

## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...

Matthew 25:35

Dear Friends,

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, we will be collecting cans of soup for ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach). They have an extreme shortage of food right now and canned soup is on the list of food items they need. This year we will again participate in the ECCO Grocery Bag Sundays during the months of June and September, but this collection of soup is for SOUPER Bowl Sunday.

In 1990, a simple prayer: “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” was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super bowl weekend to unite the nation for a higher good? Since that time, churches and non-profit groups have donated money and soup on Super Bowl Sundays to feed the hungry in their communities.

Please bring cans of soup the next two Sundays and deposit them in the box in the Chancel area of the church. During worship on February 11, we will offer a prayer of intercession for the hungry and a prayer of gratitude for those who have given, and then we will deliver the soup to ECCO on the following Monday. The time for children message on the 11th will be about Souper bowl.

Thanks for your support of our local missions!

Blessings,  
Mike

### **Upcoming events:**

Feb 4... communion

2024 Budget, approved by session will be presented to congregation

Feb 11... Souper Bowl collection

Church directories will be available

Feb 14... Ash Wednesday service 6:30

Feb 18... Session meeting after worship

Feb 21... Lenten Bible studies begin...for 5 weeks

Feb 24... Church Oyster Roast at home of Leland and Karen McClellan

Mar 16... Church workday for building and grounds

Mar 23... Water Missions ‘Walk for water’