21 Ways to Use Technology in the Church

1. Consult the Cokesbury catalogue/website for computer software.
2. Make computer generated cards to send as “we missed you today” messages (have the class members sign and mail on Sunday).
3. Scan children’s drawings for bulletin covers, calendars, and special books. Make calendars and books available for a fee and use proceeds for mission projects.
4. Have youth create PowerPoint presentations using a biblical theme. Make presentation at church fellowship suppers, seasonal gatherings.
5. Create a listing of favorite websites for graphics and music files, share photographs with friends, or create your own web page where you archive pictures and music.
6. Create transparencies to use as banner and mural patterns.
7. Create an endowment to purchase media equipment.
8. Use a digital camera to take pictures of new members. Create your own directory. Create a bulletin board that introduces new members to the congregation. Create a PowerPoint presentation to introduce new members at church fellowship gatherings.
9. Create an interactive Bible study using the computer.
10. Teach hymns using compact discs from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing or Midi files from www.hymnsite.com.
11. Scan in art with biblical themes or find classical art on Internet. Use instead of paper posters.
12. Use the Internet to import sound and graphics for presentations (Google using the images tab).
13. Use a cell phone to stay in touch: one church youth group on its way to Lake Junaluska on Sunday morning was asked by the pastor to call his cell phone at 11:05 a.m. when morning announcements were being made. The pastor’s cell phone rang (from beneath his robe) at the precise time. He used the microphone to amplify greetings from the youth all to the delight of the congregation.
14. Consult your conference media center for listings of videos to use in church settings.
15. Create a new member orientation program on PowerPoint. Update as needed.
16. Create a confirmation class incorporating the curriculum in an interactive package.
17. Create the church’s annual stewardship presentation on PowerPoint.
18. Create teacher training workshops on PowerPoint.
19. Create acolyte training on PowerPoint.
20. Create symbols of the church on PowerPoint.
21. Create a yearly summary of your church’s ministry on PowerPoint. Show it during the financial campaign to celebrate the good things your church makes possible.