



JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Most of you know that the Souper Bowl of Caring was founded in our church in 1990, inspired by a pastoral prayer from Brad Smith on Super Bowl Sunday in 1988: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." The idea behind that prayer struck a chord with our Youth, and they decided to turn that prayer into action. The Souper Bowl was born. Today, Souper Bowl has grown into one of the largest hunger programs in our country, raising millions of dollars each year to combat hunger and generating many thousands of hours of community service throughout the entire country in a variety of social causes.

Though **Souper Bowl Sunday takes place on February 4, 2018**, it is the January mission of the month so that we can focus on advance preparations YOU can make for the Souper Bowl of Caring:

- **Buy extra canned & dry goods when you shop. There is a collection box in the Atrium and we will donate goods to Harvest Hope.**
- **Save those dollar bills so you will have them handy to bring on Souper Bowl Sunday.**
- **If you are a youth, plan your schedule ahead, to participate in the opportunities for service and mission at the Service Blitz on Feb. 3 at Ronald McDonald House. Contact Zack Roper at zack@svpc.org for details.**

Hunger is a serious problem in our community, contributing to many health and social ills, with children particularly at risk. Our church has become increasingly involved in efforts to combat hunger. Please continue to support those efforts, and stay tuned to learn more about this year's Souper Bowl of Caring.