

At Salem UCC (Rohrerstown) our annual Souper Bowl soup collection has taken on a life of its own in recent years. Collections have grown over the years from 141 cans in 2014 to an impressive 1484 cans during our 2018 campaign. Largely due to the efforts of Bill DiNino, Mission and Outreach Committee member, who has been a one-person “cheerleader” for the campaign. Bill was diligent in reminding the members each week, challenging them to shop and even offering to shop for them. He announced “good deals” at local stores on soup purchases and created friendly competitions within the congregation. As Bill’s enthusiasm grew so did the church’s and, as you can see, they responded.

A can of soup may not seem like much, but it can be a tangible representation on what a church can do when it comes together and responds to a perceived need through the persistent requests of one member. One person – one church can and does make a difference!

We concluded our campaign with a homemade Soup and Sandwich luncheon after church. Our Boy Scouts helped to load up several vehicles for delivery to the East Hempfield Food Pantry who was very excited to receive our donation.



Bill DiNino (behind table)

Children: Brenden Sinopoli, Emma Willis, Ryan Sinopoli