

## **Baby Shower Policy for First Presbyterian Church of Pooler (FPCP)**

It is the desire of our church to celebrate and support the members of our church when they are expecting a new baby. To provide consistency and support for these events, the following guidelines have been established.

### **Shower Coordinator:**

- Work with the Women's Leadership Team (WLT) to determine who should receive these encouragements.
- Discuss with the qualifying expectant member or regular attendee whether a shower or sprinkle would be appreciated and determine preferable date options, family invitations, etc. Ask about gift registries for shower and diaper and wipe preferences for sprinkle.
- Recruit a hostess and small committee to plan and execute the shower. The shower may be held in a home or at the church.
- Communicate to WLT if backup is needed for hosting the shower.
- Attempt to ensure that there is not disparity in showers.

### **A church-wide baby shower will be offered if:**

- The mother-to-be is a member or regular attendee of FPCP.
- This is her first child.

A church-wide baby shower means that all ladies of the church are invited, and the shower is announced in the bulletin and weekly newsletter. Registries will be made available.

Showers will be organized by members of the church under the supervision of the Shower Coordinator. Shower hostesses will be reimbursed up to \$200 (total) if receipts are submitted.

### **A church-wide sprinkle will be offered if:**

- A mother-to-be who is a member or regular attendee of FPCP is expecting a second or subsequent baby or if the mother-to-be of a first child prefers a sprinkle instead of a shower.

A church-wide sprinkle will include:

- A table set up and decorated in the fellowship hall for three Sundays
- A box for cards or gift cards will be placed on the table
- Diapers, wipes, and a gift card will be purchased by the church (\$75) and displayed on the table
- Introduction of the expectant parents by an elder during a Town Hall luncheon
- Prayer for the parents and baby by an elder at the Town Hall luncheon

The Shower Coordinator will communicate with the mother-to-be concerning the date for Town Hall celebration and obtain a short list of diaper and wipes preferences. She will recruit volunteer(s) to set up and decorate the table and purchase diapers, wipes, and a gift card.

A church-wide baby sprinkle is announced in the bulletin and weekly newsletter.

**Budget for showers will be evaluated annually.**

**There may be times when there is an exceptional situation that prompts the WLT to deviate from the above guidelines. This would be done with prayer and consideration for all.**