Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine

November/December 2022

The Circuit Rider

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Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. Psalm 100:4

November. Cold nights, fire in the wood stove, leaves on the ground, family time together, counting our blessings. Thanksgiving.

This is a year of thanksgiving. We often don't recognize our blessings when we are going through the busyness of our daily lives. But when we take time to reflect, it has been an exceptional year in the life of our church. Thank you everyone who has stepped forward to help in leadership positions, supported church programing, and reached out to the larger Lovell community. It takes a village. It takes a church. You are a blessing. You are beloved by God. Thank you.

As we enter Advent on Sunday, November 27, Pastor Neil and Donna Wilson will begin their time with the Lovell United Church of Christ. Please join us in welcoming them after the worship service.

With a grateful heart,

Vicki Royer LUCC Cabinet Chairperson

While we wait for Neil & Donna to officially join us, the pulpit will be filled by the following:

11/6 Rev. Beth Gleason, supply minister / Katherine Rhoda, substitute music director 11/13 Pastor Chaz Reed, supply Minister/ music TBD

11/20 Carolyn Carter, Vicki Royer & Heather Sawin, lay leaders/ music TBD



Ladies Circle

The regular meeting of the Circle took place on Oct. 11 with seven ladies in attendance. A check in the amount of \$1596. was submitted to Lovell UCC representing proceeds from the Harvest Supper fundraiser to be used to help with heating costs. After delicious refreshments supplied by Mary Heroux and the business meeting, Sue DeWire helped the ladies decorate jars to sell at the Snowflake Fair. We have quite a talented group. Our Sunshine Lady, Nancy Olmsted, continues to send cards where there is a need. The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for October has been Jacky Stearns, and Sue Clout is listed for November. The next Circle meeting is scheduled for Nov. 8, 10:30, with Nancy Olmsted as hostess. The program will include finishing our decorated jars and to making bows and wiring cones for the Snowflake Fair. At this point, the Dec. 3 Snowflake Fair will include sale of greens, berry bowls, gifts and food. A take-out lunch will be offered by the Mission Committee. Greens work sessions are scheduled as follows: 11/27 2-5, 11/28 9-12, 11/29 1-4 and 11/30 (if needed) 9-12. Gathering greens schedule and locations tba. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group as schedules allow. Contacts: Carolyn Carter 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com or Linda Libby 925-3661, lindalibby12345@outlook.com

Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy Troop 146 is meeting each Monday 2:30-4:00 at New Suncook School in the Art Room with the same eight girls as last year and leaders Danielle Coe, Samantha Bennett and Linda Libby.

Kindergarteners have been invited to join the troop starting Oct. 17.

Brownie/Junior Troop 3149 is meeting each Tuesday, 2:30-4:00 with leaders Andrea Walker and Andrea Goodwin, in the New Suncook School Community Room. All the girls and leaders attended "Celebrate Camp" at Pondicherry GS Camp on Oct. 1. Girls had a



DRIVE-UP LUNCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
AT THE
LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE
10:00-1:00
\$5 PER PERSON

Choice of:
Homemade corn chowder, biscuit
& dessert
OR
Tuna sandwich, chips and dessert

Just drop by or call Joyce at

928-3132 to reserve your meal

All proceeds to benefit the LUCC Christmas baskets for families in our community.

great time participating in a full day of outdoor activities. All Lovell Girl Scout troops are accepting registrations for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for information on Troop 58 – Grades 6-12 which has not started meeting yet. The fall product

sale of magazines, candy and nuts will end soon.

Contact: Linda Libby 925-3661 <u>lindalibby12345@outlook.com</u>



Bible Folventures will happen next on Sunday, November 13th. Children ages K-6 are invited to join us at 9:00 am. Classes will be held once a month through May. For more information, call the church office at 925-1321.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Evening Bible Study 2022-23

For a different type of Bible Study, we will be viewing "The Chosen", a DVD that looks at the stories and back stories of the New Testament as they might have happened. The Chosen will be shown on a big screen with closed captioning. There will be no book for this study. A group discussion with prepared questions will follow the video. The study will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, starting October 11, 2022. We will be meeting in the vestry/lower level of the Lovell United Church

of Christ. Come join us for fellowship and fun while learning more about this interesting view of Jesus and the Disciples from a fresh (but scripturally based) perspective. To sign up and for more information call Vicki Royer at 925-1444.

MISSIONS

Our Fall Bake Sale was a huge success! Many thanks to our talented bakers and to everyone who came out to purchase goodies. We made \$475. for our Christmas Basket mission. If you would like to stop by the church on December 3rd, our Lunch Ladies will be serving up a great take-out lunch of your choice, either corn chowder and a homemade biscuit or tuna sandwiches with chips. Both options come with homemade dessert too, all for \$5. At the same time our Ladies Circle will be holding their Snowflake Fair. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.

EVENING 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 9:00-2:00Office 925-1321

Lovell United Church of Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Dan Moore, Director of Music Heather Sawin, Office Administrator

MUSIC-HANDBELLS

Handbells rehearse Mondays 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!

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Join us for worship on the first Sunday in Advent (11/27) and stay for a potluck lunch and tree decorating. The Ladies Circle would love to have you stay even longer to help make wreaths for the Snowflake Fair.

A Christmas Eve Service will be held on December 24th at 7:00 pm

Christmas Morning worship, December 25th 10:30 am

Please join us!

The Circuit Rider submission deadline for December/January is November 20th.



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Snowflake Fair

1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine

Saturday, December 3, 2022

10:00-12:00

Balsam wreaths, berry bowls, baked goods and gifts!

Take out lunch will be available to benefit the Mission Committee's Christmas baskets for area families.

