

Southport Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

In following the teachings in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we equip people to provide the highest quality, one-on-one, and distinctively Christian care to members of our congregation and community who are experiencing a crisis in their lives. Stephen Ministry at Southport Presbyterian Church supports the core values of our church for growing deeper in faith and broadening service to the congregation and the community.



The Stephen Ministry tells a story of a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. It is a journey made possible by "Christ caring for people through people."

Who Are Stephen Ministers?

They are members of the church who have the gift of care giving, have received 50 hours of training, and have made a two-year commitment to the ministry and attend ongoing education and supervision meetings.

Our Stephen Ministers are carefully matched to a care receiver who has agreed to receive a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are NOT assigned to persons with serious emotional or mental problems. They meet with their care receiver weekly. They listen, explore feelings, pray, share Christ's love and attend to the care giving process while leaving the results to God.

Stephen Ministry and Pastoral Care

For pastors, Stephen Ministry deepens, expands, and extends the caregiving capacity of their congregations. A team of Stephen Ministers, together with a pastor, can provide ongoing care to more people than the pastor could alone.

Could you or someone you know benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister?

Contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

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For more information about Stephen Ministries, [download our brochure](#) or visit www.stephenministries.org