

# Matthew 25 Christmas Project

The Spirit of Giving filled the Parish House on Sunday, December 10, with Bruton Youth baking and decorating Christmas cookies. They were packed in holiday gift boxes by M25 Volunteers for thirty-five Matthew Whaley students to share with their families during the long holiday break.

Sugar cookies shaped into Christmas stars, stockings, trees and wreaths decorated with brightly colored icing topped off the packages of kid-friendly, nonperishable food items requested by the school that included cereal, fruit cups, graham crackers, mac and cheese, pudding cups, Ramen noodles and SpaghettiOs.

M25 volunteers shopped for the food, decorated the boxes with seasonal wrapping paper and packed the boxes for delivery. Susan Moorman coordinated the project and stated, "We were grateful to have this opportunity to share with these students and their families. I am thankful for and inspired by the dedicated M25 members whose help and effort made this project possible; and the generosity of our congregation in providing the funding."

The food items were purchased with funds from a Mission and Outreach grant. Hands-on helpers were Bessie Bierer, Jeanne Blount, Leslie and Rick Boye, Alta Cassady, Janet and Dick Estes, Rev'd Lauren McDonald, Susan and Ken Moorman, Jack Oates, Nicole Petrou, Anne Prosser and Debbie Van Doren. Youth and their families prepared the cookies under the guidance of Meghan Brewer.

1) Rev'd Lauren McDonald & Susan Moorman organizing assembly line of foods to be packaged; 2) Anne Prosser wrapping holiday boxes; 3) Susan Moorman, Leslie Boye, and Rev'd Lauren McDonald delivering the holiday boxes to Matthew Whaley's Guidance Counselor, Kendall Almasian

