



The Circuit Rider 2025

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



Dear friends,

Continuing with the focus of my previous Circuit Rider letter this month I would like to highlight a couple more of the ministries of this church and the impact they have beyond the church. As I said last time, 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.

The first is one some of you may be quite aware of, our Monthly Drive-up Lunches. Pioneered by our beloved member Joyce Furtado who has since passed away, the intent was twofold, 1) to provide folks with a simple but good meal at a very reasonable cost during Covid, and 2) with any monies raised support a local organization that is serving our community and beyond. While we made it through all the Covid restrictions the Drive-up lunches continued. And even with the passing of Joyce the church felt it fitting to continue them as a way of honoring Joyce's efforts to serve people in our community.

Over the years the proceeds from these lunches have supported the Lovell and Sweden Food Pantries, the Sunshine Backpack Food Program-serving the children of MSAD 72, the Christmas Baskets, and assisting with local emergency needs.

The other is our annual summer Vacation Bible School. While we lost a quite a bit of ground during the years of Covid the Board of Christian Education is working diligently to bring our VBS back. This means reaching out to a new group of families as the families and children that had been participants are now older and beyond the age VBS seeks to serve.

This is a fun week for the children (even the adult leaders have fun!) Skits, games, science experiments, Sticky Scriptures, Bible Adventures and more are all part of the fun to be had at VBS.

If you have children or grandchildren that are between the ages of kindergarten and fifth grade, we encourage you to consider sending them to our Vacation Bible School. It is always held right after school lets out for the summer and before the Lovell Rec program begins.

These are a couple more 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.

In a time when many things can seem uncertain and the future perhaps unpredictable, it is my prayer that the Lovell United Church of Christ will be a steady force for good and hope as we serve Lovell and the area communities in the name of Christ.

Yours in service to others,

Pastor Neil Wilson



Take-Out Harvest Supper

Tables available at LUCC if you choose to eat your take-out meal here.
No table service.

Lovell United Church of Christ

1174 Main St.

Lovell, Maine

Saturday, September 6th

5:00-6:30 pm (or until we run out!)

\$15 per person

Please PRE-ORDER by calling Elsa at 928-3100

Corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, turnip, bread and apple or
pumpkin pie

All proceeds benefit the work of the Lovell United Church of Christ



Drive Up Lunches : 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:

Personal Items: Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, deodorant, etc. Please leave items on the rolling cart shelf marked Food Pantry in the vestry of the church.

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.





TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees did not meet in August. Their next meeting at 7:00 on Sept. 8 will include the usual financial reports, investment reports, old business and new business. Discussion of a possible Medical Supply Closet in the Parsonage, insurance status, 2026 budget requests and "Dream" items will be listed on the agenda. Checking into Parsonage electricity costs will continue to be an agenda item. For more information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or Farwell Sawin, Jr, 925-1517.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Bible Adventures for Families and Evening Bible Study will resume in October. More information to come in the October Circuit Rider.



LADIES CIRCLE The Church Kitchen Clean-Up volunteers are Lois Brown for September and Nancy Olmsted for October. The Circle's 5th Annual Pie Sale took place on Saturday, August 2 starting at 9:00. Over 50 pies were sold as well as some produce giving the Circle \$901 to add to their account. On August 12, the Circle traveled to Newry to visit Donna Fowlie. A delicious lunch and good fellowship was enjoyed by all thanks to Donna. August 11, 2026, "Trip to Donna's" has already been added to the Circle's calendar. Hostesses for the Sept. 9 meeting will be Sue Clout and Lois Brown. The program will be "Show & Tell" so be sure to bring an item to talk about. The October 14 program will be presented by Sarah Sawin Whiton about flowers. The Harvest Supper is coming right up on Sept. 6 and sign-up sheets for food donations and workers are available in the vestry. 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. [or](#) Linda Libby 925-3661, lindalibby12345@outlook.com



Our Lovell Girl Scout troops are starting to get organized. Daisy GS Troop 146 for girls in grades K & 1 will begin meeting in the Art Room at New Suncook School on Thurs., Sept. 18, 2:30-4:00, with leaders Jammie Graves and Linda Libby. These girls attended the ice cream social at the Lovell Rec. Field on Aug. 14 and will be attending the Ooey-Goey GS Event at Fryeburg Fairgrounds on Aug. 23. Brownie/Jr. Troop 58 for girls in grades 2-5 will be led by Andrea Walker and Vicki Royer. Meeting day and time to be determined. Troop 3149 for girls in grades 6-9 will start meeting on Friday, Sept. 5, at Molly Ockett Middle School with leaders Andrea Walker and Andrea Goodwin. These girls were busy this past summer with participation in the GSME "The Amazing Race" Event in Portland, a trip to Vermont and sponsoring the Aug. 14 Ice Cream Social. GS troops cannot meet without two registered, trained adult volunteers with the required background check. For more information, contact lindalibby12345@outlook.com or 925-3661



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.



Do you love to knit, cross stitch, sew, etc.? Would you like to be inspired to try something new? Come join this group of like-minded friends on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome, come when you can, bring your own project to work on, and join the fun!

The NEXT meeting will be September 4th in the vestry, here at LUCC.

Maybe it's time to get started on your holiday gift crafting? What better way to get going than to join others doing the same thing!

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you're welcome here**

