

# THE ADVENTURE - 2021



## ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

### OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD

- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another
- + To **know** the Word of God
- + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ



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Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church **worship services are indoor and online!** While the transmission rate in our area is considered high, according to the CDC, it is requested that everyone wear a mask no matter their vaccination status. Other precautions such as social distancing and hand sanitizing are also encouraged.

Church Council and I will continue to watch what happens. Should there be a dramatic change in infections we will adjust precautions as recommended by our civil and religious authorities. God bless us as we walk along this road where we are and in hope walk forward.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ELECTION DAY 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Pray for our country and vote your choice

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY CONFIRMATION OF JACK WALSH NOVEMBER 7

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Comm.
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Comm.  
Confirmation of Jack Walsh
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Jeanne & Tony  
Gryzka
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study,

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 14

#### Recognition of Veterans

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Comm.
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Comm.
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Cong. Life
- 10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Zoom meeting

### CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Comm.
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Comm.
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 28**

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**  
**NOVEMBER 24 - 7:30 P.M.**

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Comm.
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Comm.
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - Open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible
- 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Zoom meeting

Sunday services may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

**YouTube:** Click on the church website link after **12:00PM** Sunday morning: <https://www.adventrichboro.org/>

**Facebook:** Go to the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/adventrichboropa/>

**Zoom:**

Smart device/Computer instructions- Click on this link for Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Click on this link for Contemporary Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The full zoom invitations are pasted below

Phone instructions: Call 1-646-558-8656

While using Zoom, please mute yourself when you are not speaking.

Scheduled Zoom meetings: Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Traditional Holy Communion  
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195039877?pwd=dnVRTIRGamJQVXNZbENIVDJTT0pnUT09>

8:00 A.M. Meeting ID: 891 9503 9877 Passcode: 443533

Scheduled Zoom meetings: Topic: Advent Lutheran Church Contemporary Holy Communion  
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85405629972?pwd=aGERSFNlbVAvNmZsQkIzWVpTTktlQT09>

9:30 A.M. Meeting ID: 854 0562 9972 Passcode: 506714

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Thanksgiving Eve service may also be attended by **Zoom** and will be live streamed on **Facebook**. A recording of the services will be uploaded to **YouTube** and linked to our website immediately after the service concludes.

Topic: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Time: Nov 24, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82131146967?pwd=M3dDcHZwbk1KVUFaSWlqT2dSL1htUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 3114 6967

Passcode: 823991

## PASTOR MATT'S THOUGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Most people when they think of giving thanks may think of being polite. It is polite to say “thank you” to someone who gives you something or does something for you whether you really feel thankful or not. Giving thanks or expressing gratitude is about way more than simply being polite.

In our Christian faith the practice of gratitude is an important part of our worship and prayer life. In our worship liturgy when we begin the celebration of the sacrament of communion or baptism we say “The Great Thanksgiving”. We are giving thanks in anticipation of the love we are about to receive in the sacrament. This is different than the polite thanks spoken after receiving a gift. The great thanksgiving is intentionally before receiving the sacrament. Saying thank you to God before receiving God’s love in the sacrament does two things. First, it calls our heart to be thankful for all the ways God has loved us already. Secondly, it builds anticipation to be all the more thankful and joyful for the love of God we are about to receive. There is deep wisdom here. Gratitude begets greater gratitude and there is nothing for which to have greater gratitude than the love of God.

This wisdom about gratitude is part of Christian prayer. We give thanks in our morning prayers for God watching over us through the night. We give thanks before our meals to God for the food set before us. We give thanks in our evening prayers for God seeing us through the day. We are taught to remember upon the day and count our blessings given to us by God. Giving thanks as part of our prayer life begets greater joy and gratitude in our daily lives. The more we look for God’s blessings in our lives, the more we get better at recognizing those blessings and then the more and more we see blessings all around us. This ability to see God’s blessings holds true in good times and bad times. It means that during good times we are less likely to take God’s blessing for granted and more likely to savor those blessings. It means that during bad times when difficulties would distract us from seeing God’s blessings, we are more likely to see them none the less and be encouraged and sustained by those blessings all the more.

