

**SOUPE
BOWL
OF CARING**

**FOOD DRIVE
FEBRUARY 5TH**

Benefitting the Morrisville Food Center



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, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

Did you know?

- 48 million Americans live in poverty? ^[1]
- 1 in 7 Americans face hunger every day? ^[1]
- More than 630,000 people in the United States are homeless? ^[2]
- 23% of those struggling went to college? ^[1]
- Or that 16 million children live in food insecure households? ^[1]

References

1. <http://feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-facts/hunger-and-poverty-statistics.aspx> Hunger & Poverty Statistics
2. <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/the-state-of-homelessness-2013> The State of Homelessness in America 2013

People across the nation work to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. A collection is taken up (many people use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food, which could be soup for people in need. 100% of our donation goes directly to the local hunger-relief charity of our choice.

For Northampton Presbyterian Church, the Morrisville Food Center is our designated recipient. In 2019 more than 8,00 groups collected over \$9.7 million and food for local hunger-relief charities. Since the pandemic, food insecurity has grown at a tremendous rate. Please help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!

Please join us on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th** for the Northampton Presbyterian Church **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**. Let's all work together to help stamp out hunger in Bucks County! Donations and food will be collected at the end of the worship service.

For more information see the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/4RWCSOGZxbw>

CURIOUS CHRISTIANS ALERT!

Upcoming Adult Education Offerings

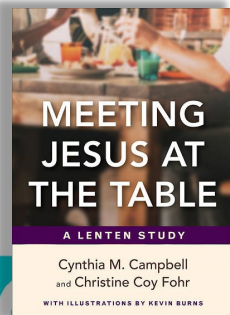
Christian Life Groups

CLG's will meet in our traditional format on 1/15, 1/21, 2/5, 2/12 and 2/19. *We will not hold CLG's on 1/29 in order to accommodate the Annual Meeting with potluck to follow.*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (2/22). From 2/26 through 4/2, CLG's will engage in a Lenten study of ***Meeting Jesus at the Table*** by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. This study of food insecurity and how churches can meet this need is described below:

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.

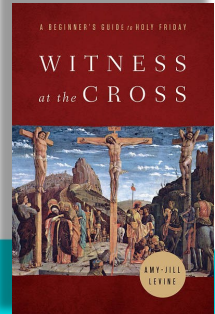
Preaching will coincide with the chapters each week. If you would like a copy, please email (npchurch@comcast.net) or call Melissa in the office. *If you wish to make a donation towards your copy of the book, it costs \$13.49.*



Bible Study for Everyone

Will resume **THIS TUESDAY (1/24) at 10:30 AM**. On 1/24 & 1/31, we will be looking at the work of Dr. Amy Jill Levine starting with a two-part recorded lecture entitled, *“Misunderstanding Judaism Means Misunderstanding Jesus.”*

We will continue to study Amy Jill’s work using her short book, *“Witness at the Cross: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Friday”* (available on Amazon) on 2/7, 2/14, (NO Bible Study 2/21), 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28.



Sharing Sessions

On 2/1 at 2 PM, Sharon Melsky will invite us into the intricate and awesome world of **Fingerprinting**.

A glimpse into the science and study of fingerprints from early history to today's automated fingerprint identification. We will look at fingerprint pattern types and their classification and how our fingerprints have an effect on our everyday lives.

If you have a hidden interest or talent you’d love to share with us, please call Pastor Judy to schedule a day and time to present.

Future sessions include a two-part presentation on **The Work and Faith of JRR Tolkien** (author best known for *“The Fellowship of the Ring”*) by Corinne Kauermann, and a hands-on/visual tour of the wonderful world of **Bicycling** by John Dwyer.

A graphic for 'Movie night' designed to look like a film strip. The words 'Movie' and 'night' are written in a white, cursive font on a black background. Between the words are three white decorative symbols: a star, a four-pointed star, and another star. The entire graphic is framed by a black border with white rectangular perforations, mimicking the edges of a film strip.

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Save the date — We are planning another congregational **Movie Night** for **FRIDAY, MARCH 24th**. More info will be coming soon!