

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



November 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,

Even though by this month most, if not all, the hues of autumn have fallen, trees are stark, barren without the exuberant joy of September and October's colors, I still like this month. It is a time for getting things done that we may have put off. For getting that last corner of the lawn raked or the firewood put away or the lawnmower winterized, and the snow blower prepped! But I also like November because it brings what is perhaps my favorite holiday of the year, Thanksgiving.

You might be thinking, "Thanksgiving? I would think for a pastor it would be Christmas or Easter."

I like those "holi-days" well enough. Thanksgiving, for the most part overlooked by the merchandizers and the online marketers, hasn't become as crassly commercialized as the other two. Thanksgiving still carries a sense that it is about gathering, about family, about appreciating what we have without all the pressure of the finding that "perfect" gift or hosting the extravagant party.

Even in the world of Charles Shultz "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" is the least popular of the Big Three Peanuts holiday specials. But like the others there is something there for us to remind us of the "reason for the season."

Do you recall what the Peanuts gang end up with for their Thanksgiving meal?

Toast, popcorn, jellybeans, pretzels, and something that's either an ice cream sundae or a milkshake. And in the end despite Peppermint Patty's disapproval, it is a perfect Thanksgiving feast. Just as tradition tells us that the Pilgrims cobbled together whatever food they could, and took handouts of venison from Indigenous people, so the Peanuts Gang forages for a perfect kid-friendly meal and we are reminded that what truly matters is celebrating the holiday together.

It is my prayer that whether with family or friends, neighbors, or a broader community gathering you will be able to celebrate this Thanksgiving with a sense of simplicity and humble gratitude that can still be found in it.

Blessings,

Pastor Neil Wilson

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

Ladies Circle

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for October was Jacky Stearns and for November is Carolyn Carter. Nancy Olmsted, Sunshine Lady, sent out ten cards in September. The next regular business meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14, 10:00, with Lois Brown and Amanda Craigue as hostesses. The program will be making bows and decorating cones for use on wreaths to be sold at the Dec. 2 Snowflake Fair. At this point the sale will include: Greens, Food, Berry Bowls, Gifts, a special Thrift Shop Christmas booth and lunch. The Circle's schedule is shown below:

Nov. 14 10:00	Meeting
Nov. 27 9:00-12:00	Greens Day
Nov. 28 1:00-4:00	Greens Day
Nov. 29 9:00-12:00	Greens Day (if needed)
Dec. 1 (Fri) 9:00	Sale Set-Up?
Dec. 2 10:00-1:00	Snowflake Fair
Dec. 12 12:00	Christmas Celebration, Meeting & Lunch

There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle; 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 and Cadette/Brownie Troop 58 are meeting in the New Suncook School Art Room on Mondays, 2:30-4:00. Both of these troops for girls in grades K-2 have five girls each but are still accepting girl registrations. Troops 146/58 have been working on try-its and petals and have started planning for their Oct. 30 Juliette Lowe birthday party and Halloween celebration. Each of these troops is in need of another leader. A two-part on-line training is available, and a background check is required. Lovell Girl Scout Troop 3149 for grades 3-6 is full but is adding girls to a wait list. These girls and leaders meet on Fridays, 2:39-4:00 in the New Suncook School Art Room. An outing has been planned for each meeting, however, the 10/20 outing was cancelled due to rainy weather. For information, contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661, or lindalibby12345@outlook.com

COMMITTEE NEWS

TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met on Monday, Oct. 9, 7:00pm, in person and with ZOOM thanks to Kathy Dunham. This meeting included financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business items. Projects on the "to do" list include replacing the heating register in the left bathroom, clearing brush on the leach field, and replacing post coverings on the Vestry entryway. The sound issue has been added back on the "to do" list as well snow shoveling. The board also continues to update The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures Book. All boards and committees are reminded to submit their budget requests to the Trustees in October and to fill out their Employee Evaluation form by Nov. 5. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Nov. 13 and will include the above items and 2024 budget planning.

JOIN US
for
LUNCH

DRIVE-UP LUNCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE

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

\$5 PER PERSON

Fish chowder, crackers & a whoopie pie

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

All proceeds from this lunch will be used by the
LUCC Missions Committee for our annual
Christmas baskets for families in our community

Thank you for your
support!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION **Bible Adventures will start again on November 5th. 9:00-10:00 am for children age 4 and up.** Call the church office for more information. Don't miss the annual Halloween Drive up Trick or Treat event sponsored by Christian Ed. Coming up on Sunday, October 29th, 3:00-5:30.

MISSIONS We continue to support our local food pantries with donation boxes available in the church vestry. We have started work on our annual Christmas baskets. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a basket of holiday meal ingredients and a few gifts, please let us know. Many thanks to all the bakers and shoppers that made out Fall Bake Sale a huge success! Over \$600 was raised for the Christmas baskets.

CABINET Monthly Cabinet reports are available upon request. Please email Mary Heroux, Clerk at meheroux@gmail.com.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

Bible Adventure classes for children in grades K-6 are offered twice per month, November-May. Call the church office for more information. **1st class for this year will be held on November 5th, 9:00-10:00 am.**

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 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 9:30-10:30 and perform during worship monthly. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP.

STAY IN TOUCH



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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 December is November 12th.



We are frequently asked at the LUCC Thrift Store what we take and what we do not accept. We appreciate everyone's generosity in thinking of the Thrift Store. We welcome gently used clean items in good repair. We cannot sell rusty cookware, items which are broken, chipped, or have missing parts, clothing covered with pet fur (due to allergies), partial containers of toiletries, or soiled items. For any furniture, please ask first due to space constraints and our ability to move heavy objects. Thanks!



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Snowflake Fair

1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00-12:00

Balsam wreaths, berry bowls,
Christmas loft, baked goods and gifts!

Lunch will be available

Sponsored by the LUCC Ladies Circle