I think it is a wonderful thing when science comes along and ends up affirming long known wisdom of our Christian faith. I think it is spectacular when science reveals even greater depths to that wisdom. You may have heard of the notion of having an “attitude of gratitude”. Lots of studies have been done on gratitude, some specifically on the power of counting your blessings. It can be measured how gratitude effects specific parts of the brain as well as many mental and physical health benefits of gratitude. In short, developing gratitude over time gives a person a greater sense of happiness and fulfillment. Encouraging an “attitude of gratitude” has become a fundamental part of encouraging good mental health. This is especially true in our culture where materialism and the constant encouragement to seek more can rob us of our sense of gratitude.

This Thanksgiving I encourage you to give thanks. I encourage you to do more than to just give thanks, I encourage you to consider developing a spiritual discipline of giving thanks. I encourage you to have an attitude of gratitude toward God on a daily basis in your life. One great way to do this is to do “God sighting”. At the end of each day take time to identify how you saw God active in your life that day. Start with doing one “God sighting” a day. When that begins to get easier to do, start doing two “God sightings” a day, and then continue gradually increasing your “God sightings” as such. Many your holidays this year be filled with great joy and thanksgiving and may you come to know greater happiness and fulfillment.

**God’s Peace be with you,**

**Pastor Matt**



## Bible Study for Kids

### Parable of the Mustard Seed

A parable is a simple story that teaches a lesson. Jesus told many parables to the people he met as he traveled through the countryside. His disciples were with him as he taught. He told them that lessons learned in the form of a story are easy to remember and easy to share with others. We can read Jesus' parables in the Bible, often described with reactions of the listeners.

Though parables are easy to follow, they carry great meaning to the readers and listeners who have open hearts and understand what the message means to their lives. They realize how important it is to believe in God and tell others about God's love. They want to learn more about what God wants them to do in their lives, in order to honor and love Him.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed begins with a tiny, tiny seed, as small as a dot on a piece of paper. Even though the mustard seed is so small, when it is planted in the ground, it grows into a tree large enough to provide food and shelter for animals. You can find this parable in Mark 4; also in Matthew 17 and Luke 17.

When Jesus told this parable, He compared this tiny seed to God's love.

“How do I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.” (Mark 4: 30-32)

When you look at this little mustard seed before planting it in the ground, you might think it would be impossible for a seed so tiny to grow into a tree. But God turns that tiny seed into a wonderful place for birds to come and rest and sing.

In the same way, our love for God is like a tiny mustard seed before it is planted in the ground. It starts out very small at first. Then, as we continue to listen to what Jesus teaches us and we believe in Him, we feel His love grow stronger. It will continue to grow like the mustard tree.

Our God is an awesome God! When we believe in Him, we know there is nothing He cannot do and we trust that He will provide for us. See coloring page 11

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL – on ZOOM!**



Yes, Sunday School class meets on **zoom**, with our fun curriculum called **Holy Moly**. The lessons are written in rhyme, the illustrations are graphic novel style and the short videos bring the Bible stories to life!

New students are welcome! Pastor Matt and the Sunday School teachers guide us through the Bible lessons. Let us know if you'd like to join the class and we'll order student books and crafts for you.

Sunday School meets on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month; except in December, when we'll meet once, on the **2nd Sunday**, December 12. Please contact the church office to register or with any questions: office@adventrichboro.org or 215-355-2529. See you soon on zoom!

Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

	SUNDAY	SCHOOL
November	14	6:30 p.m.
	28	“

## ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Election Day will be held on **Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Polling locations open up at 6 a.m. Advent serves as a polling place for its community. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.



### THE CONFIRMATION JACK WALSH

Jack Carter Walsh is being confirmed on All Saints **Sunday, November 7** at the **9:30** service. We look forward to gathering for worship and the celebration as Jack affirms his baptism.



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY -NOVEMBER

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated on November 7 at Advent Lutheran Church. Both services will have Holy Communion and will remember family and friends who have died in the last year.

There are forms available in the narthex if you are attending one of the services or you can leave a message on the church phone 215-355-2529 or email: [office@adventrichboro.org](mailto:office@adventrichboro.org). Please include the name of the deceased, relationship of deceased to you (i.e., father, daughter, cousin, friend, etc.) and your name.

This All Saints' Sunday we will also be celebrating the Confirmation of Jack Walsh.



### THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MATT

Come celebrate the installation of Pastor Matt at Advent Lutheran Church on **Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.**



The Dean of the Lower Bucks Conference, Pastor Norbert Hahn will officiate the service. The installation service is an occasion of celebration for the congregation and for the broader church as well.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 21

The congregational meeting to approve a budget for year 2022 and to nominate and elect members to Church Council will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 10:45 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Your attendance is important, as it is necessary that we have the required quorum of voters.



