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### **STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE READY TO SERVE** Commissioning is March 5<sup>th</sup>; Beginning on March 6<sup>th</sup>

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or otherwise experiencing difficulties.

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that such troubles can bring spiritual growth to the sufferer. But when we who are in Christ suffer, we also find comfort through Christ, and one of the ways we find this comfort is through others who have found Christ's care and comfort in their sufferings, 2 Corinthians 1:4-6. Our Stephen Ministers offer this Christ-like care to those in need.

Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you going through a time of crisis or challenge? Do you know someone who is suffering from grief or loneliness? Is one of your friends struggling to find meaning in life after he or she has retired or after all the children have gone? Could you or someone you know benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister?

If you would like to have a Stephen Minister please call Deon Mangan at (530) 877-7006. There is a 2 step process of initial paperwork and interview. Please consider whether you know of someone who needs our Stephen Minister care, and we ask you to remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank You and God Bless,  
Stephen Leaders:

Pastor Ann; Deon Mangan; Dottie Erhardt and Dave Cabral