

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



July/August 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,

Did you hear about the rancher from Texas who was visiting Fryeburg Fair? Yeah, seems he was interested in seeing some of the local farms. So, his friend took him for a ride over through Fryeburg Harbor and North Fryeburg. It was pointed out to him the acres of potatoes and the sod farm. They drove out past Green Thumbs' operations. Somewhere along the West Fryeburg Road they came upon an old farmer tinkering on his old Farmall Model M tractor. They pulled over and struck up a conversation.

The Texan, not all that taken by what he had seen so far, wanted to impress the local with his status back in Texas.

"Why, old timer, my spread in Texas is so large," he boasted. "I can spend all day in my pickup truck and never reach the other side."

The old farmer didn't say much for a bit just kept cranking with his wrench. When he did look up from his work, he shook his head and said, "Ayuh mistah, I had a truck like that once."

If I know most old timers from around here, there was a bit of mockery and dry Yankee humor in his response more than a misunderstanding!

There are times though, when we really don't understand or misunderstand what another is saying and it's not because they are speaking a foreign language (like Texan!). If it is not misunderstanding, more and more, we find ourselves wondering why they think or believe the way they do.

I wonder if it may be something akin to the interaction between the old farmer and the Texas rancher, that it is a matter of different life experiences and how these inform our view of life and from these how we form opinions and views on how things are or should be in the world.

To overcome this, I believe we first will need to realize this and learn to listen to each other that we might uncover the life experiences that inform the viewpoint another has (as strange as it may seem to us!).

Churches are not immune to this communication gap. The church is made up of community people, each one with their own opinions and views on just about everything. The one thing that the church does though, is it comes together every week and for worship and perhaps a cup of coffee or tea after. This provides an opportunity for folks to talk and share face to face (not over some faceless social media!). This isn't to say that we always see "eye to eye" but we are at least given the chance to listen to one another and hopefully reflect on what we heard before coming together next time. Give it a shot, we will be here every Sunday 10:30 a.m. with the doors open and hopefully our ears (and a cup of coffee or lemonade after)!

Listening to and with you that we may have a thoughtful society,

Pastor Neil

*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 June was Pat Stearns and Nancy Olmsted is scheduled for July. Stay tuned for your chance to win a beautiful small quilt donated to the Circle by Elsa Newhouse. The next time you are in the church vestry, be sure to notice the beautiful curtains and ten more padded chairs purchased by the Circle. Small name plates will be added to the chairs in memory of past Ladies Circle officers. The Circle also donated money to Daisy Troop 146 to cover the cost of seven Brownie sashes and insignia for bridging girls. On June 13, the group had their annual luncheon with Sue DeWire serving as hostess. An invitation was extended to all those who have helped the Circle with its many projects. On **July 11**, the Circle will sponsor the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show** which will be coordinated again this year by Sue Clout. An ice cream social will follow the **7:00pm** show. The group will hold their regular 10:00 meeting that morning with Pat Stearns serving as hostess. 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, [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)

## Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy Troop 146's last meeting was on June 12. At the June 4 Court of Awards, five Daisies bridged to Brownie Troop 58. Two more Daisies were absent and will bridge to Brownies in the fall. One new Daisy, Cyrah Coutu, officially joined Daisy Troop 146 and received her Daisy tunic. Daisy Troop 146 and Cadette/Senior Troop 58 are both in need of another leader. A two-part on-line training is available, and a background check is required. Contact Linda if you are available and would like further information. Brownie/Junior Troop 3149 ended their meetings on June 6. This troop also participated in the June 4 Court of Awards, Bridging & Fly-Up Ceremony. Five Brownies were bridged to Juniors and one Junior bridged to Cadettes. Troop 3149 is making final plans for their camping trip June 14-18 at the Scelkit GS site in Kittery. Troop 58 for girls in grades 6-12 still has openings. All troops will be participating in the August 26 Outdoor Skills Day at Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Lovell Girl Scout troops are accepting girl registrations for the upcoming year. For information, contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661, or [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)

## COMMITTEE NEWS

**TRUSTEES** The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees' next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 7:00pm in person or on ZOOM if needed thanks to Kathy Dunham. Lois Brown was welcomed back to Trustees. The July meeting agenda will include financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business items. The board also continues to update The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures Book. Thanks go to Art DeWire who is looking into vestry lighting, thanks to Farwell Sawin for installing vestry curtain rods, Jenny Dotson for new safety procedures for elevator use and Kathy Dunham for making ZOOM possible and recording the minutes of meetings.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Graduate Recognition Sunday was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School was back after several years off and a great time was had by all the week of June 19-23. The Evening Bible Study has an upcoming Dinner and a Movie night planned for July 25<sup>th</sup>. See all the details later in this newsletter.



**DRIVE-UP LUNCH**

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**

**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE**

**10:00-1:00 (or until we sell out!)**

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**Sausage subs, potato salad & dessert**

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

***All proceeds from this lunch will be  
used for a work trip to the Maine  
Seacoast Mission***

***Thank you for your support!***

MISSIONS We continue to support our local food pantries with donation boxes available in the church vestry. Proceeds from the June Drive up lunch were added to the Mission budget to support our local food pantries.

*Mission Possible!*



Pastor Neil & Donna are planning a mission trip this summer. This will be their third trip to Cherryfield, Maine to take part in the Housing Improvement Program of the Maine Seacoast Mission! In the past we have scraped, primed and painted a house for a wonderful older couple, skirted mobile homes, installed storm doors, painted a sealer on mobile home roofs etc. The work we do, and other groups do, make it possible for substandard homes to qualify for funding for further improvements. For more information you can go to this website:

<https://seacoastmission.org/downeast/>

We are planning on returning this August 20-25 (Sunday afternoon through Friday) and we will be joined by folks from the Laconia (NH) Congregational Church who have participated in the past. We can use all sorts of people, not just those with painting or construction skills. Donna will need help with the meal preparation and there may be other tasks we can do to volunteer in the work of Mission's Downeast campus. We've had team members from ages 15 to 82!

It is not all work. Weather permitting, we may have evening campfires, we'll take an afternoon to explore some of the region's interesting, quirky, and yummy sites. There is a \$175.00 per person fee for the Mission. We will share the cost of the meals. The church is raising support to help defray this cost so please do not let the cost prevent you from considering this.

If you might be interested in joining us, contact Pastor Neil [pastor@lovellucc.org](mailto:pastor@lovellucc.org) 260-849-1512 (cell)

## 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



Follow us on Facebook

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

### **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 September is August**

**Celebrating the life of Ruth Mitchell:** Please join friends and family of Ruth on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Please wear bright colors! Everyone is invited to stay for the reception following the service in the church vestry. Please RSVP to [jkmanlogon@msn.com](mailto:jkmanlogon@msn.com) or text Julie at (603)345-5997 by July 16<sup>th</sup>.



Come Join Us For  
*Dinner and a Movie*  
We'll watch  
*August Rush*

And enjoy a meal inspired by the music of this movie set in New York City. It is a story of lost and found. All are invited.

**When: Tuesday, July 25, 2023      Meal at 5:00      Movie to follow**

**Where: Vestry of the Lovell United Church of Christ, 1174 Main St., Lovell, ME**

**RSVP: Vicki 925-1444 (and find out what to bring to this special musical potluck)**

JOIN US  
*for*  
LUNCH

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***Thank you for your support!***