



What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and support a team of congregation members – called Stephen Ministers. 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. We reach out with God’s love to people who are hurting. We listen, care, pray, support and encourage those in need.

A Stephen Minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside a hurting person
- A caring Christian who really listens
- A member of the Platte City United Methodist Church who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care
- A person who is ready to focus on your needs
- A trustworthy confidant who will keep everything you say – and even your identity – confidential
- Someone who will faithfully meet with you on a weekly basis for as long as your need persists

A Stephen Minister is NOT...

- A counselor or therapist
- A problem-solver
- Someone who runs errands or helps with chores; or
- A casual visitor



The Stephen Ministry logo, with the broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross, symbolizes that we are all broken people and that only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with the confidential, one-to-one Christian care you need to help make it through a crisis or help you through a difficult time. We can help guide you on your journey from brokenness to wholeness.

Everyone goes through difficult times and having someone to care, to listen, to share God’s love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing. God does not intend for you to struggle alone. Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” *Matthew 11:28*

If you would like more information, please reach out by phone (816-858-2441) or email (plattecityumc@gmail.com) and a Stephen Minister Leader will contact you.