

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



April 2023

The Circuit Rider

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here...



Dear friends,

As a casual observer of weather and the changing seasons it seems to me that our seasons run a month or two behind. Our Decembers have been a bit warmer than usual. This year our "cold snap" this year (which really wasn't all that much) came about the time we used to have a January thaw." And then our maple trees taps were being buried in snow! Late March seems to be the new February!

But spring will come and with it the woodland eruption of spring flowers, fiddleheads and trout fishing, and the anxious gardeners planting the first peas. And then that late frost!

The followers of Jesus held such hope in Jesus on Palm Sunday. He was, they hoped, the long-awaited Messiah, come to usher in a return of all their hopes and dreams. It was a day of celebration. Palm branches and exuberant crowds lined Jesus' route into Jerusalem. A spring like hope!

Then came Good Friday and the crucifixion! All hopes were dashed. All promises seemed lost like a late spring frost withering all the tender seedlings before they are sturdy enough.

But wait! Early on a Sunday morning some women made their way to a tomb. Were they going there to mourn their loss? To simply take care of the final burial preparations for their beloved friend and teacher? Whatever their reasons they did not expect what they discovered... an empty tomb! And in this experience, hope is found again!

From the writings of Richelle E. Goodrich in
*Making Wishes: Quotes, Thoughts, &
a Little Poetry for Every Day of the Year*

"Easter is...

Joining in a birdsong, Eying an early sunrise,
Smelling yellow daffodils, Unbolting windows and doors,
Skipping through meadows, Cuddling newborns,
Hoping, believing, Reviving spent life,
Inhaling fresh air, Sprinkling seeds along furrows,
Tracking in the mud.

Easter is the soul's first taste of spring."

Yours in the hope of Easter!
Pastor Neil



Maundy Thursday Service April 6th at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in the church vestry for a simple meal of soup and bread and around the tables hear the account of Jesus' Last Supper according to John's Gospel with the celebration of Holy Communion and the extinguishing of the candles (Tenebrae). All that will be necessary for the meal will be provided. Join us!

Good Friday, April 7th The sanctuary will be open for a personal time of prayer from 12:00-3:00.

Easter Worship April 9th at 10:30 am

Ladies Circle

Our Sunshine Lady, Nancy Olmsted, continues to send cards where there is a need. The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for March is Mary Heroux and Sue DeWire is scheduled for April. The March 14 meeting was postponed to Thursday, March 16, 10:00 due to the snowstorm on Tuesday. The excellent program was presented by Elsa Newhouse on her recent trip with Jan across the country. Jacky Stearns was hostess. Hostess for the April 11th meeting will be Linda Libby and the program will be presented by Donna Wilson about the Maine Seacoast Mission. 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 continues to meet each Monday, 2:30-4:00, at New Suncook School in the Art Room. Since Samantha Bennett (Thank You Samantha) is no longer available as a leader, the troop is in need of another adult to be at the meetings. Contact either Linda or Danielle if you are available and would like further information. Brownie/Junior Troop 3149 also continues meeting on each Tuesday, 2:30-4:00, in the New Suncook School Community Room. Troop 58 for girls in grades 6-12 with leaders Tabitha Blood and Linda Libby has still not started their meetings. Hopefully meetings will be once a month with pizza. Dates tba. Girl Scout Sunday was observed at Lovell UCC on March 12th. All Lovell Girl Scout troops are still accepting registrations for the upcoming year and will be delivering cookies after March 18. On April 1, girls will be attending a Girl Scout Birthday Party in Naples to celebrate the 111th birthday of Girl Scouts in the USA. Troop 3149 is planning a cookie booth sale at Thrift Way in Fryeburg on Saturday, April 8, 9-12. For information, contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661 or lindalibby12345@outlook.com



DRIVE-UP LUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE

10:00-1:00

\$5 PER PERSON

Chili, corn bread and dessert

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

***All proceeds from this lunch will
benefit the work of the Mission
Committee***

COMMITTEE NEWS

TRUSTEES

The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month. At the March 13th meeting, financial reports were received and accepted. The solar energy progress report is that the panels have arrived and will be installed on the church roof as soon as the weather cooperates.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Bible Adventures will happen next on Sunday, April 16th. 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.

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.

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.

Pastor's office hours:

Monday 9:00-1:00

Wednesday 9:00-1:00

Email: pastor@lovellucc.org

Call or text (260)849-1512

Office Administrator's hours:

Monday 9:00-2:00

Wednesday 9:00-2:00

Office 925-1321

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 the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Follow us on Facebook for additional sales.

Thrift Shop Lovell United Church of Christ

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Lovell United Church of Christ

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

www.lovellucc.org

Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor

Dan Moore, Director of Music

Heather Sawin, Office Administrator

The Circuit Rider submission deadline for May is April 16th.

NEW! You can watch a replay of our Sunday Sermons on our website. www.lovellucc.org. Just click on the Sunday Sermons tab.



Join us along with Valerie Cole, Community Services Resource Specialist from Seniors Plus, for a valuable informational program about Fraud Protection.

Every year, one in ten seniors fall victim to scams and fraud. The number is most likely higher because many scammed seniors are embarrassed and afraid to report it to the authorities or to their families. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe. This workshop will give you the information needed to protect yourself and your loved ones. Do you know the top scams in Maine? Topic areas include Fraud Trends and Behavior, the Con Artist's Playbook, Practice Spotting Fraud (using real examples), Prevention and Resources. Become a fraud fighter instead of a fraud victim. Content from AARP Fraud Watch Network.

Monday, May 8th at 12:00. Free. Lunch provided.

Please call the church office to sign up. 925-1321



BAKE SALE

Easter and Spring themed treats.
Cookies, cakes, pies and more!

Saturday, April 8th

9:00-12:00

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