

Lovell United Church of Christ
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The Circuit Rider

November 2024



Sunday worship 10:30 am Church office: (207)925-1321 Email: info@lovellucc.org

Dear friends,

November finds its root in the Latin word *novem*- meaning “nine.” In the Roman calendar there were only 10 months in the year, and November was the ninth month. I imagine there are some of you who might like a ten-month year if this you could choose the two months to eliminate. If you did, which two months would you choose?

Many might say January and February, the coldest snowiest months. But I would make a good argument for May and June, the black fly and mosquito months! Others might say the month or two we call “mud season.” But alas, we have twelve and we are entering the darker time of the year for us northern hemispherians (is this a word?)

November is known as the month for remembering. As the church’s liturgical year comes to a close it is a time of remembering. November 1st is All Saints Day in the Lovell UCC. We celebrate this on the first Sunday when we remember all those church members and loved ones who have passed away during the year. We will read their names, light a candle and ring a bell.

There is also November 11, Veterans Day, when we remember the end of World War 1 and honor those

who have served in our nation’s military. November of course is the month in which, here in the United States, we have chosen to celebrate Thanksgiving, a day for remembering the blessings we have experienced in our lives. Remembering is also a spiritual discipline. Psalm 105 is a good example of this.

*Remember the wonders God has done,
God’s miracles, and the judgments God pronounced, (v. 5)*

*God brought out God’s people with rejoicing,
the chosen ones with shouts of joy; (v. 43)*

So, whatever it is you may be facing, take this month to remember and grab a hold of hope; remember and find courage; remember and set forward in faith.



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Yours in remembering,

Pastor Neil Wilson

P.S. Oh yes, I would be remiss if I didn't remind you to remember on November 3 to set your clocks back an hour and also on November 5 "Remember to Vote" day!

JOIN US
for
LUNCH

DRIVE-UP LUNCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

AT THE

LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1174 MAIN ST., LOVELL, MAINE

10:00-12:00

\$5 PER PERSON

Fish chowder, crackers & dessert

Just drop by or call Joyce at

928-3132 to reserve your meal

All proceeds from this lunch will be

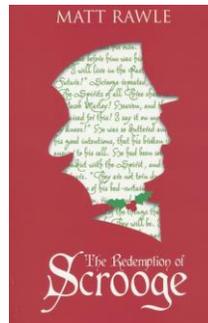
donated to the LUCC Mission

Committee for their annual

Christmas baskets

Thank you for your support!

NEW!



**Advent Bible Study
at LUCC**

Tuesday, 11/26

Tuesday, 12/3

TBD

Tuesday, 12/16

10:30-12:00

All are welcome!



FOOD PANTRIES-The Lovell UCC supports the Lovell Area Food Pantry and the Sweden Food Pantry monthly with non-perishable food and misc. items. Both Food Pantries serve Lovell as well as additional areas.

If you would like to support this vital mission, there are collection containers on the left inside the vestry door. Please check dates of food carefully (NO outdated items). Cleaning supplies, toilet paper, toiletries and laundry soap are all items that are greatly appreciated also. In addition to the monthly collection the Mission Committee designates a portion of their yearly budget to the Food Pantries and throughout the year with funds from designated Drive Up Lunches. Thank you for helping Lovell UCC care for our neighbors and friends.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – In November and December the Mission Committee focuses on the distribution of Christmas Baskets to those who might need a bit of cheer and goodwill during the holidays. Approximately 20 baskets are compiled of items for a full holiday meal as well as gifts for every family member. If you know of someone or a family that could use a Christmas Basket, please call the church office at 925-1321 and speak with Pastor Neil or Heather. ALL names are confidential.



TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met Monday, Oct. 14, 7:00pm, in person. ZOOM, if needed, will be available for meetings. This meeting included financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business. The “to do” list has changed. The purchase of a new stove was added back on the list at the request of Cabinet members. This purchase was approved by Trustees then referred to the Cabinet who also approved the purchase. Information sheets were made available on Oct. 13, an informational meeting was held on Oct. 20 followed by a membership vote on Oct. 27 to approve the purchase. Sealcoating and striping of the parking lot has been completed. The generator which was donated for use at the Parsonage has been sent out for service. Arrangements for plowing and shoveling have been completed. Employee review survey forms are available and need to be completed and returned by No. 11. Boards and committees have been requested to submit their budget requests to Trustees by their Nov. 11 meeting. For more information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or Farwell Sawin, Jr, 925-1517

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Bible Adventures for children will be held next on 11/10 at 9:00 am. It’s never too late to join us! Evening Bible Study is held on the **1st & 3rd Wednesday of November & December** at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!



LADIES CIRCLE

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for October is Jacky Stearns and Mary Heroux is responsible for November. The Ladies Circle photo albums are now up to date and stored in the church library room. The Ladies also voted to donate \$199 to Daisy Troop 146 to help with the cost of tunics, insignia and petal sets. The program at our October meeting was flower arranging with Sarah Sawin Whiton. Ladies brought in whatever they had for flowers plus other filler materials. The results were some really beautiful arrangements to take home. The November 12 program will be making bows and wiring cones to use on wreaths to be sold at our Dec. 7 Holiday Fair. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group as schedules allow. Contacts: Linda Libby 925-3661, lindalibby12345@outlook.com or Carolyn Carter 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com



All our Lovell Girl Scouts have resumed meetings. Daisy Troop 146 (K & 1) and Brownie Troop 58 (2 & 3) are meeting at New Suncook School and Jr/Cadette Troop 3149 (4 & up) is meeting at Molly Ockett Middle School. The Daisy troop has seven girls and leader, Linda Libby, has welcomed two additional leaders, Jammie Graves and Morgan Trott. At their meeting on Oct. 24, the girls will celebrate Halloween and also the birthday of Juliette Lowe, the founder of Girl Scouts in the USA. The girls have earned their promise circle and first petal, Honest and Fair. Brownie Troop 58 with leaders Danielle Moore and Andrea Walker have been working on badges and will be carving pumpkins at one of their next meetings. Junior/Cadette Troop 3149 with leaders Andrea Waker and Andrea Goodwin will be doing an overnight at Lovell UCC in November and also a trip to Boston. To help with cost, the girls will be selling crafts at the FA Craft Sale on Nov. 24. Registrations for girls and adult volunteers are still being accepted. For more information, contact lindalibby12345@outlook.com or 925-3661

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 Wednesday of each month (Oct-May). 6:30-9:00 pm. FMI contact Vicki at 925-1444. ***Please note That this group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday during November and December.**

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



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 source of church funding. Projects are available both indoors and outdoors, sitting or standing or doing the stairs. All are welcome!

Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor

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Monday 9:00-1:00

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Call or text (260)849-1512

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are on life's journey,
you're welcome here**

