

# Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St., Lovell, Maine



February 2024

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,

Here we are in February, and it seems that winter has finally arrived! It seems that even though we as we mark the days through December and January and it could snow any time, we're often not quite ready for that first significant snow of the season.

Jesus spoke about being ready for something he called the "End of the Age." He was clear in his warning that the day or the hour is not known to any of us, even the angels in heaven (Matthew 24:36), but calls us to be watchful, faithful, prepared.

Now, I'll have to say that I do not spend my days worrying about a "Second Coming" or an "End of the Age", but I believe Jesus' counsel is a fitting one, for who knows what any day may bring us. And while like the first snow of the year, we may not always be fully prepared for what life may bring us. Sudden sickness, that unexpected diagnosis, that loss of a loved one, and other surprises can find us ill-prepared. On the other hand I believe if we have a holy habit that includes time for prayer, meditation, reading and reflection on sacred scriptures of your faith, spending time in community with others seeking the same can help us weather the storms of life a little easier.

On a practical note, (in keeping with the being prepared theme) I want to share with you my storm cancelation policy. If the weather is forecasted to make for difficult travel on a Sunday morning or another day a church activity is scheduled, I will send out an email advising everyone to stay safe, stay home. Along with this an announcement will be put on News Center 6 Closings & Delays. I would rather see you the following week than have something happen and you have a mishap trying to get to worship in a storm! But unless I cannot get out of our driveway, I will be going into the church every Sunday. I have had a few occasions in the past where someone did not get the cancelations message and came to the church. I would like to be there if for no other reason than to make sure they get home safely.

Some of the events coming up in the month of February:

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sun. Feb. 4 following worship.

The Winter Tea Tues. Feb. 14, 1 – 3 p.m. A fun time with a full-service tea and entertainment. A seasonal favorite!

Cabin Fever Night Friday Feb. 23 6 p.m. Something from the past we are bringing back. It will be an evening of entertainment and fun where you are the entertainment and fun! We are looking for anyone with a talent to share, a humorous story to tell, poem to read, skit to share just about anything! Some have called it a talent show others the Lovell UCC version of the "Gong Show!" Whatever you want to call it we want it to be fun for all ages; something to break up the monotony of late winter. A soup and sandwich meal will be served.

Yours in service to our community,

*Pastor Neil Wilson*

## Ladies Circle

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer job for January is Nancy Olmsted and for February will be Sue Clout. At the Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, an election of officers was held. The 2023 slate will remain the same for 2024 except for the Treasurer. Heather Sawin took over this job as Treasurer as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Other officers for 2024 are: Linda Libby & Carolyn Carter-Co-Presidents, Pat Stearns & Mary Heroux-Co-Secretaries, Carolyn Carter & Mary Heroux-Devotions and Nancy Olmsted as Sunshine Lady. A thank-you gift was presented to Sue DeWire for her less than favorite job as Treasurer for the last four years. Heather Sawin will be taking over this job on Jan. 1 as part of her church bookkeeper job. The January program was a fun Bingo game. The next regular meeting will be on March 12 as the regular February meeting will not be held due to the 1:00 Valentine Tea coordinated by Sue Clout and Sue DeWire. Any business in February will be done by e-mail. Hostesses for the March meeting will be Carolyn Carter and Nancy Olmsted. The refreshments will be made by ladies using original recipes used in a 1976 church cookbook. Fruit Baskets will be put together and delivered by Nancy Olmsted and Sue DeWire the weekend of Jan. 20-21. On Jan. 23, the group will be meeting for breakfast at 10:00. Location tba. Carolyn Carter will be checking for information on name plates for 20 vestry chairs now that we have a list of past Ladies Circle officers prepared by Linda Libby. 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)

celebrated Christmas during their meeting on Jan. 8. They enjoyed special refreshments, a craft and games. Due to the holiday, the troop did not meet on Jan. 15. Their meeting on Jan. 22 will include a mini-Court of Awards. Girls will be invested into Girl Scouts and receive their tunics/sashes and pins. Parents will be invited to come ½ hour early to pick girls up. Troop 3149 for grades 3-6 meets on Fridays in the Art Room 2:30-4:00, with leaders Andrea Walker and Andrea Goodwin. Both of these troops will be attending the GS Cookie Rally at Lake Region High School on Jan. 27. For information, contact: Linda Libby, 925-3661, or [lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)

