

Hope Dining Room - To serve a free midday hot meal with dignity to those in need in the greater Newark area. We operate out of the Social Hall of the Kingswood Methodist Church at 300 Marrows Rd in Newark, DE. Adults, children and/or families arrive starting at 11:45, sit down, and are served a hot meal. There are no requirements for anyone to receive this meal.

Hope Dining Room began serving a midday meal on Mondays in 1983 through the outreach of five area churches. Four of these churches still cook and serve a meal today. By 1984, the outreach expanded to cover Monday, Wednesday and Friday through the participation of 10 more churches. In 1997, Thursday was finally able to be added with the addition of more church groups. In 2012, service was finally extended to Tuesdays and with some recent additions finally have Tuesday covered. We are currently serving around 60 meals per day, though attendance varies throughout the year and year to year, depending on the state of the local economy. The menu varies throughout the month and each serving group determines the meal, but most include a protein, vegetable, starch and dessert.