



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Glean Your Garden Sunday with the Society of St. Andrew

*Bring the extra veggies from your garden to church
and the Society of St. Andrew will help you take them to feed the hungry.*

Do you have gardeners in your congregation? Help the Society of St. Andrew feed our hungry neighbors this summer with Glean Your Garden Sundays! It's easy - invite backyard gardeners to bring their excess veggies to church. Society of St. Andrews will help you find the closest food pantry, shelter, or soup kitchen who can take those veggies. They have bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, and liturgical supplements available. For more information, contact [Jeannie Hunter at SoSAtn@endhunger.org](mailto:Jeannie.Hunter@SoSAtn@endhunger.org).

Gleaning America's Fields ~ Feeding America's Hungry – that is what the Society of St. Andrew does. They do it simply, effectively, and efficiently. Their hunger programs include:

- **Gleaning Network** – volunteers of all ages gleaning from farmers' fields
- **Potato & Produce Project** - truckloads of unmarketable potatoes and other produce, donated by the agricultural community, are delivered to agencies serving the poor
- **Harvest of Hope** – an ecumenical study, worship, and mission retreat program

CROP WALK

"We walk because they walk."



\$10,069,767

The Nashville Walk

Nashville CROP Walk was held at Fannie Mae Dees Park on Sunday, April 30.

\$9,000 was raised to help fight hunger locally, nationally, and globally.

Participating from PMT:

Second Presbyterian	\$1,390
PMT staff	90
total	\$1,480

Congratulations to Second Presbyterian Church for their outstanding efforts! They were the top fund raiser!

Beneficiaries were Luke 14:12, The Nashville Food Project, Nashville's Table/Second Harvest Food Bank, and the hunger relief programs of Church World Service.

Thank you to everyone who participated – both walkers and contributors!



2017 Offering of Letters

The 2017 Offering of Letters campaign urges Congress to invest in and protect vital policies and safety-net programs — including WIC, global nutrition, SNAP, and refundable tax credits. Bread for the World has made great progress reducing hunger and poverty in our country and around the world, but our work remains unfinished.

Take Action: Write to Congress asking that vital policies and safety-net programs be properly funded and protected to make the goal of ending hunger by 2030 happen.

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

This year, the Souper Bowl of Caring collected over \$10 million in cash and food items in the fight against hunger. In the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, we collected **\$11,358.97** and **2,826 cans and 100 pounds of food**. Thank you to all the churches that participated.

2017 Participating Churches Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

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| Belfast | Lebanon 1st |
| Bellevue | Murfreesboro 1st |
| Decherd 1st | Nashville 1st |
| Eastminster | Pulaski 1st |
| Ellis Grove | Smyrna 1st |
| Fayetteville 1st | Southminster |
| Franklin 1st | Spring Hill 1st |
| Hillsboro | Tullahoma 1st |
| Hillwood | Westminster/Columbia |
| Historic Franklin | Westminster/Nashville |
| Lawrenceburg 1st | |



September Is National Hunger Action Month

Your church can do something about hunger

Plan to have a special worship service at your church on one of the Sundays in September to bring awareness about hunger in America.