

Requirements of Stephen Ministers

Training:

- Interview with Weezie Ainsworth, Training Coordinator.
- Interview with Rev. Berta Spencer, 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 the first and third Monday nights of the month for supervision and continuing education, except June, July, August and September when we will meet on the third Monday night only.
 - *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 Berta only. In those cases the above requirements may be suspended.

Opportunities:

- Care Receivers: One to one care giving.
- Communion Server: Every 3rd 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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