



THIS YEAR WE WILL BE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

As the excitement builds for the big game, it is a perfect time to remember our neighbors. According to estimates from Feeding America, more than 490,000 Connecticut residents struggled with hunger, including more than 131,000 children .

73% had to choose between food or utilities

63% had to choose between food or rent

68% had to choose between food or medical care

The Souper Bowl of Caring has two parts:

Part 1: Supporting the Food Bank

Here at the First Congregational Church we support the New Milford Community Food Bank all year long and will add this special collection. We will be collecting cans of soup or other nonperishable food items outside the church office (see full list of needed items on reverse side)

**Bring items to church on Sunday January 29,
February 5, February 12**

If needed, you can bring during the week, and place in the Souper Bowl grocery cart outside of the church office.

You can also contribute cash electronically using the church website PayPal button (use comment feature to note "Souper Bowl" or by putting a marked envelope in the office door slot.



Part 2: Supporting each other

"Souper Bowl" Sunday is always one of the most enjoyable church events each year! Here is how to participate:

- Sign up to bring a pot of soup using the sign up board in Fellowship Hall (where we have coffee hour)
- Bring your soup downstairs in Fellowship Hall before church on the Big Game Sunday (Feb 12th)
- After church, be ready to sample all the soups everyone else brought...it usually is impossible to try them all!

The Souper Bowl of Caring brings Faith in action, Fellowship with others, and Hope to many. Not a bad way to spend an hour! Hope to see you there!