

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

### Accessing Pastoral Care with our Ministry Partners

During this period of ministerial /pastoral partnership, the responsibility for pastoral care will be shared by both the priest and the deacon and coordinated through the people listed below. No one person or persons is available at all times, however, coverage is in place should you need it.

To access this care, please contact our Senior Warden, Katie Jones at 435-8780. If you are unable to reach her directly; contact Sabra Welch at 435-6535. If you have been unsuccessful in reaching either of them and the matter is urgent, contact any other Vestry member.

The person that you reach will need some minimal information from you. They may ask you the type of visit or support you need, i.e. a hospital visit, in home communion, etc. and may ask how urgently you need the assistance. They will ask for a call back number so that the clergy person who will be aiding you, can reach you in the most direct manner. The Vestry member will contact the clergy and provide the information needed to help you. In most cases the clergy person will call you back and speak with you. In the case of a hospital visit in the Concord area, you may receive a call from the Vestry member you contacted confirming a visit with a date and possibly a time that the clergy will be at the hospital. If you have not heard back from either the clergy person or the Vestry member in a reasonable period of time, please re-contact the Vestry member you originally spoke with to follow up on your request.

Please remember that both our pastoral partners have full time work/responsibilities outside of their time at St. Stephen's and may be out of the local area when you contact us for Pastoral Care.

We understand that this is a somewhat cumbersome process and ask for your patience and prayers as we embark on a rather unique form of pastoral partnership.