

As you might expect, the Martin Community Pantry's annual Christmas Star Project is going to look a little different this year. In order to remain safe with the handling of "gifts" for those families and senior citizens we serve, the annual Christmas Star Project will need to operate under a new format:

- In lieu of choosing and shopping for actual gift recipients this year, we are asking Martin families to provide donations of **\$50.00 gift cards** from either Walmart or Target (where a variety of gifts could be purchased); or make cash donations to the project in any amount.
- **Donations can be made in either pre-purchased gift cards, cash or check** delivered to the church; or online (off the martinmethodist.org home page) by selecting the CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE tab, and entering CHRISTMAS STAR PROJECT in the subject line after OTHER.
- **Donations can be made in any amount.** Every donation will help. The cash will be used to purchase gift cards for those we assist with purchasing gifts for children and senior citizens each Christmas.
- **Gift cards and other donations can be delivered** to Deanna or Doug at the 8:30 am "in-person" church services between now and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Donations will also be accepted** on Saturday morning Pantry/Casserole ministry drop-offs between 9:00-10:30 am on either December 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The final day to make donations will be **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.
- **All donated gift cards will be distributed** to families and senior citizens from within the Martin family and the surrounding community before Christmas.

Martin has always stepped up big to help make Christmas a special time for families in need. The alternative format may not be as much fun as shopping for specific recipients, but it will help us continue our outreach during the holiday season. Thanks for your support.