

Dear Epworth Church family,

Earlier this month you received a communication from Pastor Doug about his intention to seek a new church appointment in West Ohio or another United Methodist Conference.

Doug has received an interim appointment in the Cincinnati area. This will allow him to share the love of Christ with the people there and to pursue his broader search for his next permanent appointment.

An interim pastor will be appointed to Epworth soon, carrying us through until July. Based upon conversations with and the discernment of the District Superintendent, Pastor Doug, and church leaders, the decision to invite an interim pastor to lead until July was the best decision for both Epworth and Pastor Doug.

We will receive our new Lead Pastor soon after Annual Conference. Our Superintendent is working hard to bring us the best pastor to lead Epworth into God's desired future.

Pastor Doug's final Sunday at Epworth will be February 2nd, with a reception following each of the services in the Lobby.

We hope you will continue to pray for Pastor Doug, Epworth church, our coming interim pastor and new permanent pastor. We believe God has a bright and fruitful future for us.

Pastors Beth, Jennifer, and Dave, as well as the Epworth staff, remain committed to supporting and guiding you through this season of transition.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Scot Ocke  
District Superintendent



Rev. Dr. Doug Damron  
Senior Pastor



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