

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

September
2022

The Circuit Rider

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And so it begins. . . the final leg of our journey to having a settled pastor. On Sept. 17 (time to be determined) there will be a “meet and greet” at the church for the congregation to talk to the pastoral candidate. On Sept. 18, the candidate will preach and the congregation will vote. If the vote is favorable, the settled pastor will begin on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. If the vote is not favorable, the search will begin again.

Thank you all for your patience through our search process. Thank you for pitching in where needed. Together we were able to keep our church functioning through the past 6 months. It could not have happened without the support of everyone.

Many prayers have paved the way for a new pastor. The wait of knowing the name of our candidate is over and it is someone that many of you know. Neil Wilson and his wife, Donna, are coming home to Lovell. Here is the biographical information to let you know what Neil has been doing the last 30 plus years.

We are delighted to introduce Rev. Neil H. Wilson as candidate for pastor of our church. He is an ordained minister in good standing with the United Church of Christ. Neil “comes” to us after serving six churches in Maine, Indiana, Michigan and New Hampshire. But, for some of you, you know that Neil has “come home” to serve here in Lovell.

He was born and raised in Lovell, attending the Lovell United Church of Christ. He attended Sunday School and church here listening to his mother, Mary, as the church organist. He married Donna Walker and lived here in town with their two children while he ran his own logging business. He was called to the ministry; mentored and encouraged by several retired ministers attending LUC. In 1986 he began serving his first church, Dixfield Congregational Church, Dixfield, Maine. Two churches followed in Indiana before they came back to Maine in 2005 to serve the Maine Seacoast Mission in Cherryfield. From there they moved to Michigan and currently he is serving the Congregational Church of Laconia, Laconia, NH. His experience is varied from very rural communities to the challenges of a small city in Laconia.

Neil and Donna have decided to retire to their home here in Lovell. His life in retirement wouldn't feel right without serving a church and community; our part time position is a perfect fit. If called, he will begin his time here with us on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Here are just a few of the gifts Neil brings with him, although there are many: mission work, rural church leadership, visitation, outdoor ministries, counseling, crisis response and intervention through Victim Services training and on duty experience.

In his own words, “As a pastor, I seek to be a listener and comforter when needed, a prophet and priest when necessary and above all else, a Christian companion as we journey together on the path of life. “

Yours in Christ,
Vicki Royer
Chairperson, Pastoral Search Committee
(Vicki Royer, Heather Sawin & Carolyn Carter)

Ladies Circle

LC didn't schedule a meeting for August, however, eight of the members traveled to Newry to visit with Donna Fowlie on August 9th. As usual, Donna served a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all. Just good fellowship with stories about families or experiences made the day perfect thanks to Donna. The July 19th the Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show with Sue Clout, Chairperson, was a huge success. The models did a great job and the ice cream social that followed really hit the spot on a hot night. The 2nd Annual Pie Sale on August 6th also went well. The goal of 50 pies was reached and allowed the Circle to add \$745 to their treasury. A thank you goes to all the wonderful pie bakers that made this a success. Thinking ahead, we are collecting "berry bowls" to use at the Dec. 3 "Holiday Sale". The ruffled edge jars can be left in the kitchen or by the office door. The Circle's next project will be the Friday, Sept. 9th, Harvest Supper. It will be take-out style with Jan Newhouse coordinating again this year. The regular Ladies Circle meeting will be held on Sept. 13th, at 10:30am. Donna Fowlie will be presenting a program about her Puerto Rico mission project. All are welcome!

Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 146 for K & 1st graders will resume on Monday, Sept. 12th, 2:30 – 4:00, hopefully in the Art Room. Leaders will be Danielle Moore, Samantha Bennett and Linda Libby. These Daisies enjoyed lunch at Bridgton House of Pizza on Aug. 12th and the girls had fun in the play area behind the parking lot. The Brownie/Junior Troop 3149 will start meeting in early October with leaders Andrea Walker and Andrea Goodwin. Brownies and Juniors will be staying at the Pondicherry Troop House the weekend of Sept. 10-11 and Daisies will be visiting with them on the 10th. These troops are also registered for Celebrate Camp at Pondicherry on Oct. 1 for a day of outdoor activities. All troops are accepting new registrations. Contact any leader for further information.

Many thanks for your support of Girl Scouts in Lovell with your returnable bottles and cans. Please continue to drop them off at LUCC. They will now benefit the Lovell Recreation Department's Transportation fund.

