

# Children's Ministry Development Plan

## Statement of Purpose:

Provide outreach to the children of the community and church in an effort to promote Christian fellowship, spiritual growth, and encourage church membership. Programs will provide a safe and nurturing environment to promote belonging in the church body. The challenge of a small membership church is developing child specific groups. This ministry will provide an outreach opportunity for Center Grove United Methodist.

## General Plan and Guidelines

1. All activities must include opening prayer, devotional, and closing prayer.
2. Activities will coincide with Sunday worship service with target age group of 13 or less.
3. The general activity takes the form of Sunday school or children's church. Children will be dismissed with the teacher to the educational building after the pastor delivers the children's message.
4. Lesson plans should reflect core Christianity and Methodism. General lesson delivery should be from texts recognized by the Methodist church and/or approved by the pastor.
5. Location of gathering will be in the education building of Center Grove United Methodist.
6. One room in the educational building will be cleaned and decorated by the children of the church with the group maintaining responsibility for the upkeep.
7. Safe sanctuary guidelines must be adhered to.
8. Children will be encouraged to take an active role in the worship at age appropriate levels.