

**Worship Arts
Information & Instructions sheet
St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship**

Symbols of God's Spirit that inspires are **Fire, Water,** and something **Alive.**

Guidelines for using these symbols on the church altar (the altar with the words "Do this in Remembrance of Me" on them) are:

Minimum number of items is 1 (not counting the Peace Candle) on the altar

Maximum number of items is 7 (not counting the Peace Candle) on the altar

FIRE symbol:

Use candles ranging from 1 to 7. You may combine **Fire** with **Water** and something **Alive** symbols, like a floating candle in a clear container of water. You may want fruit and vegetables between the candles on the altar.

WATER symbol:

Having water in clear vases is one idea to use with different amounts of water in each vase. You may want to combine this with something **Alive**, like fish in a small fishbowl. Another example of combining the **Water** symbol with something **Alive** symbol is to put flowers in a clear vase of water.

ALIVE symbol (including but not limited to items recently picked, cut, or bought):

Examples are picked fruit and vegetables and flowers like pumpkins, regular and Ornamental squash, grapes, oranges, apples, cherries, lilies, tulips, daisies, roses, etc. Another example is a recently sawed-off small branch of a tree; like an evergreen branch, a flowering tree branch, a rustic plain branch, and palm branches.

Examples of Supplements:

Use ceramic vases with flowers and tall grasses. Use banners and pieces of cloth to protect and supplement the **Fire, Water,** and **Alive** symbols. If necessary, use something plastic to protect the altar.

The lists of materials above are examples. If you know of other material please use them. Use your imagination to think of other materials that go with the **Fire, Water,** and **Alive** symbols. Baskets and cloth are other examples of what can be used to supplement the symbols on the altar.

Worship Arts Shelf

There will be a shelf in the Storage Room to the right of the front of the sanctuary that will have some Worship Arts material that you may use. You may also bring material from your homes.