



The Circuit Rider

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



Dear friends,

I have been asked and have often wondered myself how the tradition of eggs became associated with Easter.

There is the thought that it dates back to a pre-Christian folk custom among the Germanic peoples of Europe of the springtime festivities of a Germanic goddess known in Old English as Ēostre (namesake of modern English *Easter*.) Eggs have been a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth across many cultures dating back at least to 5000 BCE when the Sumerians and Egyptians associated eggs with death and rebirth.

There have been several reasons put forth by the church over the years. One of them is that Easter eggs symbolize rebirth (as mentioned above), new life, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The egg serves as a reminder of the empty tomb out of which new life emerges on Easter.

Another idea was that the egg was used as a teaching tool to explain the puzzling concept of the Trinity. An egg is one but within the egg is a yolk, white and shell. Three parts, one egg. (Yeah, I know it never worked for me either!)

The coloring of eggs reportedly began with Christians in the Orthodox tradition who stained the eggs red as a reminder of the crucifixion and the blood of Christ.

The reality is that this tradition as we know it today probably began simply because during the medieval times eggs were not eaten as part of the 40 day fast. But chickens do not stop laying eggs during that time. So, when Easter rolled around there was an abundance of eggs!

What do we do with them? I know, we'll boil them and paint them! It wasn't long before someone thought, "Why not make some chocolate as well! After all, chocolate is often a food item that is given up during Lent!"

So, there is my take on the role of eggs and Easter. Choose the one you prefer and as you break your fast with that Cadbury Crème Egg, celebrate, give thanks for the Resurrection of Christ, the return of Spring and Chocolate!

Yours in the spirit of all things good,

Pastor Neil Wilson

P.S. I'm not even going to get into the strange concept of how and why a rabbit was ever given the responsibility for distributing the eggs!



- 3/29 Palm Sunday
- 4/2 Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae and Communion 5:30
- 4/3 Good Friday Prayer Vigil 12:00-9:00 (sign up in the church vestry)
- 4/5 Easter worship: sunrise service (G407 West Lovell Rd) 6:00 am
worship at LUCC 10:30

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION -Lovell UCC supports the Lovell Area Food Pantry and Sweden Food Pantry monthly with a collection of needed items. At this time the need is great and Food Pantry resources are being used to purchase food staples. The **“Pantry Pick of the Month for April and May”** is applesauce (cups or jars), fruit (canned or cups) and dried fruit (raisins, craisins, etc.). Please drop your items in the church vestry in the bins marked Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!!!!



DRIVE-UP LUNCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
AT THE
LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST LOVELL, MAINE
10:00-12:00
\$5 PER PERSON

Vegetable/ground beef stew, biscuit and a cookie
Just drop by or call Nancy at 925-1831 to reserve your meal

All proceeds from this lunch will benefit the
Church World Service Blankets
(Over 17,000 blankets were distributed in numerous disasters in 2025. FMI go to www.cwsglobal.org)
Thank you for your support!



AND

Saturday, April 25
10:00-12:00

A variety of baked items (including gluten free) will be available.
Proceeds will benefit Chris' Haven of Hope in Bryant Pond, ME.
This is a newly established 18 bed live-in sober house.



TRUSTEES The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met on March 9. As usual, this meeting included financial reports, old business and new business. The music/choir Director's contract, the Pastor's Call Agreement, and the Office Administrator's confirmation letter are now signed and on file. March 22 following worship was set for a meeting to explain Lovell UCC'S financial procedures. The Job Assignments Schedule was finalized and will be posted by the office door. The Trustee's Standard Operating Procedures was approved with one change. Since there is a need for a Large Gathering Standard Operating Procedure, a joint meeting will be scheduled soon with the Board of Diaconate. The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or Jan Newhouse 928-3100.



LADIES CIRCLE The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteers are Carolyn Carter for March and Nancy Olmsted for April. At the March 10 meeting, Sue DeWire as hostess served her usual excellent refreshments as well as provided the program of painting Easter ornaments. Several of our usual ladies were missing due to illness or traveling. Carolyn Carter will be overseeing the Church World Service program April 23 to May 3. CWS Blanket Sunday will be held on Mother's Day, May 10. The Circle voted to pay the balance of \$21.20 to the Prayer Shawl Ministry special account with the understanding that additional funds would be available upon request. Nancy Olmsted will be hostess at the April 14 meeting and the program will be by Sue Clout answering technology questions. Ladies are requested to write their questions down and e-mail them to Sue prior to the meeting. 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



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!! Daisy Troop 146 will have cookies available after worship at Lovell UCC on March 15 and along with Troops 58 and 3149 will be having booth sales before the sale end on May 1. In honor of the Girl Scout birthday on March 12 all the troops have been learning about GS around the world. Brownie Troop 58 will be having an overnight at Lovell UCC on March 21 and recently visited Dr. Candice MacElroy's office to learn what a physician does. They are working on their snack badge and will make rainbow fruit kabobs to be given to teachers on St. Patrick's Day. Multi Troop 3149 has been VERY busy. In January they visited Eco Rock in Portland to try rock climbing and also earned their First Aid Badge by learning CPR from Fryeburg Rescue. In February the troop took fleece blankets they had made to Camp Sunshine and learned what the camp does for families and children with cancer. Also during February, the troop went bowling in Fryeburg and is now planning a visit to Long Shores Aquarium and a camping trip to Pondicherry GS Camp in May. For more information, contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 or lindalibby12345@outlook.com

Ongoing programs:



STORIES IN THE WIND

Sunday morning adult bible study held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. The theme is The Parables of Jesus. All are welcome!

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.



Open to all crafters who wish to join us for fellowship, help with a craft, inspiration and fun!

The next meeting will be April 9th, 6:30 PM in the vestry here at Lucc.
Come join us! All are welcome.

Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor

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Monday 9:00-1:00

Wednesday 9:00-1:00

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