

## Requirements of Stephen Ministers

### Training:

- Interview with Weezie Ainsworth or Tom Peckham, Training Coordinators.
- Interview with Rev. Ashley Pickerel, Referrals Coordinator.
- Read/study all assigned materials before attending class.
- 50 hours of class time, including 2 weekend retreats (Friday evening and Saturday until 3:30). Classes are held on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:00.

### In Service:

- Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday nights each month for supervision and continuing education.
  - *Missing 3 of these due to unexcused absences during any calendar year will result in dismissal.*
  - Excused absences require prior notification of your facilitator and are based on one of the following situations:
    - Death in immediate family—yours
    - Illness
    - Out of town
    - Other as approved by the facilitator PRIOR to the meeting.
- Meeting with your Care Receiver as appropriate—averaging once a week.
- There is a 2-year commitment from the date of your commissioning.
- Stephen Ministry Nametags should be worn at all time when on church property. (Stoles are worn only when you are actively serving in a worship service.)
- There are and will be particular situation which necessitate supervision with Rev. Ashley only. In those cases the above requirements may be suspended.

### Opportunities:

- Care Receivers: One-to-one caregiving (male-male/female-female)
- Additional opportunities:
- Communion Server: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Month, the first Sunday of the month communion is served at all 3 services by Stephen Ministers.
  - Communion to shut-ins
  - Baptisms
  - Funerals
  - Huntersville Oaks: Visitation to those patients who are actively dying and have no family nearby. Requires TB test at CMC and training at the facility.
  - The Pines: Visitation with residents who have no local family. Training at the facility is required.

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