



# The 2025 Ray Benedix Souper Bowl Challenge

The Outreach Team will once again be participating in the **Ray Benedix Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge** this year and we hope you can help. Ray Benedix, a long-time church member, initiated our participation in the National Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge and led our team that planned and organized the month-long soup collection for many years. Please help us continue honoring Ray's memory through our donations of soup and money in 2025. This year we are excited to have the Sunday School children involved as well. The Chapel School will continue to participate by filling their "Souper Bowl Train".

For 2025, we have set our Souper Bowl goals at 500 cans of soup and \$500 in monetary donations. All cans of soup and monetary donations raised will go to the Neighbors in Need Food Pantry held here at First Church each Tuesday evening.

We will be kicking off the Souper Bowl on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> with an announcement and introduction to our "score board" that will track our progress. We will then celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters on the following Sundays: January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> by collecting and counting our donations. We will hold a Souper Bowl celebration on February 9<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour with lots of Super Bowl snacks, and corn hole competition. Don't miss it!

Cans of soup and monetary donations may be brought to church each Sunday before or after church until 11:45, from January 19<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>. You may also order soup online and have it shipped to the church. During Sunday morning announcements, we will report on the number of cans received, and money collected. In achieving our goals, we will be honoring Ray's dedication and commitment to the Souper Bowl of Caring Outreach Ministry. 1...2...3...HIKE!

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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 9<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,  
**Your Outreach Ministry Team**