

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

March 2022

The Circuit Rider

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It is March. Spring and the changes that it brings is close. This is my last time writing for the Circuit Rider. My last Sunday as pastor is March 6. Change is coming.

One of my favorite books is a tiny book entitled Always We Begin Again by John McQuiston. It is about the Benedictine way of living. The first rule is this. "Live this life and do whatever is done, in a spirit of thanksgiving." Imagine waking up in the morning and starting your day with "Thank you, God." What would your day be like if lived in the spirit of thanksgiving?

The rule continues: "Abandon attempts to achieve security, they are futile, give up the search for wealth, it is demeaning, quit the search for salvation, it is selfish, and come to comfortable rest in the certainty that those who participate in this life with an attitude of thanksgiving will receive its full promise."

Thanksgiving is the gift I give to you all. I am so grateful for having had this opportunity to serve as pastor. There are no words to describe my gratitude. I pray and hope that you with embrace a new path with thanks to God who is leading the way.

Always we begin again.

As you read this newsletter, Lent begins once again. May this season of Lent become a true blessing for each of you and as a church. God will work in our lives and is at work in our lives. The Holy Spirit is filling this church family with strength, hope and love. It is my hope that you walk together as the body of Christ as you prepare for Easter Sunday, as you prepare yourselves for living as a resurrection people.

May the Lord bless each you richly each day,

Pastor Lois

Ladies Circle

The Circle put together and delivered fruit baskets on Jan. 23 to many of our special friends. In place of our regular Feb. 8 meeting, a Valentine Tea was held. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying the many surprises planned by Sue DeWire and Sue Clout. The food was excellent as well as the music provided by Sue Clout and just plain good fellowship. The valentines collected were delivered to the Veteran's Home in So. Paris by Nancy Olmsted. The next regular meeting will be held on March 8 at the new time of 10:30am with Linda Libby as hostess. The program following the business meeting will be Bingo so ladies should bring some unwrapped prizes. This is always a fun activity. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are invited to join the group whenever your schedule allows. For further information contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 trout@fairpoint.net or Carolyn Carter 928-2080 cecarter1994@gmail.com

Lovell Girl Scouts

Several of our Girl Scouts and leaders attended a ZOOM Cookie Rally on Jan. 29. The rally included sale training, crafts, games, and a chance to meet other Girl Scouts. This kicked off the 2022 Cookie Sale which ends Feb. 28. Contact any GS or leader to place an order. Daisies continue to meet on Mondays 2:30-4:00, have been working on Daisy petals and leaves and had a fun Valentine party on Feb. 14. Decorating cookies, making crafts and playing games were enjoyed by the seven Daisy Girl Scouts. Brownies meet on Tues. 2:30-4:00 in the Art Room at New Suncook School. They are also working on Cookie badge requirements. The Juniors still do not have a leader, so they are meeting with the Brownies for now. Troop 58 C/S/A continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Lovell UCC 5:45-7:00. These girls are still planning their trip to the Outer Banks in NC in June. Four of the Ambassador GS will be graduating this year. It seems like only yesterday that they were Daisy or Brownie Girl Scouts. Just a reminder that Scouts do not meet if there is no school. All Lovell GS troops are accepting registrations for 2022. For further information, contact Linda Libby, 925-3661, trout@fairpoint.net or customercare@gsmaine.org

COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSIONS

Our holiday "Thinking of You" baskets were so well received we will put together Easter baskets this year for folks who have a difficult time getting out these days. If you, or someone you know, should be added to our Community Care list, please call the church office. 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 March 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.

Pastor's Hours: *tbd after 3/6

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

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

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



**3rd Annual "Thanksgiving in Spring"
Take-Out Turkey Dinner
Saturday, March 5, 2022
5:00-6:00 pm**

**Turkey with all the fixins':
stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry
sauce, rolls and whoopie pies**

\$12.00 per person

Call Elsa at 928-3100 to reserve yours!

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