### CHURCH COUNCIL OPEN POSITIONS

Four currently occupied council positions will expire at the end of 2021. The individuals currently holding these positions have expressed an interest in being nominated for another three-year term. Others wishing to be nominated for one of these positions may do so.

The positions of Christian Education Leader and Youth Coordinator remain open. The Christian Education chairperson works as an administrator with the pastor and Sunday School and Vacation Bible School leaders to

Coordinate activities and to report the findings for discussion at church council monthly meetings, in addition to voting on church matters. The Youth Coordinator works with the church council in identifying and coordinating group activities for our youth, attends monthly church meetings and also provides input and votes on church matters.

We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering to fill one of these positions. Please contact Church Council President George Henry or Pastor Matt if you have any questions.



**THANKSGIVING EVE PRAYER SERVICE - NOVEMBER 24 7:30 pm**

Bring prayer and thanksgiving to God through worship on Thanksgiving Eve, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. In these difficult times it can be easy to get wrapped up in our worries and anxieties which can cloud our eyes from seeing all the ways God blesses and sustains us.

Come prepare our heart to experience true gratitude this Thanksgiving that we may savor all the ways God loves us. Worship will be in person at the church and online.

**FREE INFORMATIONAL MEDICARE SEMINAR**

Advent will be hosting a free informational Medicare seminar on **Tuesday, November 9. at 11:00 a.m.** Local PA licensed Medicare specialist, Christopher Vedral of Magnolia Senior Benefits will be the presenter. Topics include potential savings on Medicare supplemental plans, including Part D drug prescriptions and catering a plan to one's specific needs. There is no charge for services rendered to you. This is for those turning age 65 and for those who wish to modify their current coverage. The Medicare annual enrollment period runs from October 15 - December 7.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

We have collected 75 pounds of food so far in October that has been donated to the Warminster Food Bank. Remember that you can drop off donations anytime by using the drop bench at the main entrance to the church.



Beginning on the last Sunday in October and continuing through November we will once again start collecting gift cards to local stores for our neighbors in need to be handed out in December. This year you can choose the Warminster Food Bank, or the Salvation Army "Gifts for Families" in Levittown. Simply write your preference on the envelope. Envelopes can be picked up at church or mailed to the church office on or before **Sunday, December 5**. If you are using your own envelope, please include the following information: the name of the store and the dollar amount of the card .

Last year we had a great response from the congregation, and we are praying for the same this year. Thanks for your continued support for our neighbors in need!

Thank you for your continued generosity.  
Nancy Sclight, Social Ministry



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, Nov. 13. at close to 8:30 (AM). We originally planned to celebrate our veterans with their favorite but since we gave into pressure and served creamed dried beef at the breakfast held in October, we have no idea what will be on the menu but feel certain that whatever is served will be eaten.

Look forward to seeing you.

Dave Shearer



**STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS, 10:00 A.M.**

Stitch club continues to meet on **Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.** Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet or do needlepoint, this is for you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING FAVORITES**



**ADVENT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE**



**MIKE DETTRA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:30 P.M.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STILES/PEARSON FAMILIES ON BAPTISM**

Advent expresses its congratulations to the Stiles/Pearson Family on the Baptism of Ciaran Orion Stiles, child of Todd Andrew Stiles and Madeline Heather Pearson, on October 3, 2021. Ciaran was born on November 29, 2020. His sponsors are Sarah Elizabeth Pearson and Sean Thomas McMahan.

**FLOWER CHART & MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2021**

The sign-up sheets for Altar Flower and Mission Support dedications for 2021 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart.



**ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER**  
**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY**



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|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Linda Brownlee        | 22 | Nicole Wills          |
|    | Sarah Pearson McMahan | 24 | Heather Jafar         |
|    | Bonnie Morrison Sykes |    | Becky Rilling         |
| 3  | Rick Buttil           | 26 | Nicole Jafar          |
|    | Christopher Sanderlin |    | Matt Sitler           |
| 6  | Michael Savchuck      | 27 | Tyler Creighton       |
|    | Jeanne Wagner         |    | Mark Rilling          |
| 18 | Audrey Savchuck       | 28 | Matthew Hollingsworth |
| 21 | Jayne Manco Messer    |    |                       |

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list.  
Thank you.



