

PLOWSHARES

Sudlersville United Methodist Charge

December 2019

Acts 20:35

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

It Is Better to Give Than Receive

Giving is how our savior, Jesus Christ, demonstrates his great love for us. He gave of himself fully for us by trading his life for ours. He died a sinner's death on a cross – tortured, humiliated, executed. His acts were wholly selfless in order to save us from our sins. This is the model by which we are called to live and give.

I think it's obvious that we were created to give. When we do what we are created to do, everything feels right. It makes us happy and content. When we give of ourselves to someone else whether it is our time, talents, possessions, or service, we feel fulfilled. We feel as though we have a purpose. We feel like we are living for a higher ideal than ourselves and that we are making the world a better place. We can sleep contently, with a smile on our face, when we have spent the day serving others. It has even been proven in study after study that the more we give the happier we are.

Through giving, God uses us to bless others. He has blessed us with all our abilities, possessions, and strengths so that he can reveal himself to others through us. When you use your God-given blessings to help someone else, you are being Christ to them. They might come to understand the selfless love of God because of your selfless love. They might come to faith in God when they see your goodness and selflessness. You can make a difference in someone's life by your giving.

And best of all, giving makes God happy. 2 Corinthians 8:1 says, "God loves a cheerful giver." God loves it when we use his example of selflessness to be selfless towards others. I imagine a smile from God and a twinkle in his eye when we are serving others. I hope that in this season you can be a delight to your creator. I hope that your heart will be filled in your selfless acts and that people will see God's love through you. It truly is better to give than to receive.

Pastor Eric

December 1, 2019

Dear Friends of Dudley's Chapel:

There comes a time when maintenance is a necessity for our historic treasure. Dudley's Chapel is noted as the fifth oldest Methodist Meeting House in the United States. An early place of worship in the beginning history of the Methodist Society in the Sudlersville area in 1744. With the presence and guidance of Francis Asbury in our immediate area through the Revolutionary War, how remarkable the faith, determination and perseverance took hold to establish a Methodist religion made prominent at a time that coincides with building a new nation and Declare Independence in 1776.

Dudley's Chapel roof is showing wear and needs to be replaced. A new roof is needed before we can think about a new ceiling. To obtain a grant, we will need to match the money that we apply for. Dudley's account holds approximately \$6,000. We hope to build up our treasury to apply for a grant.

Dudley's Chapel is a limited service Church with special programs during the year. We plan for our Christmas Candlelight Service to be held Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. We hope you will attend.

We have been very fortunate to have the support from the Sudlersville Methodist Charge membership and friends to preserve our historic church. We hope your interest would be with the same determination of the early Methodist Society that built Dudley's Meeting House. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dudley's Chapel Trustees

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I would like support the Dudley's Chapel Preservation Fund. Tax ID 47-3819233

Name: _____

Address: _____

Make Checks payable to Dudley's Chapel

Dudley's Chapel
P.O. Box 114
Sudlersville, MD 21668

We are very grateful for your response.

Please Join Us this December!

~Special Services are in **BOLD**.



12/8/19		Special Offering: Board of Childcare
12/8/19	12:00 pm	CA Ad. Council Meeting
12/8/19	7:00 pm	SP Small Group Meeting
12/9/19	6:30 pm	SPLASH -Meet at SP
12/12/19	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery @ CA
12/15/18	7:00 pm	Dudley's Christmas Service
12/16/19	10:00 am	SUMC Food Pantry Distribution @ CA
12/17/19	6:30 pm	SUMC Food Pantry Distribution @ CA
12/19/19	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery @ CA
12/22/18	11:00 am	CA Sunday School Program
12/22/19	7:00 pm	SP Small Group Meeting
12/23/19-12/26/19		Church Office Closed
12/24/18	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service @ SP
12/24/18	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service @ CA
12/26/19	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery @ CA
12/29/18	10:30 am	Combined Service @ SP

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WORSHIP WITH US!

Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church

103 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD. 21668

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship Service: 11:00 am

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

251 St. Paul's Rd., Ingleside, MD. 21644

Worship Service: 9:00 am

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Sign up for Text Message Reminders:

For Calvary Asbury:

Text the message: @4cal To the number: 81010

For St. Paul's:

Text the message: @4stp To the number: 81010

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HISTORICAL BUSIC'S CHURCH

1511 Dixon Tavern Rd., Barclay, MD.

2019 Fall Church Services:

December 29, 2019 at 3:00 pm