

Policy on Baby Showers

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At Chemung Christian Fellowship all babies and their parents are loved, welcomed, and considered a gift from God. To help parents with assistance preparing for their “new arrival”, the congregation will sponsor a baby shower for these expectant parents who are members or faithful attendees that are having their “first baby” as a part of our congregation.

Under the direction of the shower coordinator, the shower is planned by the shower team. It is to be considered a “whole church function.” “Whole church function” means that everyone at church will be invited and the shower is to be advertised as appropriate in the bulletin, mail boxes, or church email.

- It must be coordinated through the Church Office and placed on the Church Calendar when the church facilities are used.
- The Church will provide \$200.00 towards the expense of the shower.

Parents expecting a second plus baby may also be given showers by friends, SS Classes, or relatives or others who want to plan the shower.

- The event will be the sole responsibility of the those sponsoring the shower
- The shower will be considered private and conveyed through individual invitations to those who are invited.
- It is the responsibility of the group planning the shower to work with the Church Office to schedule the church facility if wanted.
- For any members or faithful attendees having subsequent children, a gift card will be given to celebrate with the family.

Special circumstances or exceptions:

There may be times when an exceptional need is present and an all church shower is deemed helpful to the parents. The Pastor will have the authority to grant that exception.