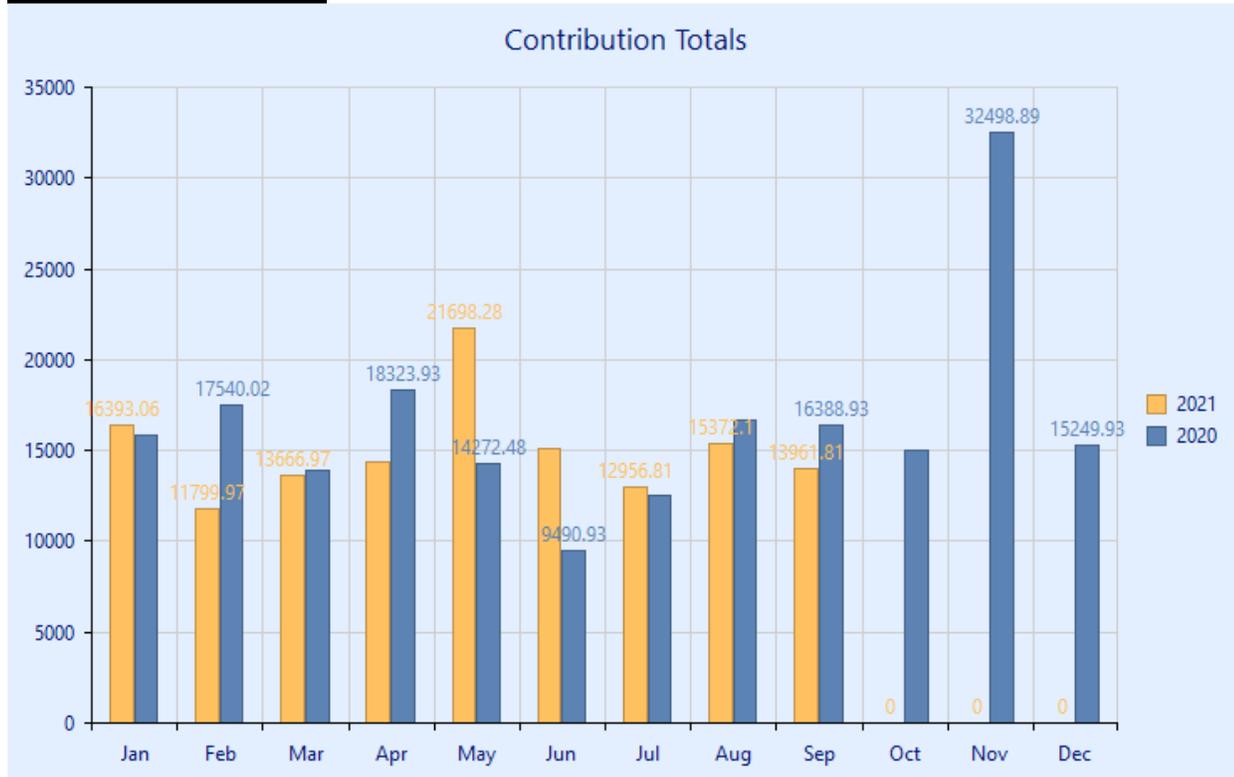
**FINANCE & TIME/TALENT NOTES**

Advent thanks you for your continued financial support. Offerings received during worship services, those mailed to the church office, automatic debit donations, as well as online giving are much appreciated. In addition, benevolence offerings of over \$6,300 have been distributed so far this year to qualified organizations. Financial offerings may

be dropped off in person at the church office (normally Tues-Thurs between 9:00-1:00, please call first) or by mail to P.O. Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954-0840.

Thank you.  
 Tony Gryszka  
 Finance Committee Chairperson

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**



**Income for September 2021**

Benevolence (LWR, Mission Support, etc.)	\$ 995.00
General Fund	\$ 9,433.31
Mortgage Fund	\$ 3,533.50

Thanks to everyone for your continued financial support of the church during the summer. We greatly appreciate it. They are numerous ways to continue your offerings.

- Drop off your offering at the church office. The office is usually open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10 AM and 1 PM. Call to confirm hours.
- Mail a check to the church. The mailing address is “Advent Lutheran Church, PO Box 840, Richboro, PA 18954”
- Contribute online at [www.adventrichboro.org](http://www.adventrichboro.org). At the top of the page, click the “Give Now” link to see frequently asked questions. At the bottom of the page click the “Give Now” link for our Giving platform. You may also choose to set up recurring donations or a one-time donation.

