

Fairhope United Methodist Church
2019 JESSE TREE ORNAMENT SWAP

WHAT IS A JESSE TREE?



The
Jesse Tree
is an Advent tradition
named after Jesse,
the father of King David.
Biblical symbols representing the
ancestry of Jesus,
either in faith or bloodline,
are added one by one to a tree.
As each ornament is
added, a Bible story is read to
explain the symbol. There is one ornament
for each day
beginning
December 1
and ending
Christmas day.

**JOIN OUR ORNAMENT SWAP AND
START A NEW ADVENT TRADITION!**

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GUIDELINES FOR OUR 2019 JESSE TREE ORNAMENT SWAP

- (1) **SIGN UP** Online registration opens Sunday, October 27 at www.fairhopeumc.org. Click on **Ministries/Children/Jesse Tree**. All 25 symbols must be signed up for in order to hold the ornament swap.
Yes, you may sign up for more than one symbol. **For each symbol you choose, you will receive one complete set of ornaments.** Spread the word to your family and friends and have them signup, too!
- (2) **DESIGN** After you've signed up for a symbol, design your ornament.
Suggestion: Google Jesse Tree and you will find lots of websites and images or simply go to Pinterest to get great ideas! You do not have to reinvent the wheel! It will be helpful to read the corresponding scripture that goes with your symbol.
- (3) **WAIT** Don't buy materials to make your ornaments until you've received an email that all symbols have been taken. We can only do this swap if we have someone for each symbol. **The deadline to signup is Friday, November 8.** Hopefully, it won't take that long to fill.
- (4) **MAKE** Once you've received the green light email, you will make 26 ornaments of the symbol you chose (the same ornament 26 times - 25 for the swap and one for the church). Ornaments need to be 4 inches or smaller. Please consider that large, heavy ornaments may be difficult to hang on some trees. All ornaments should include a hook or loop or some way to be hung. When choosing materials, please consider that these ornaments are to last for years to come.
- (5) **DELIVER** Everyone MUST bring their ornaments to the church office no later than 2:00pm on Friday, November 15. **Please have each individual ornament placed in a clear re-sealable plastic sandwich bag.** Place your 26 bags in a larger bag or box and make sure your name and symbol are written on the outside.
- (6) **PICK UP** You may pick up your complete set of Jesse Tree ornaments from the church office on Sunday, November 24 (8:00am - 12:00pm) or Monday, November 25 (8:00am - 4:00pm). Bags will be in the office with participant names on them. Find your bag and get ready for a great Advent experience. (Each ornament will have a label on the plastic bag with the date it is to be hung, symbol, related Bible story and who made the ornament.) The first ornament will be hung on Sunday, December 1.

There will also be a booklet with the day-by-day scripture reading and a prayer.

- (7) **QUESTIONS** If you have any questions, please contact Martha Monckton, at 928-1148 or martha.monckton@fairhopeumc.org.

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JESSE TREE STORIES, SYMBOLS & READINGS

BIBLE STORIES

SYMBOLS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jesse Tree	tree stump with new shoots	Isaiah 11:1-5
Creation of the World	earth	Genesis 1:26-31
Fall of Adam & Eve	apple with a snake	Genesis 3:1-19
Noah and the Great Flood	ark and a rainbow	Genesis 6:11-14; 7:17-8:3; 9:8-13
New Home for Abram	tent	Genesis 12:1-7
Isaac and a Test of Love	ram	Genesis 22:1-14
Jacob and the Stairway to Heaven	ladder	Genesis 28:10-22
Special Gift for Joseph	coat of many colors	Genesis 37:1-36; 45:4-15
God's Rules Given to Moses	ten commandment tablets	Deuteronomy 5:1-22
Stepping into the Promised Land	cluster of grapes	Genesis 17:7-8; Numbers 13:1-2; 17-23; 27
Joshua's Conquest of Jericho	horn/trumpet	Joshua 6:1-20
Ruth's Loyalty and Love	sheaf of wheat	Ruth 1:16, 2
Samuel, Looking for a New King	heart	1 Samuel 16:1-13
David, the Shepherd King	crown	2 Samuel 5:1-5
Daniel In a Den of Lions	lion	Daniel 6:2-29
Micah's Prophecy	outline of Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5
Isaiah's Prophecy	candle/light	Isaiah 9:2-7
Baby for Elizabeth & Zechariah	writing tablet	Luke 1:5-24; 57-64
John the Baptist	shell	Matthew 3:1-6; 11-12
Gabriel Appears to Mary	angel	Luke 1:26-33
Mary's Willing Acceptance	lily	Luke 1:34-38
Joseph, Carpenter with Integrity	carpentry tools	Matthew 1:18-25
Journey to Bethlehem	donkey	Luke 2:1-5
Night Like No Other	manger	Luke 2:6-7
Glorious Announcement	sheep or shepherd's staff	Luke 2:8-20