

Faith Kitchen

Providing: Food, Fellowship, and Futures - One Heart at a Time



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

QUICK FACTS

42,988 MEALS SERVED

In 2014 Faith Kitchen had the honor of serving 42,988 meals.

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK

Faith Kitchen is open Monday-Saturday from 11:30 -12:30

WE RUN ON YOUR LOVE

In 2014 Faith Kitchen was blessed with over 240 volunteers from 22 religious organizations, donations from 12 religious organizations, and grants from 8 corporations, and

SERVING AN AVERAGE OF 97 CLIENTS DAILY IN 2014

With the recent cuts to food stamps more people go hungry daily. Our clients are both "Food Insecure" and poor. For more information on hunger in America you can watch the documentary <http://www.takepart.com/place-at-the-table>

It all Started with a Can Opener

It is said, "Peace begins when the hungry are fed".

The birth of Faith Kitchen all started one day in 1983 when we gave a man some groceries. When he asked for a can opener, we happily gave him one. We did not expect him to sit at the curb and eat the food, he was hungry and didn't care if it was cooked or not. It was in that moment that we realized we needed to do more.

We realized each of us needs to be treated with dignity and each of us deserves to be fed.

About Us

Faith Kitchen continues to provide nutritious meals daily, Monday through Saturday. With the help of over 240 volunteers we served 36,409 meals in 2013!

Funding for Faith Kitchen is received from businesses, individuals, service organizations, and churches.

We wish we could say that the poor and food insecure people of Dover will not need us in the near future, but given the recent further cuts in food stamps, this community will need us more than ever.

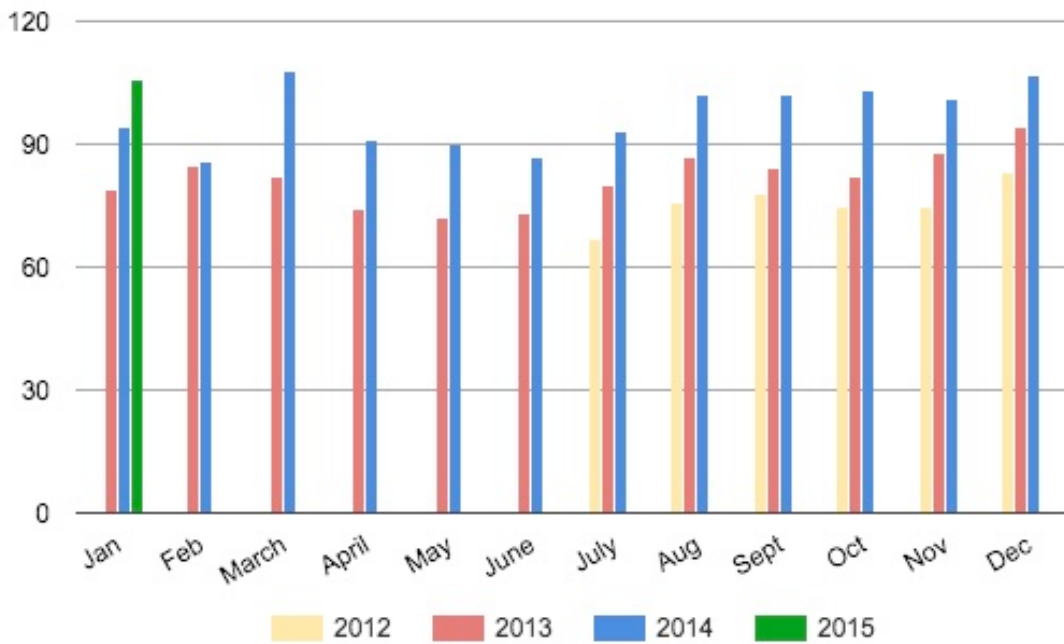
In 2013 we were blessed by the Food Bank of New Jersey and Acme Supermarkets to be able to offer 400-600 pounds of produce, meat, bread, and eggs for lunch at Faith Kitchen and for clients to take home.

In 1983 Faith Kitchen first opened it's doors one day a week and served 64 meals.

Toady we are honored to serve approximately 97 clients daily for meals.

Meals are prepared by volunteers from many faiths and groups and provisions come from individuals, corporations, and grants.

Clients Served Monthly



Faith's Goals are simple:

To serve a nutritious meal, free of charge, to anyone who comes to eat (everyone is welcome) 6 days a week Monday-Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm

To involve area congregations in daily serving of donated food and cleanup after.

To recycle and/or utilize food donated by local organizations that is safe and useable.

To help network clients into social service agency, jobs, housing, mental and physical healthcare, etc.

