

Food Pantry Ministry



Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School/St Mary's Road United Methodist Church – *Partners in Education – Backpack Feeding Program* – St Mary's Road UMC Food Pantry Ministry is proud to announce that beginning September 2012, it has partnered with MLK Jr Elementary School to provide backpacks filled with non-perishable snack foods for students to take home on the weekends. These students are generally considered high "at risk," and they participate in a subsidized meal program at school during the week. With the *Backpack Feeding Program*, St Mary's Road UMC Food Pantry Ministry is ensuring that students do not go hungry on the weekends when they are out of school. The program kicked off on Friday, September 14th, with 50 students receiving backpacks; and will continue weekly for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Sixteen more students were added to the *Program* for the next distribution. We envision that the number of students receiving backpacks will increase as more students become eligible to participate in the program. On hand for the first distribution to present each student with a backpack were the Reverend Frederick Gray, Pastor, St Mary's Road UMC, Shereda Jones and Mary Hosley from the church's Food Pantry Ministry. Also in attendance were Guidance Counselor, Dr. Helen Jones; Ms. Cynthia Smith, Media Specialist; Dr. Carla Henry, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Terry L. Baker, Principal. To find out how you can support the *Backpack Feeding Program*, contact Shereda Jones at 706-358-1228, or send e-mail to theroadumcpantry@gmail.com. [NOTE: In memory of Dr. Jones who passed away in November 2012, program was renamed "***The Dr. Helen***



Dr. Jones, Shereda Jones, Pastor Frederick Gray & Mary Hosley and MLK Elementary Students with backpacks filled with nutritious snacks donated by St Mary's Road UMC "Backpack Feeding Program

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