

Report to Council on Ministry

From Stephen Ministry, February 24, 2009

Currently we have 21 active Stephen Ministers of which 4 are Stephen Leaders. We also have 3 Stephen Ministers on sabbaticals.

Meetings: In 2009 we have changed our meeting format. We are now meeting monthly on the third Monday of the month. Each meeting begins with a Continuing Education session in the Fellowship Hall. Following a short break we adjourn into three Small Group Peer Supervision sessions in the Asbury Room, the Library and the Parlor. In addition, the Stephen Leaders continue to meet monthly with the Associate Pastor.

Small Group Peer Supervision: We currently have three small groups. We recently trained three new facilitators for these important support sessions. Now, we have a facilitator and at least one back-up facilitator in each group including one or more Stephen Leader in each.

Continuing Education:

In January our Continuing Education was cancelled due to inclement weather late in the afternoon.

In February our speaker was Gary Kendrick, Executive Director of Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine (TCVIM). He gave the Stephen Ministers a broad overview of TCVIM, its programs and its needs.

New Class: The new class scheduled to start in January did not make as there were only three individuals committed to it. We are hoping to start a class in May to run through the summer. Despite our very active ongoing program, there remains a need for more Stephen Ministers in our congregation and community.

In Christ,

Bob Hayward

Stephen Leader