

Stephen Minister Training Schedule



Key:

PCR (Pre-Class Reading) / SMTM (Stephen Minister Training Manual) / CC-AWOL (Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life)
 STTIL (Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian) / WAH (When and How to Use Mental Health Resources: A Stephen Ministry Guide)

	Date	Session	Reading Assignments Due for this Session
1	Thur. Sept. 1 st 6-8:30pm	T-1 The Person of the Caregiver	
2	Thur. Sept. 8 th 6-8:30pm	T-2 Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours	SMTM: "Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours" CC-AWOL: Preface-Chapter 4
3	Thur. Sept. 15 th 6-8:30pm	T-3 The Art of Listening	SMTM: "The Art of Listening" CC-AWOL: Chapters 5-8
4	Thur. Sept. 22 nd 6-8:30pm	T-4 Distinctively Christian Caring	CC-AWOL: Chapters 9-14 STTIL: Intro-Chapter 3
5	Thur. Sept. 29 th 6-8:30pm	T-5 A Process Approach to Caring	SMTM: "A Process Approach to Caring" STTIL: Chapters 4-7
6	Thur. Oct. 6 th 6-8:30pm	T-6 Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly	STTIL: Chapters 8-18
7	Thur. Oct. 13 th 6-8:30pm	T-7 Maintaining Boundaries T-8 Crisis Theory & Practice	SMTM: "Maintaining Boundaries" SMTM: "Crisis Theory & Practice"
8	Thur. Oct. 20 th 6-8:30pm	T-9 Confidentiality	SMTM: "Confidentiality" WAH: Preface-Chapter 3
9	Thur. Oct. 27 th 6-8:30pm	T-10 Caring Between Visits	SMTM: "Caring Between Visits" WAH: Chapter 4-6
10	Thur. Nov. 3 rd 6-8:30pm	T-11 Using Mental Health Professionals and other Community Resources	SMTM: "Using Mental Health Professionals..." WAH: Chapter 7-Appendix C
11	Thur. Nov. 10 th 6-8:30pm	T-12 Ministering to those Experiencing Grief	SMTM: "Ministering to those Experiencing Grief"
12	Thur. Nov. 17 th 6-8:30pm	T-13 Caring for those with Depression	SMTM: "Caring for those with Depression"
	Dec. 1st	Christmas Party	
13	Thur. Jan. 5 th 6-8:30pm	T-14 Understanding Suicide	SMTM: "Understanding Suicide"
	Sunday, Jan. 8th	Stephen Minister Commissioning at Vision Sunday	
14	Thur. Jan. 12 th 6-8:30pm	T-15 Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close	SMTM: "Brining the Caring Relationship to a Close"
15	Sat. Jan. 14 th	T-16 Ongoing Supervision T-17 How to Make a first Caring Visit T-18 Go – God is With You!	SMTM: "Supervision" SMTM: "How to Make a First Caring Visit" SMTM: "Go – God is with You!"

