



FIRST LIGHT

E-NEWS FROM MUNCY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Signs and Symbols of the Church

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As you sit in the sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings, have you ever been curious about the meaning of different symbols or the significance of colors on the altar? Having a better understanding of the place where we worship could enhance your spiritual experience. Your opportunity to ask questions and learn more has arrived!

Join with others on the second Wednesday of the month starting September 13th as Sally Gardy leads these informative sessions. Gather in the narthex at 1 p.m. for the one-hour sessions. Other meetings will be October 11th, November 8th and December 13th. No registration required. Everyone is welcome!

Added note: You might also want to check out the September display in Heritage Hall. The Archives Committee has set up a display explaining the different liturgical colors and what times of year and occasions each is used.



Did you know?

When First UMC was dreaming of the future and planning to build the Celebration Center, they had a goal of serving our community. To that end, we've just embarked on an interesting and exciting relationship with the State Correctional Institution - Muncy. They have contracted to use our Celebration Center for their annual staff training. They will train their staff during 27 sessions over a 9-week period. We are so happy to provide them with this wonderful space as we are "Blessed to be a Blessing" in our community.

Reminders:

-Bell Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evenings at 6:15 in the sanctuary. New members welcome. **Chancel Choir** rehearsal for the year begins on September 7th at 7:30 in the choir room. New members welcome.

-Family Promise Clothing Closet collection August 13th-September 10th. Place donations in the collection bins in the Welcome Center and under the coat racks outside the Living Water Café. All sizes of clothing accepted.

-UMCOR Maui Fire Relief offerings being collected through September 10th. Place donations in the special offering envelopes in the pews or on the Connection Tables. Mark for "UMCOR" and place in the offering plate/basket.

-Just Walk Across the Room small group study led by Pastor Rick. Sessions will be Sept. 20 & 27 and Oct. 11 & 18. A light meal will be served in the Celebration Center at 5:45 followed by the study in the Living Water Café. Childcare is available. Sign up on the Connection Tables or [online here](#).

