

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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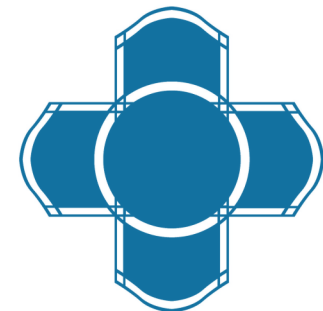
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WE'RE HERE TO HELP



Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place at St. Paul and uses the Stephen Ministry System

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Our Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

Whether you have lost a loved one, are an empty nester, have recently retired, lost a job, suffer with or know someone with a chronic or terminal illness or are about to move to a new area a Stephens Minister can be there for you.

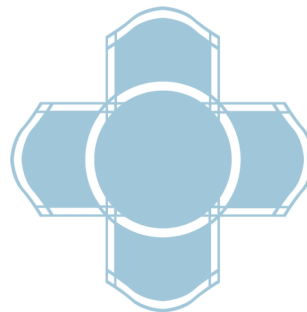


Back row: Pr. Mark Price, Karen Jacka, Pr. David Hill, David Wentrup and Colleen Ianni.

Front row: Michael Hess, ElJoan Shealor, Susan Quaschnick, Marilyn & Bill Maki.

Not pictured: Brenda Nicholas and Linda Greer

St. Paul has 11 Stephen Ministers if you or someone you know would like more information or a visit from a Stephens Minister please give the church office a call at
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