



STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS, 2018
Thursdays 7:30 PM until 9:30PM
Zwingli United Church of Christ
March 29, 2018 - No Class, Maunday Thursday



Class	Date	Module	Topic	Trainer	Preclass Reading Assignments	Refreshments
1	Jan/18	Module 1	The Person of the Caregiver	Jonathan Widgins	Upon receipt of materials, you may begin reading for the first 3 classes including Appendices, Stephen Ministry Training Manual (SMTM), pp 7-16	Jonathan Widgins
2	Jan/25	Module 2	Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 17–28, “Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours,” Preclass Reading Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life, Preface through chapter 7, pp. 9–60	
3	Feb/1	Module 3	The Art of Listening	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 39–50, “The Art of Listening” Preclass Reading Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life, chapters 8–13, pp. 61–117	
4	Feb/8	Module 4, Part 1	Distinctively Christian Caring	Butch Kuykendall	Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life, chapters 14–20, pp. 118–157 Bring Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life to class	
5	Feb/15	Module 4, Part 2	Distinctively Christian Caring	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 63–76, “Distinctively Christian Caring—Part 2” Preclass Reading. Bring your Bible and Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life to the next session Speaking the Truth in Love, Introduction through chapter 3	
6	Feb/22	Module 5	Process Versus Results in Caregiving	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 81–88, “Process versus Results in Caregiving” Preclass Reading. Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life, review chapters 2 and 18 Speaking the Truth in Love, chapters 4–7	
7	Mar/1	Module 6 Part 1	Assertiveness: Relating Gently & Firmly	Butch Kuykendall	Speaking the Truth in Love, chapters 8–12 Bring Speaking the Truth in Love to class	

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8	Mar/8	Module 6 Part 2	Assertiveness: Relating Gently & Firmly	Butch Kuykendall	Speaking the Truth in Love, chapters 13–18	
9	Mar/15	Module 7, Module 8	Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 125–137, “Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving” Preclass Reading Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 145–154, “Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity” Preclass Reading	
10	Mar/22	Module 9	Confidentiality	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 163–172, “Confidentiality” Preclass Reading When and How to Use Mental Health Resources, Introduction through chapter 3	
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	Apr/5	Module 10	Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 185–191, “Telecare: The Next Best Thing to Being There” Preclass Reading When and How to Use Mental Health Resources, chapters 4–6	
11	Apr/12	Module 11	Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 205–239, “Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources” Preclass Reading When and How to Use Mental Health Resources, chapter 7–appendix E	
13	Apr/19	Module 12	Ministering To Those Experiencing Grief	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 257–266, “Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief” Preclass Reading	

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14	Apr/26	Module 13	Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 281–291, “Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister’s Role” Preclass Reading	
15	May/3	Module 14	Helping Suicidal Persons Get The Help They Need	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 307–325, “Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need” Preclass Reading	
16	May/10	Module 15	Bringing The Caring Relationship To a Close	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 343–358, “Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close” Preclass Reading	
17	May 8	Module 16, Part 1	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care	Butch Kuykendall	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 373–394, “Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 1” Preclass Reading	
18	May 27	Module 16, Part 2	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 405–427, “Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 2” Preclass Reading Review “The Structure of Small Group Peer Supervision,” Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 374–377 Bring the “Check-In Statement Form” and “Stephen Minister’s Progress Report” you prepared	
19	May/31	Module 17	How to Make a First Caring Visit	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 437–460, “How to Make a First Caring Visit” Preclass Reading	
20	Jun/7	Module 18	Follow Me	Jonathan Widgins	Stephen Ministry Training Manual, pp. 473–484, “Follow Me” Preclass Reading. Other assignments: Read the Preclass Reading A.S.A.P. Bring both volumes of your Stephen Ministry Training Manual to class next time	

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