



The Ray Benedix 2023 Souper Bowl Challenge

This year, we are excited to hold the 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring in Ray Benedix's honor. Ray was responsible for bringing the Souper Bowl of Caring to First Church in 2008. Since that date until his death in 2022, Ray was a passionate and enthusiastic cheerleader for this annual event. Under his guidance and direction, our church family has increased the number of cans of soup collected and dollars donated each year.

In 2023, we have set our Souper Bowl goals at 2,000 cans of soup and \$2,000 in monetary donations. In honoring Ray, we have set our goals to substantially exceed the highest number of donations we have received in the past. This year, we are **not** holding a competition between the Right and Left sides of the church to see who can donate the most. Instead, we will be an **"All Church Team"** marching down the football field to reach our goals. All cans of soup and monetary donations raised to purchase soup will go to the Neighbor in Need food pantries.

We are kicking off the Souper Bowl on Sunday, January 15th. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters, respectively, will be celebrated on Sundays, January 22nd and 29th, and February 5th and 12th. We will hold a "half-time" celebration on January 29th, and a Souper Bowl Party on February 12th, both during Coffee Hour.

Cans of soup and monetary donations can be brought to church each Sunday before and after church until 12:00 noon, from January 15th to February 12th. Each Sunday, from January 22nd to February 12th, during Announcements, we will report on the number of cans received enabling us to move down the field toward our goals. In achieving our goals, we will be honoring Ray's dedication and commitment to the Souper Bowl of Caring Outreach Ministry. Let's make 2023 the best year ever!!!

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Print Name: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Please make your check payable to 'First Church Congregational', write '**Souper Bowl**' on the memo line and return no later than Sunday, February 6th.

Respectfully,

Outreach Ministry Team – Marilyn Peck, Team Leader, Cindy Bateson, Lori Bennett, Deb Brown, Cynthia Causbie, Jo Crosby, Barbara Donaghue, Ken Peck, and Becky Smith