

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 3; 12 noon – 1 pm

St. Louis Room

**Are you being called to serve as a Stephen Minister?**

**This meeting will help you discern your calling.**

**The next training session begins in late September and will meet weekly for twenty 2.5 hour sessions.**

**Information about Stephen Ministry is available on our parish website [www.stceciaparish.org](http://www.stceciaparish.org) or at [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org).**

**Sometimes love comes knocking at the door;**

**Not to judge, but to just be there through the thin times;**

**Not to heal, but to allow God to heal;**

**Not to be the answer, but to be a conduit;**

**Not to have the words, when God fills the silent room;**

**Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister.**

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED?**

**“Bear one another’s burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2**

# Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

*Stephen Ministers are there:*

...*after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

...*after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...*after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

...*after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do".

...*after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home".

...*after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away - and the house suddenly seems empty.

...*after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...*after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...*after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...*after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

## *Stephen Ministry Leadership Team*

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Stephen Ministers are the "After People". They are ready to come alongside you - or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives - and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.