

Stephen Ministry at St Anne's

Our Vision: The Holy Spirit transforms those who participate in Stephen Ministry as we serve Christ by carrying one another's burdens. Christ's love deepens and manifests for members of the congregation. And that love goes beyond our circle into the larger community.

What is Stephen Ministry? A one-to-one confidential ministry for people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised caregivers. A care receiver may have a burden that they prefer not to handle alone—such as a recent medical diagnosis, a family crisis, loss of a loved one, loss of a job or financial security, or concern about the future. A Stephen Minister walks alongside a care receiver, listening and encouraging in strictest confidence.

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister, or in serving as a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. William Bell (wbell@stannes-annapolis.com) or any of our Stephen Leaders:

Carol Leach (410-263-1752)	Fran Lukens (410-353-4752)
Lori Marchant (443-994-5858)	Chip Tucker (410-757-6841)
Rev. Joe Pagano (410-267-9333)	Rev. John Smith (443-454-5648)

Who are Care Receivers? Care Receivers are ordinary people facing difficult life circumstances. A care receiver receives emotional and spiritual support from a Stephen Minister.

What do Stephen Ministers do? A Stephen Minister provides Christian care for one care receiver. They meet privately about an hour a week for as long as needed. Stephen Ministers show up to listen, encourage, and pray. They are trustworthy and maintain strict confidentiality. Each receives 50 hours of training, as well as ongoing education and supervision.

What do Stephen Leaders do? Stephen Leaders also receive 50 hours of training. They oversee and administer our Stephen Ministry. They recruit, train and supervise our Stephen Ministers.

How can one become a Care Receiver? Contact Rev. William Bell (850-450-2801), or Lori Marchant, (443-994-5858), or any Stephen Leader. All inquiries are strictly confidential. If you know someone who might need care, call a Stephen Leader after receiving permission from that person. Stephen Ministry may or may not be the right ministry for someone. Nevertheless, all inquiries are welcome.

Stephen Ministry calendar:

- February 2017: Stephen Minister recruitment begins
- March 2017: Applications for potential Stephen Ministers become available
- April 2017: Interview process begins
- September 2017 – February 2018: Stephen Minister training on Tuesdays from 6:30 -9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- February 2018: Commissioning of new Stephen Ministers
- Commissioned Stephen Ministers participate in ongoing education and peer supervision on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.