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The Circuit Rider

Sunday worship 10:30 am

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Friends,

Some of you may not know that I am a licensed glider pilot.

First, let me be clear, this is not hang gliding, this is flying in an aircraft without an engine. (I know that probably sounds just as crazy!) I have logged over 100 motorless flights in this glider and others.

I haven't flown for several years but recently have been thinking about getting back into it which has had me reflecting on the dynamics of motorless flight.

The first dynamic: gravity! Gliders are always falling. This is called the sink rate. Which, depending on the glider, can be anywhere between 60 to 180 feet per minute.

The other is the glide ratio of the glider which can range from 23-1 to 60-1. This means that for every foot vertically in altitude you can fly 23 or 60 feet horizontally. For example, a glider 1000 feet above the ground in still air could fly for at least 23,000 feet or a little over 4 miles. For comparison a Cessna 172 has a glide ratio of is 9-1.

The challenge is that the atmosphere is always moving even on those "still" days. As glider pilots we are concerned about the type of air mass we are flying through, is it rising or sinking? Rising air (referred to as Lift) is supplied in different ways. A thermal rising, wind blowing up the side of a mountain or ridge, and something called mountain wave lift. Sink is also found for "what goes up must come down" somewhere!

As glider pilots we are constantly searching for lift to keep us aloft. Especially lift that is rising faster than the glider is dropping! When this happens, the feeling is almost beyond description! I have circled with ravens, hawks and seagulls; climbed at over 1,000 feet per minute, soaring to altitudes of over 10,000 feet and remained aloft for almost three hours!

Life can be sort of like searching for lift as a glider pilot. As we make our way through our days and weeks, our journey through the years, what sort of situations and people do we have around us? What sort of atmosphere do they create for us to fly through? Sinking or buoyant air?

And conversely what sort of air are we for others? Do we lift them up or do we pull them down. Perhaps we think we are neutral? But remember as with a glider in motionless air you are still dropping. Let us work to have a positive influence on the lives of those around us.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

For those of us who consider ourselves followers of Jesus we would do well to remember his words in John's gospel "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (10:10)

May your summer days be filled with beautiful skies and plenty of lift. And may each of us strive to be the lift in the lives of those around us that they may soar with us!

Pastor Neil Wilson

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.

PANTRY PICK FOR LOVELL AND SWEDEN FOOD PANTRIES FOR July and August is **snacks-granola bars, cereal bars, crackers, etc.** Support the Lovell and Sweden Area Food Pantries by dropping items at Lovell UCC in the Vestry on the wire rack left of the door.



DRIVE-UP LUNCH

SATURDAY, JULY 25

LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1174 MAIN ST LOVELL, MAINE

10:00-12:00

\$5 PER PERSON

Next month-August 29:

Pasta salad (vegetable or meat), watermelon & dessert

to benefit the Sunshine

Backpack Food Program

serving the children of MSAD

#72

Italian Sandwich, chips and a cookie

Just drop by or call Nancy at 925-1831 to reserve your meal

**All proceeds from this lunch will benefit the
The LUCC Mission Fund for ongoing Mission needs. Thank you for your support!**

All Church Yard Sale

Sponsored by the Lovell UCC Thrift Shop

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

AT THE

LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1174 MAIN ST LOVELL, MAINE

9:00-1:00

Rain or shine



Sporting goods, household items, garden supplies, artwork, furniture, books, record albums, DVDs, CDs, toys, clothing, too much to list!

Thrift Shop \$2/Bag Sale



TRUSTEES:

The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met on June 8. As usual, this meeting included financial reports, old business and new business. Discussion and updates were reported on the Trustees' responsibilities included in the recent safety meeting. Pastor Neil and grandson, Grady, have agreed to take care of grounds maintenance. Several items on the "to do" list have been completed but the list now includes roofing a second entrance, adding an additional smoke alarm in the sanctuary, another light for the Thrift Shop, adding additional parking, review of Standard Operating Procedures as well as Parsonage use. The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for June July 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 Pat Stearns for June and Donna Fowlie for July. The hostesses for the June 9 Luncheon, Sue Clout and Sue DeWire, did a wonderful job. The 23 Ladies Circle and Thrift Shop ladies enjoyed great food and fellowship. The total donated for Church World Service kits and blankets totaled \$1640. And the Circle added \$60 to bring the total to \$1700. Besides CWS, Carolyn Carter also coordinated Graduate Sunday gifts of cards, bibles and a \$25 gift card. Ladies should also save the date of July 14 as that is the date of our 23rd Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show and Ice Cream Social. It's not too early to find that perfect Thrift Shop outfit to model. Linda Johnson will be hostess for the July 14 meeting, and the program will be to set up for the 7:00 Fashion Show. 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 Scouts were represented at the June 8 Lovell Outreach Day and information was received on two new girls who may be joining GS in the fall. A Lovell Girl Scout Court of Awards was held on Sunday, June 7, 2:00 at Lovell UCC. Harper Merrill bridged from Daisy Troop 146 to Brownie Troop 58 and Gracelyn Capuano, Savannah Hutchins and Taya Richards bridged from Juniors to Cadette Troop 3149. All other Girl Scouts received awards and badges. Daisies attended a Service Unit Event on June 17 in Poland at the "Mr. Drew and Animals too" site. Daisy Troop 146 has ended its collection of food items for Harvest Hills and plans are being made for a visit to deliver all the donations. Several of the girls are registered for Pondicherry GS Camp, and Troop 3149 will be participating in the Boston GSME Amazing Race in August. Leaders for the 2026-27 GS year will be Daisy Troop 146 – Jammie Graves & Samantha Fox, Brownie/Junior Troop 58 – Vicki Royer & Linda Libby and Cadette/Senior Troop 3149- Andrea Walker & Andrea Goodwin. For more information, contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 or lindalibby12345@outlook.com

Ongoing programs:



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. ***Annual Dinner and a Movie event will be held on July 22nd at 5:00. Contact Vicki for more information. All are welcome!**

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.



Dinner and A Movie

"The Boys in the Boat"

When: Wednesday, July 22

Meal at 5:00.

Movie to start at 5:30.

Dessert and discussion to follow.

Where: Vestry of Lovell UCC

RSVP: Vicki at 925-1444 (and find out what to bring to this 1936 inspired potluck.)



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

The next meetings will be

July 2nd & Aug 6th,

6:30 PM in the vestry here at LUCC.

Come join us! All are welcome.

Rev. Neil H. Wilson, Pastor

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you're welcome here**

