

January 27, 2020 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

Next Sunday the annual Super Bowl game will be played. The Kansas Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers will vie for the title of world champions. Thousands of people will spend big money to attend the game in person; millions of people will gather together at Super Bowl parties to watch the game; billions of dollars will be wagered on legal and illegal sports betting. It is the most anticipated sport event of the year. And yet, we live in a world where many people live in poverty and too many people do not have enough food to eat.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy football. I played football as a young man, and I enjoy the game yet today. I follow my favorite team, and try to watch their games whenever possible. I will watch the Super Bowl and cheer for one team to triumph over the other. But we still live in a world of need.

So, I choose to combine my love for the game, and the need I see in our world. Every January, during the playoffs and the run-up to the Super Bowl, we at Huntley United Methodist Church host a Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. All the food we collect, and we collect a lot of food, benefits either the School Back Pack programs at Huntley Project Schools and Shepherd Schools, or the Project Food Pantry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shepherd. Enjoy the game, but remember that we live in a world of need. And if you have the means, please remember those who may not be as fortunate as you, and drop off a couple of bags of food at your favorite food bank. If you do, you will be a blessing to someone who really needs to be blessed in a tangible way.

We are also hosting a Community Blood Drive at Huntley United Methodist Church this Friday, January 31st from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. We still have a need for more donors. Blood levels are at a critical low after the holidays, so donations are especially needed this time of year. If you can donate, please sign up for the Huntley Community Blood Drive at bloodhero.com or call Kathe 839-5844 or Pastor Gary at 208-3105. Be a hero, give blood, share the gift of life.

See you in worship,
Pastor Gary Geiman