

Thursday - March 19

...“As for me, the Lord has led me on the way to the house of my master’s kin.

Genesis 24:27 (NRSV)

Our journey of faith. Taking a journey usually equals going somewhere we want to go, but our faith journey started because Christ first called us to follow him. Following means more than just believing in God, or believing that Christ died for our sins. The Bible says we are to be His hands and feet in the world. We are asked to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned. We are called to witness to others and share the good news about God and Christ Jesus. Our faith journey calls us and allows us to become more like Christ day by day.

I have been a Stephen Minister for five years now. I was hesitant when first asked to join. Could I do that work? Would I be good enough? Stephen Ministers are trained to be Christian caregivers. We offer support to people going through a trying circumstance. We are gentle listeners and those who can pray for and with our care receiver. For me, I know that I’m personally gaining just as much for myself as I’m giving the person receiving care from me. It seems that every Stephen Minister at PUMC feels that way too. It is seeing Christ grow more in my life as I grow toward doing more in the name of Christ. My journey of faith has also called me to join our “All In Community” ministry that deals with those in prison.

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Prayer: Dear God continue to guide us and sustain us on our journey of faith. Continue to lead us with Your light in our heart and on our mind. Amen.