

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



April 2022

The Circuit Rider



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TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON. . . (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

We are now in the time of Lent—40 days of reflection and personal growth. At the Lovell United Church of Christ, it is a time for us to reflect on the ministry of our church and where we want to grow as we search for a new pastor. The Lovell U.C.C. is a strong community of faith and will meet this challenge as they have done in the past.

A Search Committee of three, Carolyn Carter, Vicki Royer, and Heather Sawin, has been charged with the task to interview candidates for the position of Interim Pastor for our church. An Interim Pastor is one that works with the congregation preparing them for the Settled Pastor who will be called for a longer term. Once a candidate has been selected, the church will vote on accepting them. As of this date, the Search Committee has met with one candidate. “Those serving on Search Committees of local congregations are asked to hold in confidence the names of pastoral candidates with whom they are in contact while conversations with the searching pastor continue.” –from the Maine Conference of UCC. The committee will try to keep you updated through the announcements on Sunday mornings and the monthly *Circuit Rider* newsletter as they are able.

The days are longer, Snow Birds are returning from warmer climates, snow is melting, and Easter will be here soon. Easter is a time of celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Take time to reflect on what Easter means to you. Smile a little bit more. Share your love with others. Pray for our church, our country, and the world.

Blessings,

Vicki Royer
Moderator and Cabinet Chairperson

Please join us for worship during this transition time. I encourage you to pray for our church and those in leadership roles of the church.

The pulpit will be filled during the month of April by the following:

April 3 Carolyn Carter, lay leader

April 10 (Palm Sunday) Rev. Jonna Jensen**

April 17 (Easter) Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Gleason*

April 24 Vicki Royer, lay leader. Hymn sing Sunday

*Rev. Elizabeth Gleason is the daughter of Jerry and Jane Gleason. She has fond memories of summers in Lovell and many of the older members of our congregation

**Rev. Jonna Jensen is currently the Transitional Conference Minister of Maine

Ladies Circle

The Ladies Circle met on March 8 with seven ladies present. The members voted to donate \$1000 to the Church World Service Ukraine Relief Fund. Unfinished projects are curtains for the vestry and office plus the vestry, kitchen, and bathroom floor refinishing. Chairs in memory of Phyllis Gregson are on back order. Cash donations for CWS kits will be requested rather than items for the kits. Donations for CWS Blankets will be collected on Mother's Day, May 8. The next Circle meeting will be held on April 12 at 10:30am with Nancy Olmsted, Hostess. Program will be sharing stories or recommendations. 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

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale ended Feb. 28 and delivery that has been postponed two times is now scheduled for April 2. Cookies are picked up in Brownfield and brought back to Lovell UCC for sorting and pick up by parents. There will be leftover boxes of cookies as orders are by the case. The Daisy troop is still meeting on Mondays at New Suncook School with eight VERY active girls. The troop is working on their Daisy petals and completed World Pin requirements for Thinking Day. This year the theme included learning about conserving trees and water as well as the usual activities about other countries. The girls especially enjoyed the games and making friendship pins. The Brownie troop is also still meeting at New Suncook School on Tuesdays. They have been doing outside activities as much as possible, have sold cookies and have had a substitute assistant leader, Marianne Elliott, for most of the month of March. This troop also includes one Junior Girl Scout who does not have a troop yet. The Older Girls, grades 6-12, meet 1st and 3rd Mondays at Lovell UCC and are still planning their end-of-year trip. Four of the girls in this troop will graduate this year. Contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661, trout@fairpoint.net

COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSIONS

We are currently putting together 10 Easter baskets to be delivered to community members on our care list. If you, or someone you know, should be added to our Community Care list, please call the church office.

On March 26th we held a drive-up Turkey soup lunch with all proceeds going to Church World Service for Ukraine relief. If you would like to contribute you can find all the information at www.cwsglobal.org. Thank you for all that supported this event, including our Thrift Shop patrons. We added over \$600 to the CWS collection.

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 have a Bible School for children in grades K-6 on one Sunday each month at 9:00 am. For more information or to sign up for the next class on April 10th, please contact Carolyn Carter at 928-2080 or the church office at 925-1321. All are welcome!

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 hoping to resume soon! Please call the church office for more information.

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

www.lovellucc.org

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

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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The Circuit Rider submission

deadline for May is

April 17th

*“By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.”*

JOHN 13:35. ESV



We invite you to stop by the sanctuary on Wednesdays during Lent (12:00-7:00 pm) for a dedicated time of prayer for the people of Ukraine.



Please join us for Easter morning worship (4/17) at 10:30 am.

All are welcome!

Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Gleason will be here to lead our service.