COMMITTEE NEWS

MISSIONS

Don't miss the next drive-up lunch to be served on Saturday, September 3, 10:00-1:00. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Parish Fund of the Lovell United Church of Christ helping our neighbors and community members in need. We also accept food donations for the local pantries year-round. You can drop off your non-perishable items in the church vestry any time. We have frozen meals available for those who could use a little support. Please call the church office if you would like to receive one. Watch the October Circuit Rider for details about the upcoming Apple Festival to be held on Saturday, October 15th!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Adventures will be coming back in October! Stay tuned for the start date. 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 the next study series please call Vicki Royer at 925-1444.



Take-Out Harvest Supper

**Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St.
Lovell, Maine
Friday, September 9th**

5:00-6:30 pm (or until we run out!)

**\$15 per person
Please PRE-ORDER by calling
Elsa at 928-3100**

Corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage,
turnip, bread and apple or pumpkin pie

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



ONGOING PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

Bible Adventure classes for children in grades K-6 are offered once per month, October-May. 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 Sunday mornings at 9:30 am followed by the choir's participation in worship.

Office Administrator's hours:

Monday 9:00-2:00

Wednesday 9:00-2:00

Office 925-1321

MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Handbells rehearse Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 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.

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 and Yard Sale on Saturday, September 3rd. Come check out the Christmas Corner!

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DRIVE-UP LUNCH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
AT THE LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE
10:00-1:00
\$5 PER PERSON

American chop suey, side salad, roll and a homemade cookie

Just drop by or call Joyce at 928-3132 to reserve your meal

All proceeds to benefit the Sunshine Backpack Food Program serving children in MSAD 72



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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

www.lovellucc.org

Dan Moore, Director of Music

Heather Sawin, Office Administrator

The Circuit Rider submission deadline for October is September 18th.

The Helen Coe Trust Fund has funds available upon request for the 2022 year available to nonprofit 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, 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 intent has a deadline date of November 18, 2022 and can be sent to Helen Coe Trust PO Box 185, Center Lovell, 04016.



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Stay tuned for more details.

A monthly Sunday School program for children in grades K-6.

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Fundraising Calendar

October

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						\$50 gift certificate Maine Witch in the Kitchen organic beauty products 1
2 \$25 gift certificate Harvest Gold Gallery	3 1 homemade cake made to order	4 \$25 gift certificate Bridgton Books	5 \$20 gift certificate LUCC Thrift Shop	6 \$25 gift certificate Lovell Hardware	7 2 loaves of homemade stromboli-to order	8 1 German Chocolate pie made to order
9 \$25 gift card LL Bean	10 \$25 gift card Hannaford	11 2 cheese balls Made to order	12 \$25 gift certificate Bridgton Books	13 \$50 gift card LL Bean	14 1 loaf of homemade beer batter bread Made to order	15 \$20 gift certificate Goodness ME Small Batch Bakery
16 Handmade afghan Pick up from donor	17 \$50 gift certificate Hannaford	18 \$20 gift certificate LUCC Thrift Shop	19 1 blueberry cake Made to order	20 1 German Red Wine Cake made to order	21 \$25 gift certificate Stow Corner Store & Cafe	22 Breakfast basket Pick up from donor
23 \$25 gift card Amazon	24 1 beginner golf lesson	25 Gift basket from the Dragonfly Healing Nest Pick up from donor	26 \$50 gift certificate The Oxford House	27 3 dozen homemade fortune cookies Made to order	28 \$20 gift certificate LUCC Thrift Shop	29 \$50 gift certificate The Old Saco Inn
30 \$25 gift card Old Navy	31 \$25 gift card Renys	<p>Our raffle calendar is here! If you would like to enter the raffle, please send \$10.00 per entry to Lovell UCC/PO Box 232/Lovell, ME 04051. Be sure you include all of your contact information on the entry form below. Each day a winner will be drawn from the entries received. The winner will be contacted, and their name will go back in for another chance. Items are all in the form of gift certificates. If you are called as the winner, you can choose to pick it up or have it mailed to you. If you win an actual item or service, instructions will be on the certificate as to how to claim your prize. Every \$10 entry purchased yields 31 chances to win a great item! All proceeds benefit the church. Questions? -contact the church office at 925-1321.</p>				

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Email Address: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	