serving pregnant women, new mothers and infants in difficult circumstances, meeting the critical need for shelter, education, counseling, referrals, physical, emotional and spiritual support in a caring community, without regard to race, national origin, or religious affiliation. Single pregnant women, or single women with one child under the age of one, are invited to live in a safe, loving, caring home in Fryeburg, at no cost, throughout pregnancy and until the baby's first birthday. Mother Seton House currently has housing available and is taking applications. Call 207-935-1066 and leave a message with contact information or find us on Facebook at The Mother Seton House or online at www.MotherSetonHouse.com.

If you are pregnant and in need, please reach out; we are here to help.

STAY IN TOUCH

Pastor's Hours:

Monday 10:00-1:00

Wednesday 10:00-1:00

**Other hours available by appointment*

Office Administrator's hours:

Monday 9:00-2:00

Wednesday 9:00-2:00

Office 925-1321



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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Rev. Lois Amidon, Pastor

Dan Moore, Director of Music

Heather Sawin, Office Administrator

**The Circuit Rider submission
deadline for March is
February 13th**

Do you enjoy receiving this monthly newsletter? Did you know it is sent to all postal patrons in Lovell as well as people in other towns on our mailing list? Your contributions are always welcome to help defray the cost of this mailing.

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Indicate "Circuit Rider" on your check

Thanks for your help!



Take-Out Turkey Dinner

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Saturday, March 5th (snow date March 6th)

5:00-6:00 pm

\$12.00 per person

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, and dessert!

To reserve your dinner, please call Elsa at 928-3100

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

