



The Circuit Rider

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



Dear friends,

One of my projects this summer has been to build a small shed to store our generator, snowblower, a chainsaw and fuel containers, you know all the stuff a prepared Mainer needs!

I am currently keeping all this in one of those small Shelter Logic type tarp covered storage sheds which has a couple of tears letting in the rain and snow and this is the second replacement cover. The new shed will be made of wood with steel roofing and will be closer to the house to make for easier access to the generator when those winter storms hit. So, this should be just a transfer of location.

Over the years when I have built previous sheds or added storage space in a garage, I found that I filled the new space and didn't really clear up any of the old space. I have found this to be particularly true with bookshelves!

There is a name for this phenomenon, "Parkinson's Law." This law is "The corollary that possessions increase to fill the space available for their storage."

Other names for this are "clutter expansion" or "induced demand." The real issue is that creating space only solves a logistical problem not a behavioral one! Ouch!

I can hear Thoreau echoing in the empty shelves of my mind, "Simplify, Simplify, Simplify!"

I have vowed that this will not be the case this time. And so far, this has held to be the case. But I still have the doors to complete, and nothing has actually been moved into it yet.

Having moved seven times over the years Donna and I have become better at simplifying our lives, especially possessions. And of all the parsonages and homes we have lived in our current abode is the smallest. So, I am working at both parts of Parkinson's Law. Not allowing our possessions to increase and to change the behavior that is at the root of it all.

How about you? Have you run up against Parkinson's Law?

How did you manage? Or did you like me in the past fill the new space and still have a garage full of "stuff"?

It is a cute little shed even if I say so myself! It is also a sturdy unit. I think the floor will not only hold my Ariens snowblower but one of the Town of Lovell's snowplow trucks!

Pastor Neil Wilson

Oh, and did I mention that this is shed number 2?

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 September & October are cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, and paper products. 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, AUGUST 29
LOVELL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1174 MAIN ST LOVELL, MAINE
10:00-12:00
\$5 PER PERSON**

Next month-September 26:

Sloppy Joe, side salad & a
whoopie pie

All proceeds from this lunch
will benefit Restoration Laos

**Pasta salad with or without grilled chicken, watermelon & oatmeal cookie
Just drop by or call Nancy at 925-1831 to reserve your meal**

**All proceeds from this lunch will benefit the
The Sunshine Backpack Food Program serving the children of MSAD #72. Thank you for your support!**



Sunday, Sept. 27 RESTORATION LAOS PRESENTATION

Join us for worship at 10:30 am or Coffee Hour and presentation at 11:45 in the Vestry. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

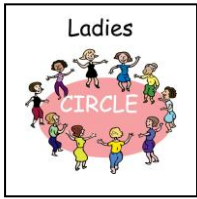
"Restoration Laos' mission is to help destroy the 80 million U.S. bombs that still endanger children and adults in Laos, 50 years after the Vietnam War's end. We support an emergency bomb squad that would not exist without us."

A Free Will Offering will be taken.

For more information visit: restorationlaos.org



The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees did not meet in August, however, discussions about use of the Parsonage and extra parking are still happening. Although there was no regular meeting in August, Financial Reports have been emailed for review. Several items on the “to do” list have been completed but the list now includes roofing a second entrance, adding a smoke alarm in the sanctuary, another light for the Thrift Shop, adding additional parking, review of Standard Operating Procedures as well as Parsonage needs. The next regular Trustee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or Jan Newhouse 928-3100



The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteers are Linda Libby for August and Lois Brown for September. The Circle did not have a regular business meeting on August 11 but traveled to Newry to visit with Donna Fowlie that day. The 23rd Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show and Ice Cream Social held on July 14th was a success again this year. Thank you to all who made it possible: Sue Mosca-Emcee, Lois Brown and Sue Clout – organizers, Linda Libby, Donna Wilson and Nancy Olmsted – Ice Cream Servers. The 5th Annual Pie Sale held on August 1 was also a success. There were only 40 pies donated but all pies sold resulting in \$885 being added to the Ladies Circle account. Sept. 8 will be our next regular meeting with Lois Brown as hostess and a program of “Show & Tell”. 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, carter1994@gmail.com



Troop 3149 participated in the Boston GSME Amazing Race on August 14, and Daisies visited Harvest Hills on Aug. 9. Plans are also being made for the Sept. 26 Celebrate Camp event at Pondicherry GS Camp. Leaders for the 2026-27 GS year will be Daisy Troop 146 (grades K-1) – Jammie Graves & Samantha Fox, Brownie/Junior Troop 58 (grades 2-5) – Vicki Royer & Linda Libby and Cadette/Senior Troop 3149 (grades 6 -12) - Andrea Walker & Andrea Goodwin. All our troops have openings, and girl registration can be done by contacting Girl Scouts of Maine at 1-888-922-4763. Girl information and troop number will be requested as well as financial aid if needed. Troops may also have funds available to help with registration costs. Most troops will resume meetings the week of Sept. 14 and will be participating in the fall candy and nuts sale. For more information, contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 or lindalibby12345@outlook.com

Community News:

The Helen Coe Trust has some funds available to the community for this fiscal year. A letter of intent, an explanation about how the interested applicant serves the residents of the Greater Lovell area, and a most recent fiscal year's budget to show need for a specific project or the intent on where funds will be used. Any students wishing to apply for the spring semester must fill out an application from the town office and include both their recent FASFA form and attending schools financial aid package. All those wishing to apply can send their requests to the Helen Coe Trust. PO Box 185 Center Lovell, ME. 04016 by a deadline of Friday November 6, 2026.

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.

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 September 3
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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