

# stephen MINISTRY

## Get in on the ACTION

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in others' lives when they need it most—and in your own? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

Stephen Minister training equips you to do an excellent job as a Stephen Minister as well as to improve the quality of all your relationships. Topics include—

- listening
- providing Christian care
- ministering to people experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, illness, and more
- feelings
- maintaining boundaries
- crisis theory and practice

Once equipped, Stephen Ministers are prayerfully matched with people who are going through a stressful time or life difficulty. A Stephen Minister meets with this person once a week for about an hour to listen, care, encourage, and pray. The Stephen Minister brings Christ's presence into the person's life and also experiences Christ in the other person. It's really a life-changing ministry for *both* the care receiver and the Stephen Minister.

**If you'd like to learn more about how to become a Stephen Minister—talk with one of our pastors or Stephen Leaders.**

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*  
—Galatians 6:2