

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



May 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 I write this the forecasted temperature for tomorrow is in the mid to upper 70s! (We'll see if we make it!) The snow is melting, the mud drying, spring flowers pushing their way sunward. Ah, those first few days of spring! But the pragmatic New Englander in me is always cautious. (We seem to be able to often find a dark cloud on a sunny day!) And then yesterday, after clearing out some of the winter debris around the cabin, I found the first tick of the season on me! Ah, Spring!

Where am I going with this you may be wondering. (Sometimes I wonder myself!) Actually, I've been thinking about one of the lectionary readings for this coming Sunday (April 16) 1 Peter 1:6-7. Peter writing about the hope that is possible by the resurrection of Jesus.

*In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

Peter is realistic enough to know that there will still be difficult times. Yet, God can redeem even these difficulties. God doesn't always remove them from our paths, but God can redeem them for our good. After all God was able to take the worst that humankind could do to another person in the execution of Jesus and turn it into the transforming event of the Christian faith.

It was Bishop George Cadigan (whom I consider a mentor) who wrote:

1. God made the world therefore Life at its source is good.
2. Jesus lived in the world therefore life at its worst is redeemable.
3. Jesus continues to live in this world through His Spirit therefore life at its best is eternal.

Where ticks fit into this I am still working on!

Yours in the hope of Resurrection and Spring!

Pastor Neil

**NEW!** You can watch a replay of our Sunday Sermons on our website. [www.lovellucc.org](http://www.lovellucc.org). Just click on the Sunday Sermons tab.

## Ladies Circle

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for April was Sue DeWire and Sue Clout is scheduled for May. At the April 11 meeting hosted by Linda Libby, our Sunshine Lady Nancy Olmsted reported she had sent 13 cards in March and 9 in April. Sue DeWire purchased items for Mary Wilson's "Thank You" basket and presented the basket to Mary at the April 9 Sunday service. Carolyn Carter gave an update on Church World Service. Monetary donations for kits will be accepted until May 14 which is CWS Blanket Sunday. The excellent program following the business meeting was presented by Donna and Neil Wilson about the Maine Seacoast Mission. A visit to the Mission is planned in August. The next Circle meeting will be held May 9 with Mary Heroux and Nancy Olmsted as hostesses. The program will be "Show & Tell". Please bring items or stories to share. The June 13 meeting will be our annual luncheon. 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](mailto:cecarter1994@gmail.com) or Linda Libby 925-3661,

## Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy Troop 146 continues to meet each Monday, 2:30-4:00, at New Suncook School in the Art Room. This 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. Their trip to No. Conway on April 17 to visit the Weather Discovery Center, shop for a service project items and eat at McDonalds has been postponed until May 1. Brownie/Junior Troop 3149 also continues meeting on each Tuesday, 2:30-4:00, in the New Suncook School Community Room. These girls had a great time at the Girl Scout birthday party in Naples on April 1 and also held a cookie booth sale on April 8 in Fryeburg. Troop 58 for girls in grades 6-12 with leaders Tabitha Blood and Linda Libby has still not started their meetings- hopefully once a month with pizza. Dates tba. All Lovell Girl Scout troops are accepting girl registrations for the upcoming year and will also be needing leaders on the Daisy and Brownie levels. Training is required but is available on-line. For information, contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661 or email: [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### TRUSTEES

The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month in person and on ZOOM. At the April 11 meeting, financial reports were received and accepted. The solar energy project is complete except for the final Central Maine Power Co. connection. The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures book is being updated so each board or committee is reviewing their section. This will take several meetings as the Board of Trustees is responsible for a number of position descriptions. Spring clean up and elevator safety was also on the agenda. The next meeting time is May 8 at 7:00pm.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The last Bible Adventure program of the year will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Children ages K-6 are invited to join us at 9:00 am. Classes are held once a month through May. For more information, call the church office at 925-1321. Sunday School recognition will be held during worship on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.



### 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 Church World Service,  
providing emergency supply kits in  
times of need***

## 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](mailto: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*

## STAY IN TOUCH



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### VISIT US ONLINE

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Email:

[info@lovellucc.org](mailto:info@lovellucc.org)

### COME SEE US

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### CALL US

(207)925-1321 (office)

### Lovell United Church of Christ

**Sunday Worship 10:30 am**

[www.lovellucc.org](http://www.lovellucc.org)

**Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor**

**Dan Moore, Director of Music**

**Heather Sawin, Office Administrator**

The Circuit Rider submission deadline for June is May 14th.



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. 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. Free. Lunch provided.**

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



## SAVE THE DATE

This VBS is out of sight!

Join us for a week in space surrounded by God's love.



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## Vacation Bible School

**June 19-June 23**

**9:30-1:30**

**Ages 3 and Up**



- Register online at [vbspro.events/p/lucc](https://vbspro.events/p/lucc) or contact the church for a paper copy
- For more information, call:  
Vicki: 925-1444 or the Church: 925-1321