## **Technology Policy**

## Statement of Purpose:

Center Grove United Methodist Church recognizes the value of multi-media and technology for the advancement of the Word of God and as a tool to promote Christian Fellowship. Communication and electronic technology are invaluable tools for information sharing when used in an appropriate manner.

## General Rules

The following policy governing technology use supersedes all previous rules.

- A church website may be created and maintained for the purpose of sharing information, attracting visitors, displaying church life, posting of prayer chains, and promoting Christian fellowship.
- 2. Social networking sites may be maintained for the purpose of sharing information, attracting visitors, displaying church life, posting of prayer chains, and promoting Christian fellowship.
- All electronic activity should reflect the highest standard of core Christian values and reflect honor to our God and serve to glorify him..
- 4. Electronic sites are for church official use only.
- 5. Links, fan pages, games, and other non-church related items should not be posted to the sites.
- Prayer requests should only be posted to the sites if they are listed in the bulletin, authorized by the pastor, or permission is received from the member. In an effort to respect privacy, conditions and specific health problems should not be listed unless specific permission has been received from the member.
- 7. Information obtained from the sites of members should not be shared without permission.
- 8. All member activity and postings on sites should reflect core Christian value.
- 9. Pictures reflecting church life and activity may be posted.
- 10. Concerns regarding the use of electronic media may be brought to the pastor, and if necessary, the church council.