Again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions concerning your offering please call Cindy Frey, Financial Secretary 267-205-0713

## SERVING IN WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 8:00 A.M.

11/07 Nancy Hill  
11/14 Dave Shearer  
11/21 Rose Herbert  
11/28 Nancy Hill

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – 9:30 A.M.

11/07 Gail Oines  
11/14 Jennifer McQuiggan  
11/21 Jeanne Gryzka  
11/24 John Flint

### ALTAR GUILD

8:00 A.M. Hanna McCollum  
9:30 A.M. Karen Matlack, Gail Oines,  
Nancy Slight, Rhona Slawter

### OUR TECH CREW

Joel Denis, Mike Dettra, Karen Matlack, Tony Gryzka, Gary Zimmerman

### FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

Linda Brownlee, Audrey Savchuck, Nancy Slight, Rhona Slawter



## NUEVA CREACION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please keep Pastor Lyzette Rios Sanchez and our mission congregation Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in your prayers. Your mission support gifts help them to minister in an impoverished area of Philadelphia.



## THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep in your prayers all our service men and women and especially those related to our congregation:

Lt. Col. Andrew M Frey, Jr is serving as Senior Weather Officer, NORAD/NORTHCOM stationed at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs,

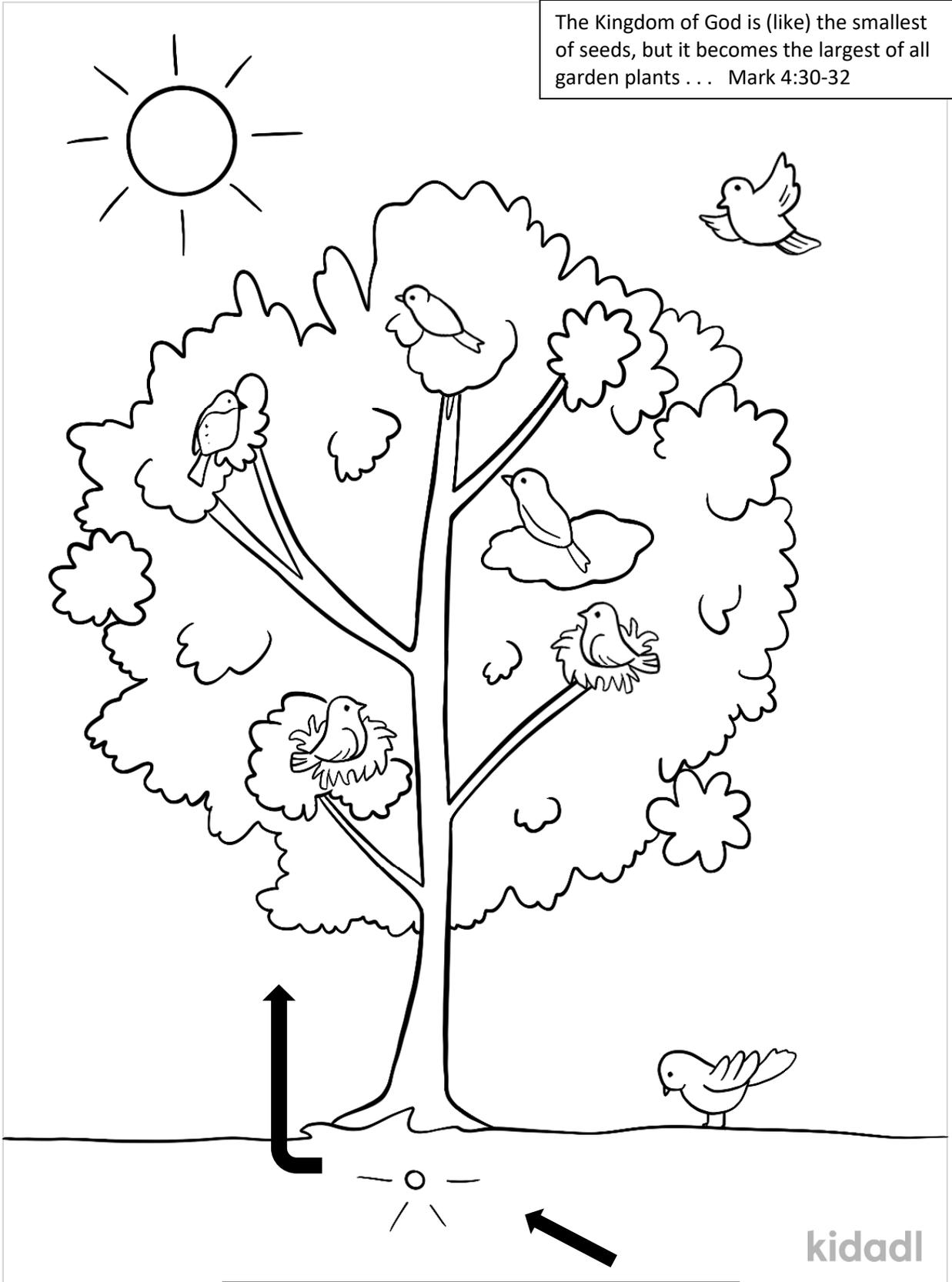
US Air Force Major Fred Gouse is a pilot and instructor stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

