



Stephen Ministry

Help – Hope – Healing

*The vision statement for Stephen Ministry at PCB is:
“As part of our caring family of faith, we are equipped to provide and dedicated to offer Christ-centered care so that no one among us is left to suffer alone.” Stephen Ministry care giving is available to PCB members, families, friends and neighbors in the community.*

Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV)

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a not-for-profit Christian Educational organization based in St. Louis, Missouri. Our congregation’s Stephen Ministry program has been active in this church for the last 14 years. Our Stephen Leaders equip lay people to provide one-to-one Christian Care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private.

How Does it Work?

If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, or you would simply like more information about the ministry, contact the church office at 847-381-0975. They will put you in touch with a Stephen Leader who can answer all your questions. If you may be interested in having a Stephen Minister you will have an opportunity to hear about Stephen Ministry, ask questions, and then determine if Stephen Ministry is the right fit for you at this time.

Is God Calling You to Serve as a Stephen Minister?

If you are interested in serving our congregation as a Stephen Minister you need to sign up for our next training class. Training involves 50 hours of in-class sessions along with reading assignments. It is a comprehensive training that equips and prepares you for this Christian caregiving. Contact the church office to find out when the next training class begins.

Stephen Ministry Multiplies Ministry

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves.

Stephen Ministry provides a thoroughly biblical solution—equipping God’s people for ministry. Gifted laypeople receive training to support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide.

Stephen Ministers Care for People Facing Tough Times

We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as.....

- † Loss of a loved one
- † Hospitalization
- † Divorce or separation
- † Loneliness or discouragement
- † Spiritual crisis
- † Unemployment or a job crisis
- † A terminal illness
- † Incarceration
- † Aging
- † Birth, Adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
- † A chronic illness
- † Relocation
- † Recovery after an accident or disaster
- † Many other life challenges

Learn More About Stephen Ministry (video from Evanston)

Links to further information

Stephen Ministry St. Louis Home
<https://www.stephenministries.org/>

What is Stephen Ministry?
<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917>

What is a Stephen Minister?
<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596>

Care Receivers tell their stories

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1597>

