

December 13, 2012

Dear members and friends of Agape United Methodist Church:

Beginning on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, our Sunday morning schedule will change to the following:

**Church School: 8:45 a.m.**

**Worship: 10 a.m.**

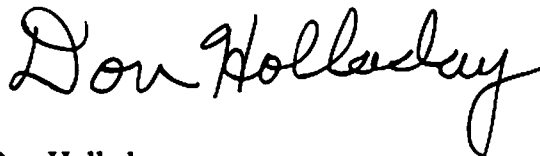
The reason for this change in schedule is that, beginning on January 1, Don Holladay will be appointed as pastor over a two-point part-time charge consisting of Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, Lubbock and Agape Church. This appointment was made by Interim Bishop Dan Solomon, on the recommendation of Lubbock District Superintendent Rev. Richard Edwards. It also came after consultation with the leaders and members of both churches.

Initially, this appointment is made to provide consistent, quality pastoral leadership to both churches. Undoubtedly, there will be some adjustments we are asking of both congregations. Logistically, there will be some challenges as the two churches work out how to share resources, align schedules, and relate to each other. But missionally, this has great potential to extend the ministry of both churches in a cooperative and outward-focused direction.

We will called a "charge." Traditionally, in United Methodist language, a "charge" is a pastoral appointment. In the past, a charge could be a mission field, a geographic area or a "station church." For the leadership of our church, we believe that the word "charge", in this context, means that we are "charged" to reach out in witness to our neighborhood and friends. In addition to extending the reach of pastor Don's ministry, we believe that it will extend the possibilities for positive change within our congregation. Our expectation is that the membership and friends will be supportive of this change, and will do all we can to make it a success.

If you have any questions and concerns, please call any of the three of us, and we will be glad to visit with you about it.

Sincerely,



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