US Army Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Williams is serving in Dubai, UAE as a military advisor.

US Army Ranger Liam McKendry, grandson of Pastor Jo stationed in Fort Benning, GA

If there are any errors or omissions, please notify the church office. Thank you.

The Kingdom of God is (like) the smallest of seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants . . . Mark 4:30-32



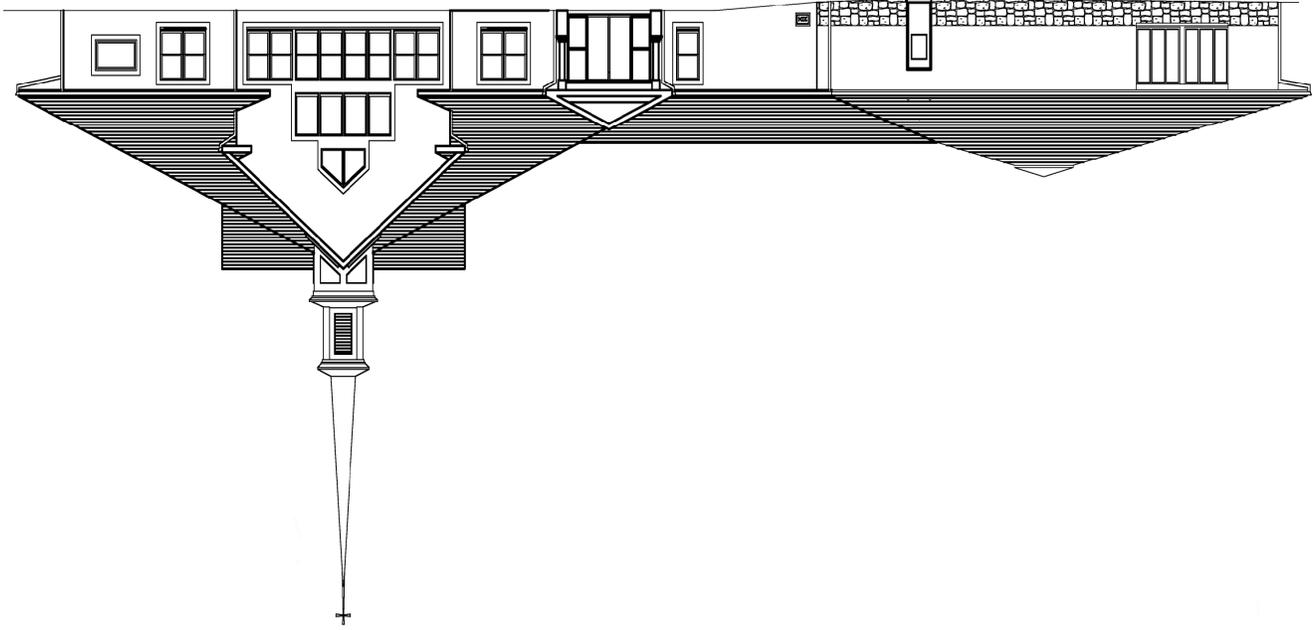
The Parable of the Mustard Seed



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	1	2 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ELECTION DAY	3	4	5 7:30 PM A.A. Step Mtg.	6 10:00 AM Stitch Club
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