

**Is It YOUR TURN
To RECEIVE CARE?**

Would you like to rest a while in the care of a trustworthy Christian friend?

Do You Know Someone Who Is WEARY AND BURDENED?

Would you like to help them find the support they deserve?

If So, THEN CONTACT....

our pastor, Gordon Ellis at
352-4136 x210

He can answer your questions and guide your next steps in the process of matching you or your friend with a Stephen Minister.

You may also ask any Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister in the congregation for more information.

*“Come to me,
all you who are weary
and burdened and
I will give you rest.”*

**FORMER
CARE RECEIVERS SAY:**

“My Stephen Minister is very special to me. I was listened to, cared about, prayed for, taught, loved and nurtured. I have a true friend in Christ.”

“I had lots of people around me but felt like the loneliest person in the world. Everyone told me what they thought I should do, but no one wanted to hear me.”

“I didn’t know what to expect from my Stephen Minister but he put me at ease. I had a friend I could trust and who really cared about me. My care giver showed me how to work things out for myself and had the patience to let me do it.”

The Stephen Ministry logo symbolizes that we all are broken in our humanity and restored to our wholeness in God through the Love of Christ.

**STEPHEN
MINISTERS
ARE READY TO
OFFER YOU...**

- **C**are
- **H**ope
- **R**espect
- **I**nspiration
- **S**upport
- **T**rust

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ Caring
For People through People

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Are you or someone you know...

- ... hurting?
- ... confused?
- ... grieving?
- ... struggling?
- ... overwhelmed?
- ... lonely?
- ... discouraged?

Then let a Stephen Minister help and be the reminder that, in Christ, we never walk alone.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO CARE

We all experience times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend; someone who could walk with us when life challenges us with:

- Aging
- Caretaking others
- Convalescing
- Dying
- Expecting a child
- Losing a job
- Losing a loved one
- Managing illness
- Marital conflict
- Parenting
- Separating/divorce
- Transitioning into retirement

A STEPHEN MINISTER IS:

- ... a dedicated, reliable Christian trained to provide confidential, one-to-one care.
- ... a compassionate listener who is available to faithfully sit with you on regularly scheduled visits.
- ... a trustworthy confidant who has vowed to not disclose your identity or the details of your situation to anyone.
- ... not a professional in mental health, law, theology or community social services.
- ... not a problem-solver, not a helper with chores and errands and not a casual visitor who would drop by without notice.