

# Grace United Methodist Church, Southington, CT

## Social Media Policy

### Public media

We use Facebook and our church website (graceumcsouthington.org) to publicize events and make church information available to the community. Pictures and names of children under age 18 will never be posted publicly, unless expressly requested by a parent/guardian. Postings will not disclose sensitive or confidential information. Updates to our website and public Facebook page are made by Communications Committee members or the church secretary.

### Private media

Our private Facebook group and Online Directory are tools that help us connect and share news within our church family.

Our **Private Facebook group** is a place for members and regular attenders to post church-related news, pictures and videos. Any unrelated or objectionable posts will be removed. If you have questions about this group or would like to be added, please contact a member of the Communications Committee.

Our **Online Directory** is shared with our members and regular attenders. Members control what information is shared in their profile. At any time, members can update their information or request updates. No profiles are listed for youth under age 18.

### Social media and youth

Church staff and volunteers (i.e., Sunday School teachers and youth leaders) shall not accept friend requests from members under 18 years of age. Further, church members are strongly discouraged from having social media friendships with youth.

If you find any posts to be objectionable, please contact a member of the Communications Committee.

(Approved by Church Council 4/4/2017)