



**Welcome to Stephen Ministry!**

*"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

This verse is part of our foundation as a ministry of Christ-centered caregivers. We believe that God provides the cure (the results), so we do everything we can to display and relate his love and care to people who are hurting. This is a powerful and life-giving ministry for both care givers and care receivers.

Our Stephen Ministers work together with our priests and Stephen Leaders to reach out to people with weekly one-on-one spiritual and emotional care. People who receive care from a Stephen Minister:

- \* Receive quality, compassionate, Christian care and support by trained care givers.
- \* Meet weekly with a Stephen Minister of the same gender for about an hour.
- \* Know that confidentiality is highly regarded in the Stephen Ministry.
- \* Deepen their relationship with their Lord.

**If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and participating in our next training class please contact [mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org](mailto:mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org) or (717) 258-1104.**

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."*  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4



Do you love to care? encourage? pray?  
To find out how to become a Stephen Minister,  
please watch for our next information session.

**Stephen Ministers are trained to provide distinctively Christian care for people who are:**

- \* Lonely
- \* Hospitalized
- \* Terminally ill (and their family members)
- \* Moving into or out of our community
- \* Grieving a death or serious loss
- \* Homebound
- \* Prisoners, ex-offenders and their families
- \* Facing job crisis or loss
- \* Aging and elderly
- \* Disabled (and their family members)
- \* Needing the support of a Christian friend
- \* Facing life transitions
- \* Separated or divorced
- \* Experiencing birth
- \* Caregivers
- \* Those going through separation or divorce
- \* Empty-nesters

**Please stay tuned for 2014 applications.**

Please watch for the 2014 Stephen Ministry application which will be available for downloading as a Word document. When available, you may submit the application as a Word document via email to [mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org](mailto:mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org).

If you would prefer to write out your answers by hand you may either download and print the application or pick up an application at the Parish Office.

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**Are you in need of a Stephen's Minister?**

**Please contact Mary Moll, Pastoral Associate, at [mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org](mailto:mmoll@saintpatrickchurch.org) or call (717) 258-1104.**