## Boards and Committees

**TRUSTEES** The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met on Monday, Jan. 8, 7:00pm, in person and with ZOOM thanks to Kathy Dunham. Lois Brown joined us from Florida. 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



### **DRIVE-UP LUNCH**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE**

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

**\$5 PER PERSON**

**American Chop Suey, roll & dessert**

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

**All proceeds from this lunch will be donated to our  
local food pantries**

**Thank you for your  
support!**

## Lovell Girl Scouts

Daisy Troop 146 and Cadette/Brownie Troop 58 are still meeting in the New Suncook School Art Room on Mondays, 2:30-4:00. Andrea Walker will be temporarily filling in for Danielle Moore. The Dec. meeting was cancelled so girls finally

bathroom, looking into purchasing a new lap top, ZOOM costs, curtains for the vestry to help with the sound issue, drinking water dispenser to help with water issues, snow shoveling schedule and Thrift Shop lighting. The generator item was tabled and a new snowblower has been purchased. The board also continues to update The Lovell UCC Policies and Procedures Book when meeting time allows. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Feb. 12.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Bible Adventures for February will be held on the 4th from 9:00-10:00 am for children age 4 and up. Call the church office for more information.

**MISSIONS** We continue to support our local food pantries with donation boxes available in the church vestry. If you, or someone you know, is in need of a frozen meal or emergency food items, please contact the church office.

**CABINET** Monthly Cabinet reports are available upon request. Please email Mary Heroux, Clerk at [meheroux@gmail.com](mailto:meheroux@gmail.com).

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### **CHILDREN**

Bible Adventure classes for children in grades K-6 are offered once per month, November-May. Call the church office for more information.

### **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.

### **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

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### **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**

### **LUC Thrift Shop**

**OPEN WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS**

**10:00-2:00**

\$2/Bag sale the last Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Follow us on Facebook for additional sales.

#### **HELP WANTED**

**Do you ever have an hour or so to spare? Want to meet new people, and make new friends while getting a bit of exercise (as much or as little as you want)?**

**Drop by the church almost any Tuesday or Thursday morning between 8-10 or so, and join in the fun. And we do have fun! The task is sorting the generous donations which come in daily to the Thrift Shop donation shed. Many are priceless treasures; some things we never do figure out! The Thrift Shop is a huge community outreach project which grows continually, as well as being a major source of church funding. Projects are available both indoors and outdoors, sitting or standing or doing the stairs.**

**All are welcome!**

**The Circuit Rider  
submission deadline  
for March  
is February 18th**

### **STAY IN TOUCH**

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# COOKING FOR CROWDS

Winter 2024



## Food Safety Training for Volunteer Cooks

A workshop on safe food handling designed specifically for volunteers! Learn up-to-date methods for safely preparing, handling and serving food for large group functions.



### Date & Time:

Thursday, February 1, 2024  
Snow Date: 2/2/24  
1:00 PM - 4:00PM

### Where:

Lovell United Church of Christ  
Center Lovell, Maine

### Materials Fee:

\$15.00 per person  
(paid to instructor at the class)

### Registration:

To register, contact Vickie Royer, Chairperson  
(207) 925-1444  
Registration Deadline: 1/25/2024

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation please contact Kathy Savoie at 207.781.6099 or ksavoie@maine.edu by January 26, 2024.

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## Winter Tea Party

**Lovell United Church of Christ  
Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00**

The Ladies Circle of the Lovell United Church of Christ is hosting a winter tea with a Valentine Theme.

Wear your best hat!

Please call Sue Clout at 925-6875 to reserve your space.

Regular and decaffeinated tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets will be served.

There will be a group picture (with our hats on, of course!) and the fun won't stop there. You'll be entertained by music and readings during the afternoon. Cards will be provided for anyone who would like to help fill out some Valentines for the residents of the Maine Veterans Home.

**Please join us! It's sure to be a lovely afternoon.**

A Cure for



## A CABIN FEVER

**Friday, February 23 6:00 pm**

**Soup and Sandwich dinner**

**Fun and entertainment! If you have "talent act" to share, please sign up with Carolyn Carter 928-2080**

**This event is FREE and all are welcome!**



## SHROVE TUESDAY

**Join us for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Tuesday, February 13 6:00 pm  
as we prepare for the season of Lent.  
All are welcome!**

\*Gluten free and dairy free options will be available

