

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED
TO BE A STEPHEN MINISTER?**

If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, then we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

If you require more information for your consideration, feel free to contact our Stephen Ministry Coordinator, Cathy Jay at 357-1232.

When you are ready to apply to serve in this ministry, call the church office (352-4136) or stop by for an application. Once you have returned it, you will be contacted to schedule an interview.

YOU play a very important role in our Stephen Ministry. Whether you serve as a minister, refer someone for care, accept care for yourself or pray for God's Love to sustain our ministry—YOU are making a difference in our church.

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 Ministry

Christ Caring
For People Through People

**United Church of Christ
in Keene**

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*Love
one another
as I
have loved you.*

**GROW SPIRITUALLY
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**BECOME A
STEPHEN MINISTER
in the
United Church of Christ
in Keene**



STEPHEN MINISTRY IS...

- ♥ A confidential, one-to-one Christian caring ministry for individuals in need of support.
- ♥ An opportunity to express God's love to those in transition, (the bereaved, new to town, hospitalized, divorced, pregnant, etc.) during regularly scheduled visits.
- ♥ A highly structured program of training and support that equips lay persons for a ministry that nurtures their compassion, faith, trustworthiness and skill.
- ♥ An extension of our pastors' ministries, enriching our congregation with even more loving and healing Christian relationships.

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE...

... dedicated, reliable, caring Christians from our congregation.

... trained care givers who learn how to honor confidentiality, boundaries, diversity and their own limitations.

... not professionals in mental health, law, theology or community social services – nor are they casual, drop-in visitors.

... blessed by their service to others and supported by a loving and understanding Stephen Ministry team.

STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMIT TO...

... two years of one-to-one caring ministry that begins with...

... 50 hours of initial weekly training in essential caring ministry skills that also enhance all personal relationships as well.

... supervision and continuing education meetings twice a month.

... confidentiality and preserving the anonymity of their caring relationship.

... a regular prayer practice that supports their ministry and spiritual growth.