

Talk to Us

If you feel like talking to a Stephen Minister who might help you with your concerns, call the pastor and explain your situation. He will have someone in the Stephen Ministry program contact you. There is no commitment. You have nothing to lose. The contact, and all visits, are confidential and you may cancel the visits at any time.

Name

Phone

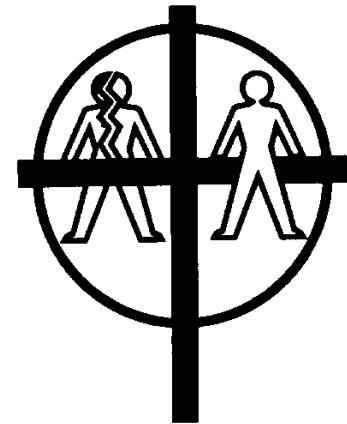
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Love

One Another...



... as I

have loved you.

Stephen Ministry

Would you like a Stephen Minister to call you?

The following article was written by a current church member who benefited by having a Stephen Minister during a time of transition.

Several years ago we were living in another area. I was recovering from a serious illness. The stress of my illness, plus pressures from his work, resulted in illness for my husband also.

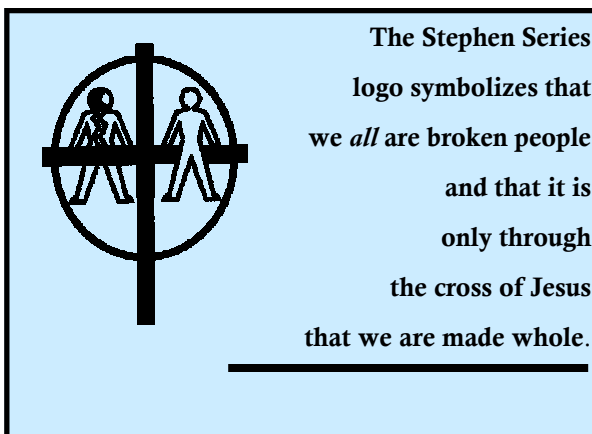
We accepted an invitation to both have our own Stephen Ministers meet with us regularly to share and care for us through our recovery.

Even though we had each other, and other friends and family, we were grateful for the support given to us by the Stephen Ministry of our church.

We no longer feel a need to have a Stephen Minister, but we continue to pray for the ministry as it works in our church and around the world.

How you can support our congregation's Stephen Ministry

- ✝ Pray for our Stephen Leaders and Ministers as they provide Christian care to others.
- ✝ Pray for all who are receiving confidential care through the Stephen Ministry of our congregation.
- ✝ Encourage people experiencing challenges, problems, stress or grief to contact the pastor or a Stephen Leader.
- ✝ Consider serving as a Stephen Minister.
- ✝ Receive Stephen Ministry when you are in need of supportive Christian Care.



Stephen Ministers are

Trained care givers who are available to meet with you to discuss your needs and pray with you about any matter that is a burden to you.

Their visits are strictly confidential and you are in complete control of what you share with them.

Our former and current Stephen Leaders and Ministers include John Helsley, Jim Kraus, Lorie Kraus, Julie Lester, Meryle Merritt, Wade Panse, Gloria Pollack, Janeen Steenhagen, Joyce Bliss, Jean Bugg, Warren Deuel, Terri Gast, Carmen Grandy, Heather Hollerbach, Nick Lesch, Jane McMurray, Barb Petzke, Mildred Royal, Judith Thompson, Jan Webber-Cassidy. Current ministers include: Lynda Acker, Nancy Dell, Donna Dumke, Nick Nealer and Kim O'Haver.

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