

## Want to know more?

For help or more information on any of our Caring Ministries, please leave this form for Associate Pastor Alice Coder in the Church Office.

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_ Help for me or another

\_\_\_ I'm interested in joining

\_\_\_ Stephen Ministry

\_\_\_ Care Ministry

\_\_\_ Prayer Ministry

\_\_\_ Extending the Table

Each application to receive a Stephen Minister or Care Minister and concerns shared with our Prayer Partners are handled with **respect** and **confidentiality**. Stephen Minister applications include an interview with a Stephen Minister, Associate Pastor Alice Coder and/or a Stephen Leader.

In the midst of difficult times, having someone to care, to listen and to share God's love can help strengthen our ability to manage stress, uncertainty or loneliness and to experience God's grace, hope and peace.

Please contact Alice Coder, Associate Pastor, for more information, to volunteer, or to receive care for yourself or someone you love.

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## Ministries of Congregational Care



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# Ministries of Congregational Care

## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training to provide individual, confidential care to **adults** in the midst of difficult life issues such as

- ✧ significant loss
- ✧ separation or divorce
- ✧ serious medical problems
- ✧ job or financial crisis
- ✧ spiritual crisis, or
- ✧ *any* life-changing event

and would like a Christian friend who knows how to care and listen.



### A Stephen Minister is ...

- ✧ A trained layperson who visits each week, listens compassionately, and helping you make your own decisions, *not* a problem solver telling you what to do.
- ✧ A caring friend offering resources and referrals if needed.
- ✧ A Christian friend who prays with and for you.
- ✧ An extension of the pastoral care ministry of the church, *not* a casual visitor *nor* a professional counselor.

### Stephen Ministers also

- serve pew communion and
- make weekend hospital visits.

Contact: Tom Brunner 972-867-4768.

## Care Ministry



Care Ministers receive training to provide telephone care to persons who have been hospitalized, suffered a significant loss in their lives, or have an

ongoing health concern. Care Ministers respect the confidentiality of the persons receiving care and are a vital extension of the pastoral care ministries of our church.

Contact: Leilani Edds 972-496-9338.

## Prayer Ministry

You are invited to pray for the concerns of our congregation, community, and world either

- in person with the *11th Hour Prayer Group* at 11:00 a.m. Thursdays in the chapel, or
- at home as a *Prayer Partner*, receiving the prayer list by post or e-mail. Prayer Partners covenant to pray for each person on the list at least once each week and to keep these concerns confidential.



Contact: Joyce Langford 972-783-6981.

To **submit a prayer request**, please contact the church office at 972-423-4506 or [office@firstmethodistplano.org](mailto:office@firstmethodistplano.org).

## Extending the Table

Participants take communion to homebound persons who are not able to attend worship on the first Sunday of each month.



## Interested?

For more information please call the specific Ministry contact person or Associate Pastor Alice Coder at 972-423-4506 or [acoder@firstmethodistplano.org](mailto:acoder@firstmethodistplano.org)

**Stephen Ministers** receive 50 hours of training as well as ongoing education as part of their two-year commitment.

**Stephen Leaders** attend a one-week training.

**Care Ministers** who are not Stephen Ministers receive an in-depth orientation.

**Extending the Table** volunteers attend a 4½-hour training to learn not only *how* to perform this ministry but also to gain a theological understanding of *what* they are doing and *why*.

**Ministries of Congregational Care extend the love of Christ in specific ways to share God's grace with individuals, our church, our community, and the world. Caring ministries make a difference - we hope you'll join us!**