*Once a meeting is held with the parents of a child who is being baptized, this follow up email may be sent to the parent(s). You may customize the letter as needed.*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

It was a blessing to meet with you and begin planning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ baptism. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ UMC is blessed to be part of this important step in your child’s faith formation.

As we discussed, in The United Methodist Church baptism is a sacrament, a gift of God’s grace, received through the elements of the water and the Holy Spirit. Baptism is celebrated in the community of the church because the church has an important role in your child’s life as a Christian.

In preparing for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ baptism on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_\_ worship service, there is some basic information that is required for our records and the baptism certificate:

Child's Full Name

Birthday

Place of Birth

Parents Full Names & Address

Godparents’/ Sponsors’ Names & Addresses *(if applicable)*

A letter will be sent by me to the godparents/sponsors welcoming them into this new important role in your child’s life.

Please email the church office a picture of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or a family photo that we can use as part of the worship service that morning.

Below are some questions for you as parents that will help you reflect upon your hopes for your son/daughter and God’s presence in your life. You may answer all or a few of the questions. I will share several of your answers during the service as part of the sermon or right before your child’s baptism. Your response to these questions help the congregation know you as parents and welcome your children into the church family.

What would you tell your child about the hopes you have for him/her?

What have the two of you found out about each other since becoming parents?

How do you see God at work in your life as parents?

How do you see God at work in your child’s life?

What do you see the church’s role in the faith formation of your child?

Again, it is a true blessing to be part of this very special moment in your family’s life. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the church.