Lovell United Church of Christ PO Box 232 Lovell, ME 04051



The Circuit Rider



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



Dear Friends,

I am grateful for the mute button on our TV remote. Over the past few weeks, thankfully I have been able to mute all those negative and contradictory political television ads. I almost had to stop watching the local evening news! One ad after another usually contradicting the previous ad. I would fact check them for a while until it became evident that none of them were telling the whole story (dare I say "truth"?) Perhaps I find these ads noisier because of the volume of rhetoric from all sides of the political world. Or perhaps they are getting more negative over the years.

Fortunately, by the time you read this the election will either be near or have passed. Hopefully the commercials will end, and our roadsides will be no longer be littered with those 12" x 18" signs or the larger ones people put up on their own property! Hopefully we can move forward. agree to disagree on some matters but learn to work together for the welfare of all. But then in the words of John Lennon, "*You may say I'm a dreamer…"*

The world can be a noisy enough place without the added visual and audible noise of election season. We are bombarded with "information." Every morning when I turn on my cell phone there is a series of "news' bits that some algorithm has determined would be of interest to me. Start down that rabbit hole and soon you will see online sales pitches thinly disguised as news articles, and of course there are the multitude of "click bait" sites that keep you going as you discover the top 25 most favorable places to retire in the U.S.

What do you do to mute out all the noise of today's society? Turn off your TV? Abstain from social media use for a while? Take a long walk in the woods? Be careful this time of the year unless you are a hunter! Curl up with a good book. Perhaps you partake of the more modern phenomena of binge watching your favorite show or series. (Make sure you can do this commercial free!)

Fall is a season that seems to lend itself to slowing down a bit, to finding a quiet place or moment to just be. I pray that you will be able to find such a time and disconnect from the loudspeakers of today's world. We all need these times to rejuvenate, reset, and recalibrate our spirits back to our true selves.

And just in time, the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season is right around the corner!

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one *Imagine* by John Lennnon

Pastor Neil Wilson



Drive up Lunch
Saturday, December 5th (as part of the Snowflake Fair)
10:00-12:00
$5 PER PERSON

Chicken/rice soup, cheese roll and Christmas cookies
Just drop by or call Nancy at 925-1831 to reserve your meal

All proceeds from this lunch will benefit the
Lovell UCC Christmas Baskets

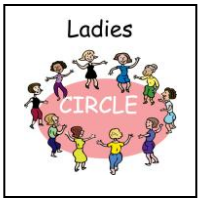
News from our Boards, Committees and Sponsored Groups:



FOOD PANTRIES – Lovell UCC supports the Lovell Area Food Pantry and Sweden Food Pantry. This Month's "Pick of the Month" = canned soup, crackers, peanut butter and jelly. PLEASE help us support these pantries by dropping items in the church vestry.
BLESSING SHELF – Located inside the entrance to the Thrift Shop. The purpose of this shelf is to provide emergency items for anyone in need. Take anything you can use and bring in an item to share if you can. Food items, toiletries, and personal items. Please no large items. Those can be donated to the Thrift Shop.
CHRISTMAS BASKETS – The Mission Committee will once again be compiling Christmas food and gift baskets for those who could use a little help during the holidays. **Please call the church office at (207-925-1321) as soon as possible to be added to the list and speak with Pastor Neil or Heather Sawin, Administrative Assistant. All names are confidential.**



The Lovell UCC Board of Trustees met on Oct. 12 reviewed and accepted the usual financial reports, old business and new business. Arrangements for winter plowing, shoveling and sanding have been made and plans are going forward for making the parsonage ready for the Lovell Food Pantry. Employee Evaluations are scheduled for October as well as all budget requests are due by Nov. 9. Review and editing of Standard Operating Procedures has been on the agenda for several months so a decision was made to divide them up and each Trustee will be reviewing/editing several and will return by the November meeting. The "To Do List" still includes adding a smoke alarm to the sanctuary and a new light fixture in the Thrift Shop. For more information, contact Linda Libby 925-3661 or Jan Newhouse 928-3100



The Kitchen Clean-Up volunteer for November is Nancy Olmsted. On Oct. 13 the Circle held a regular meeting with Sue Clout as hostess and a program of "Recipe Swap". Ladies brought in a recipe and food samples to share. Plans are underway for the Dec. 5 Snowflake Fair as well as several Greens Days scheduled to make wreaths. The next meeting will be on Nov. 10 with Linda Libby as hostess and a program by BethEllen Mcnamara about her trip to Iceland. 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, cecarter1994@gmail.com



Leaders for the 2026-27 GS year are 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 the troops have openings, and girl registration can be done by contacting Girl Scouts of Maine at www.girlscoutsofmaine.org or 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 cost. All troops have resumed meetings and are participating in the fall candy and nut sale which will end on Nov. 1. Daisy Troop 146 has welcomed four new Daisies and has started work on the Daisy Petal program. Brownie Troop 58 is finishing work on their GS Way Try-It and girls are planning a Halloween/Juliette Low birthday party. For more information, contact Linda Libby, 925-3661 or lindalibby12345@outlook.com



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Snowflake Fair

1174 Main St./Lovell, Maine

Saturday, December 5, 2026

10:00-1:00

Balsam wreaths, berry bowls, holiday centerpieces, Plants, Christmas loft, baked goods, raffle,
books and gifts!

Lunch will be available
Provided by the Mission Committee to benefit the annual Christmas baskets

Fair sponsored by the LUCC Ladies Circle

To pre-order a wreath- call the church office (925-1321) on Monday or Wednesday between 9:00-2:00 and we'll put you on the list.





Looking ahead to Advent which begins on Sunday, November 29th… mark your calendar for our Advent Bible Study to be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 December 1-22. ***Experiencing Christmas Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent***

Stay tuned for more Advent activities in the next Circuit Rider.

Ongoing programs:



EVENING BIBLE STUDY
This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Wedr
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 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 November 5th
6:30 PM in the vestry here at LUCC.
Come join us! All are welcome.

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