

Souper Bowl of Caring 2026

Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship

The Souper Bowl of Caring's vision is to channel the excitement of the NFL's Super Bowl into a powerful movement that unites youth and churches in the fight against hunger in their local communities.

In that same spirit, the Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship brings our congregations together in a friendly but meaningful competition — rallying energy, generosity, and teamwork to care for our neighbors in need.

The Rules

Promoting begins: During the month of December

Collecting begins: Thursday, January 1

Collecting ends: Sunday, February 8

Totals due: Wednesday, February 11

This year, the **Souper Bowl Champion** will once again be determined by per capita totals — ensuring every church, no matter its size, has a fair shot at victory.

We'll also be awarding the **Total Items Trophy** for the church that collects the most items overall (*not per capita*).

All items collected must be nonperishable food donations. Each congregation should report its totals to the Commissioner of the Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship by **Wednesday, February 11**. We'll continue using the honor system, trusting that all counts reflect items collected by the deadline on **Sunday, February 8**.

Church budgets may not be used to purchase canned goods — this competition is all about inspiring generosity within our congregations and communities, not about who has the biggest budget.

Churches are encouraged to promote and advertise throughout December and January in creative ways — posters, announcements, youth challenges, skits, and social media all welcome!

The church earning the highest per capita total will claim the **Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl of Caring Championship Belt** — and, of course, bragging rights for the year.

The church collecting the most total items overall will take home the **Total Items Trophy** — and earn bragging rights as the most generous collectors in the Presbytery.

Remember, while this is a friendly competition, our ultimate goal is the same: to come together as the body of Christ to help feed our neighbors and share God's love in practical, tangible ways.

Respectfully submitted by

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Commissioner of the Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Championship