November 2025 - Stephen Ministry UPDATE

What are your skills? What are your talents?

During this month at Summerville Methodist Church, we are challenged to find our places to serve using our God-given abilities. As you pray and consider your roles, please think of the Stephen Ministry.

SMC has as members several commissioned Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers who are eagerly planning a launch early in the new year.

If this ministry is new to you, here is a brief description:

A Stephen Minister offers a kind, non-judgmental listening person for **someone going through a difficult time**. A Care-Receiver is matched with a Stephen Minister for a one-on-one relationship. Meetings continue until the Care Receiver has reached his or her goals.

Expanding the team of Stephen Ministers is one of our first goals. With at least 4 students, we can offer the **training course,** perhaps starting in mid-late Spring. If you're an adult with a compassionate and willing heart, you can learn about active listening and encouraging and creating a non-judgmental relationship in one-to-one care. Please be in touch if you would like to learn more about the class.

For more information about receiving the gift of a Stephen Minister or joining this ministry team, please call or text:
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