

Who Stephen Ministers Help

People who are experiencing:

- Loss of a loved one
- Hospitalization
- Separation and divorce
- Terminal illness
- Being shut-in
- Loneliness
- Retirement changes
- Unemployment
- Childbirth
- Life transitions
- A family crisis

Are you...

- Having a tough time?
- Feeling unfulfilled at work?
- Feeling overwhelmed at home?
- Facing a difficult decision?
- Feeling Alone?
- In pain?

A Stephen Minister can help you during difficult times

How Stephen Ministers Help

- Listen to you empathically
- Keep your confidence
- Support you during difficult times
- Encourage
- Offer Christian care

A Stephen Minister is....

- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training
- One who provides distinctively confidential Christian care
- A caring friend who really listens
- Someone you can depend on to be there for you

A Stephen Minister is not...

- A counselor or therapist
- A problem solver
- A casual visitor

Requesting a Stephen Minister

You, a relative or friend, are hurting and would like caring Christian support.



You or they (with permission) share the need with Rev. Jane Lionberger or the Referral Coordinator of the Stephen Ministry Leader team.



After talking with Rev. Lionberger or the Referral Coordinator, the person in need is assigned to a Stephen Minister of the same gender to meet weekly with the person in need.



With strict confidentiality, the Stephen Minister continues to provide Christian care for the person in need.

If you, or someone you know, might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, contact

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Stephen Ministry

Everyone goes through difficult times, but sometimes we really struggle with the life issues we are facing. Sometimes we need to know that someone else cares, that someone else is pulling for us, praying for us and reaching out to us. Sometimes it helps to talk with someone who isn't family, someone who isn't necessarily a close friend or a pastor, a teacher or a counselor. It's for those times and for those who are hurting in our church community that Kenilworth Union Church offers Stephen Ministry.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6: 2

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another

Romans 12: 15-16a

Stephen Ministry A One-to-One Caring Ministry

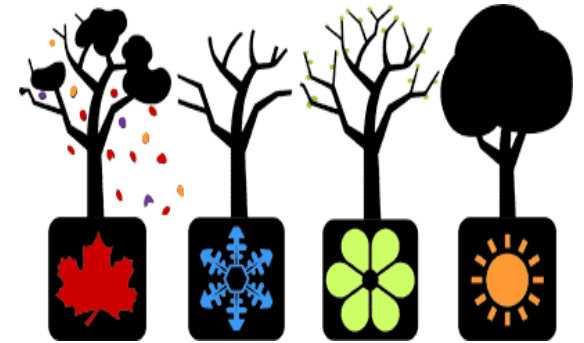
Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry that helps those facing life's difficulties receive Christian love and support through one-to-one confidential, caring relationships. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have been specially trained to support people in need and are grounded in Jesus' command to love one another.

Stephen Ministry Testimonials

“Personally I don't know what I would have done without the love, caring and support that I received from my Stephen Minister. We shared our belief in God, the power of prayer and faith...listened to my story and allowed me to mourn my loss.”

“I strongly encourage members of Kenilworth Union to avail themselves of this powerful gift when life presents them with a life changing circumstances.”

The only thing
certain in life is...



change.

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