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The Circuit Rider 2025

Sunday worship 10:30 am

Church office: (207)925-1321 Email: info@lovellucc.org



Dear friends,

I thought I would take this month to highlight a couple of the ministries of this church and the impacts they have beyond this church. After all, the church should be an organization whose purpose is to benefit those beyond its walls as much if not more than those within its membership. These are activities that are often mentioned in the Circuit Rider that might be good to go into a little more depth than just open hours and lists.

One of the focuses of our church's Mission committee is the support of both of our Lovell and Sweden Food Pantries. Beyond the usual food items collected, we have learned that the needs of our neighbors can be for items other than edible. So, we also collect consumables like laundry and dish soap, shampoo and bath soap, paper towels and toilet paper. We gather these items in the church vestry and deliver them to the food pantries on a monthly basis.

The second ministry to highlight is the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is a true community effort. There are approximately 40 volunteers from both church and the community, seasonal and year-round residents.

Beyond providing good quality used clothing and household items at a reasonable cost (the \$2 bag days!) the Thrift Shop supports organizations like Apparel Impact, (see www.apparelimpact.com for more information), books for our local PTA, Preble Street Mission, free children's books for families during school vacations, emergency supplies for teachers, emergency clothing for homeless, emergency assistance victims of fire/flood, in short if a need is known the Thrift Shop is there to help in whatever means they can.

The next time you visit the Thrift Shop on your way down the stairs take a look at the sign on the left for a more complete list of the many ways the Thrift Shop benefits our community.

These are just a couple of the ministries of the Lovell United Church of Christ as we seek to be the hands, feet, eyes and ears of Christ in our local communities and beyond.

Yours in service to others,

Pastor Neil Wilson

22nd Annual Lovell United Church of Christ Thrift Shop Fashion Show & Ice Cream Social



Tuesday, July 8th

7:00 pm

Lovell United Church of Church

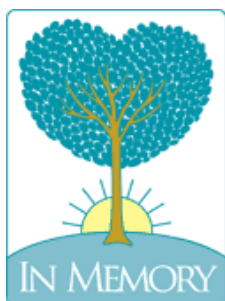
1174 Main St.

Lovell, ME 04051

FREE All are welcome!



To everyone who contributed to the successful Benefit Dinner for Joyce Furtado on May 24. We had over 50 volunteers. This community really came together. Thank you to Lovell Volunteer Fire Dept. for opening the station.



In place of our July Drive-Up Lunch we will hold a Celebration of Life service to remember our dear friend and lunch lady extraordinaire, Joyce Furtado

11:00 am at LUCC

**A picnic lunch will follow
All are welcome!**



Drive Up Lunches

Aug. 30 10:00-12:00

Italian Sandwich, chips and a brownie
Benefit: Sunshine Backpack Food Program
Call Nancy at 925-1831 if you would like to reserve a meal, or just stop by.

NO DRIVE-UP LUNCH IN SEPT. Enjoy the Fryeburg Fair

October 25 will be a combined Mission FALL BAKE SALE and Drive- Up Lunch.

Look for more details to come

Food Pantries Pick of the Month for July
Cleaning Supplies (sponges, spray cleaners, dish soap etc.) Items are donated to the Lovell Area Food Pantry and Sweden Food Pantry. Drop off anytime in the Church vestry. **Pick of the Month for August/Sept – Toilet Paper**

The Blessing Shelf – This shelf is located on the wall by the Thrift Shop entrance. Take what you need and leave what you can. Items like microwave pouches or cups, fruit cups, granola bars, box mixes, toilet paper etc. may be left on the shelf for anyone in need to grab.

Mission Committee will meet Monday, July 14 @9:30 am. NO meeting in August



**Lovell United Church of Christ
1174 Main St.
Lovell, Maine
August 2, 2025**

**9:00 am- until we run out!
Assorted homemade pies \$15 each**



TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met Monday, June 9, 7:00pm. This meeting included the usual financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business. Several items on the "to do" list were completed. The Parsonage was made ready for VBS June 16-20 and the stage was added to the church sanctuary as well as VBS scenery. Funds were approved to purchase a laptop for the Church Clerk. Checking into Parsonage electricity costs is still on the list

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Bible Adventures for Families will resume in October. Evening Bible Study will hold an annual **Dinner and a Movie night on Wednesday, July 30 starting at 5:00 pm.** More information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS. Your faith and service were invaluable for a successful week. It takes a village. You are a blessing to all.

With gratitude, Vicki

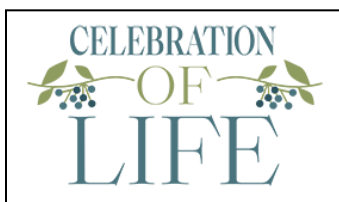


LADIES CIRCLE

The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for June is Pat Stearns and Donna Fowlie for July and Linda Libby for August. Carolyn Carter coordinated the annual Church World Service project with donations of \$1300 which included a final donation from the Ladies Circle of \$49.00. The 21 people who attended the June 10 luncheon held at the Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison enjoyed great food and fellowship. Linda Johnson and helpers did a wonderful job coordinating this Hawaiian themed thank you event. The Circle has arranged for the vestry and kitchen floors to be refinished from noon June 26 through the evening of June 27. The July 8 meeting program will be to set up for the 7:00pm 22nd Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show. Sue Clout will be chairing this fun event so don't miss your chance to find just the "right" Thrift Shop outfit to model. An ice cream social will follow the show. The Circle's 5th Annual Pie Sale will take place on Saturday, August 2 starting at 9:00. Hope you are all choosing your pie recipe. Pie pans and boxes will be available for your use. On August 12, the Circle will not have a regular business meeting but will travel to Newry to visit Donna Fowlie. There are no membership requirements for Ladies Circle so all are welcome to join the group as schedules allow. Contacts: Carter 928-2080, cecarter1994@gmail.com. [or Linda Libby 925-3661, lindalibby12345@outlook.com](mailto:lindalibby12345@outlook.com)



All of our Lovell Girl Scout troops are taking a break until Lovell Old Home Days in July and the Apple-Mountain Service Unit August 23 GS Fun Event at Fryeburg Fair Grounds. The cookie sale is officially finished, however, cookies are still available by either a message for Jammie at 603-452-8494 or e-mail Linda at lindalibby12345@outlook.com to place an order. A GS Bridging & Fly-up Ceremony was held on June 8, 1:30-2:30, at Lovell UCC. This Court of Awards included girls bridging/flying up to the next GS level as well as girls receiving earned badges and awards. Refreshments were enjoyed by all after the ceremony. Registrations for girls and adult volunteers at a reduced fee ended June 15 with future girl membership fees increasing to \$60. Adult fees will remain at \$30. At least two leaders are required in order for a troop to meet. At this point two leaders are needed in order for all troops to continue. Registration, online training and background checks are required. For more information, contact lindalibby12345@outlook.com or 925-3661



A service to celebrate the Life of Al Stearns will be held at LUCC on Saturday, July 12 at 10:30 am. Reception to follow 12:00-2:00 at the Lovell Historical Society.

Ongoing programs:



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Bible Adventure classes for families 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.

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.

KNITTING AND CRAFTING GROUP

Meets the first Thursday of each month in the vestry, 6:30 pm. Bring a project to work on and join the fun! All are welcome.

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

Pastor's office hours:

Monday 9:00-1:00

Wednesday 9:00-1:00

Email: pastor@lovellucc.org

Call or text (260)849-1512

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