

Stephen Ministry

A one-on-one confidential ministry by trained lay care givers.



Ministering to those who are experiencing a difficult time in life.

Loneliness

Aging issues

Terminal illness

Grief or loss

Homebound or isolation

Retirement

Employment issues

Hospital aftercare

Separation or divorce

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A Stephen Minister is...

...a lay member of Trinity who has received special training and continuing education to enhance their listening and caring skills in order to help those who hurt. They provide confidential care and comfort through visits, phone calls, cards and prayers. They are not a counselor, but a caring friend to walk along side someone during their time of grief, sadness or loss.



Are you in need of someone ...

who cares,

who supports,

who listens,

who shares,

during a difficult time in your life?

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister is there to walk with you through life's journey and offer Christ like care during a special time of need. Sometimes you just need someone to listen. Sometimes it's just a friend or companion, so you know that you are not alone.

Will anyone know I have a Stephen Minister?

No, each relationship is confidential. Only the care receiver, the care giver and the leaders of the program know the names of those in a care relationship.

How long does the care relationship last?

Generally the relationship lasts as long as it is wanted or needed. This can be as short as a few months or a year or two depending on the situation and care needed.

How often do the care giver and care receiver meet?

The care givers or Stephen Ministers normally make one visit per week. However, there are times when the situation may require more contact and towards the end of a relationship the contacts may be less frequent, typically monthly.

Who do I contact?

You can call the Pastor or any one of the Stephen Ministry leaders if you may want a Stephen Minister or if you know of someone who might.

Referrals

Anyone in the congregation as well as Trinity staff are encouraged to make a referral.

You can inquire about a Stephen Minister for yourself or a loved one. Perhaps you know of someone in our church who could use a special friend to talk to. All the information you share is held in confidence.

Here's how it works:

Step 1 – Talk to one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders or the Pastor about your concern.

Step 2 – The Stephen Ministry team will explain how the program works with those involved. They will talk with the care receiver about their issues and concerns. They describe what to expect and how a care relationship works.

Step 3 – The newly assigned Stephen Minister will arrange for their first meeting and the relationship grows from there.

Care Notes

There is a display of "Care Notes" just outside the parlor, near the elevator. The Stephen Ministry program provides these booklets, which focus on various challenges many of us face at some point in life. Please feel free to take one or pass it along to a friend.