

Stephen Leaders/Ministers

What is a Stephen Leader?

A Stephen Leader is a lay person who first attends a week long Leadership Training Course led by Stephen Ministries of St. Louis. This week focuses on the administrative and supervisory aspects of Stephen Ministry. Their role is then to direct the Stephen Ministry in the congregation.

Stephen Leaders recruit, select and train laypeople from the congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers leading them through training in Christian caregiving.

Stephen Leaders (listed left to right)

Dianne Wood (Supervision Coordinator), Cathy McCall (Referrals Coordinator), Lissa Bradford (Stephen Leader Team Coordinator), Anne Keener (Training Coordinator), Patrick McGirt (Continuing Education Coordinator)



What is a Stephen Minister?

The Stephen Minister makes a 24-month commitment of service to the program, which includes 50 hours of training in Christian care giving. They cover such topics as:

- * Effective listening
- * Confidentiality
- * Assertiveness
- * Finding community resources
- * Specialized topics related to care giving

At the end of training, the congregation commissions the Stephen Ministers. Stephen Leaders can then link them with a care receiver (a person who requests a Stephen Minister). A Stephen Minister is

assigned to only one care receiver at a time and meets with that person for about an hour each week. During their service as Stephen Ministers, whether assigned a care receiver or not, each minister and leader attends twice-monthly Continuing Education and Supervision meetings.