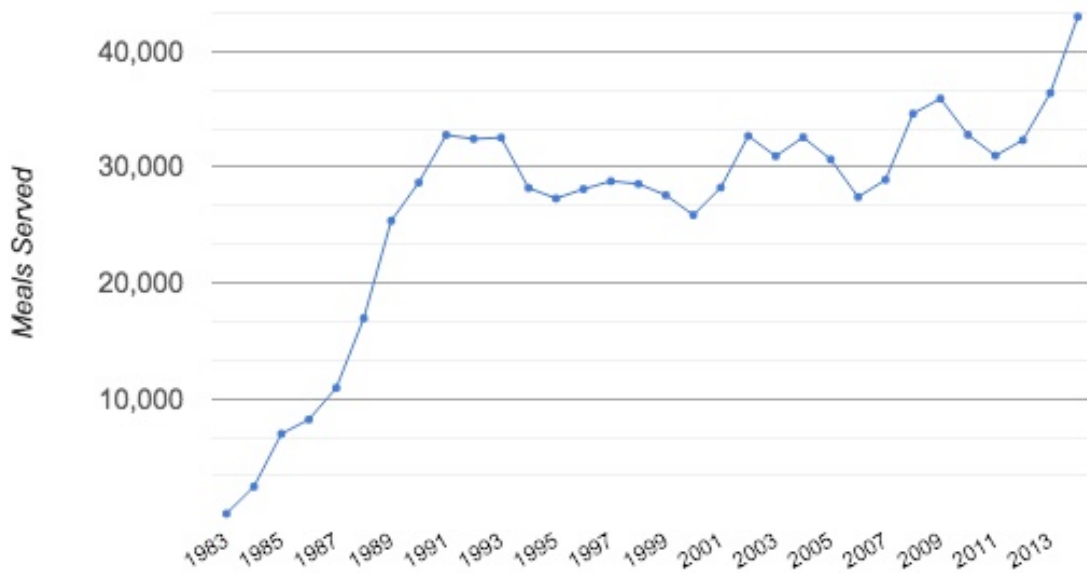
What our clients find at Faith Kitchen

- A caring environment
- A nutritious meal
- A safe place for conversation
- Assistance with necessary paperwork (job applications, medical bills, etc)
- Referrals to appropriate social service agencies
- Monthly blood pressure screenings
- MHA-sponsored Drop-In-Center every Monday 1:00-4:00pm

Mission

The Faith Kitchen puts faith into action by serving a nutritious meal to anyone who needs or wants one six days a week. Respecting the dignity of all of God's children who walk through our door, the Faith Kitchen is a safe place that people can use as an address, where they find encouragement and support in their struggles with physical and mental illness, substance abuse, abusive relationships, and poverty, and where they can connect to social service agencies to support their journey to wholeness.

Meals Served Annually



Statement of Purpose

At the September 1983 council meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church approved the establishment of Faith Kitchen, a "Soup Kitchen", for the purpose of reducing the problem of hunger in the Dover area through community and congregational involvement.

In 1983 Faith Kitchen served 64 meals. One year later we were serving 2,404 meals and the need for meals was growing. In 1993, just 10 years after Faith Kitchen first opened it's

doors 32,543 meals were served year.

Today, 30 years later, we are proud to serve 42,988 meals a year 6 days a week! We are honored that approximately 91 clients join us daily for meals.

Meals are prepared with volunteers from various faiths and groups. Provisions and monetary support comes from individuals, corporations, and grants.

Faith Kitchen is more than a soup kitchen!

Faith Kitchen runs on your love!

If you would like to donate goods, services, or time please your contact Joanne Bleecker, Director Faith Kitchen, either via email at: FaithKitchenDover@gmail.com or call 973-219-7560

If you would like to support Faith Kitchen with a financial contribution, please send it to:

Faith Kitchen
123 East Blackwell Street
Dover, NJ 07801

or via payroll deductions to the United Way.

FAITH KITCHEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joanne Bleecker

Director:

Joanne Bleecker has had a diverse career with a core background in software development followed by operational management.

She has worked in startups to large global corporations. Her experience includes senior leadership positions in both IT as CIO and in general business and operational management as SVP Operations & HR.

Her passion though has been in social services and she has over the years, held part-time positions as Life Skills Counselor at Wehrlen House, a group home for mentally challenged adults, as Resident Weekend Manager at Spring House, a homeless shelter for women and children and as Program Associate at Bancroft Neurohealth, a living facility for adults with either mental challenges or brain injuries.

Timothy Gau, MD

President:

Worked in the pharmaceutical industry for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and Aventis Pharmaceuticals, leading worldwide drug development efforts.

Currently President of ClinTarget, LLC, a consulting company for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Member of Grace Lutheran Church, Mendham, NJ and Financial Secretary there. Member of the Board of Directors of Faith Kitchen, Dover, NJ.

Francis X. (Frank) Sztuk

Vice President:

National SIU strategist for The Hanover Insurance Group.

Chairperson of the Massachusetts Insurance Fraud Bureau Board of Governors and an appointed

member of the NJ Insurance Commissioners Fraud Advisory Board. Co-chair of the National Coalition Against Insurance Fraud in Washington, D.C., and serves on the Executive Board of that organization, chairing the Public Information Committee.

He is a member of the ISO National Insurance Fraud Managers Advisory Panel and a director and treasurer of the New England Anti-Fraud Association. He is a past chairperson of the NY Alliance Against Insurance Fraud (NYAAIF) and is a current member of the executive committee chairing the Public Information Committee of NYAAIF.

Frank is a founding director of the Paul R. Nardoni Foundation, a cancer charity providing care and comfort to victims of cancer and their families and is a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick, NJ

Andrew Guzo

Treasurer

Worked in education for over forty years as both a teacher and an administrator, retiring in 2007.

A member of St. Matthew the Apostle Roman Catholic church, Randolph, NJ.

Has been a Eucharistic minister for over twenty years. He and his wife are the coordinators and trainers for the Eucharistic ministered at St. Matthews.

Cathy Bishop

Member of Board

A Weichert Insurance Agency Account manager, and named Account manager of the year for 2011.

On the Mission Committee, the Prayer Shawl Ministry & a participant in the Joyful Journey Bible Study Group at her home church of Succasunna United Methodist Church.

Neil Holtzman

Member of Board

Spent the bulk of his career as a higher ed. administrator in enrollment management at New Jersey Institute of Technology and Beaver College (now Arcadia University) receiving tenure at both institutions.

Founded The Education Agenda and provided consulting and training services to colleges/universities, libraries and public education systems.

Has been an active volunteer in Faith Kitchen (on Board of Directors), Edna's Resource Center (on advisory board), and a variety of other Trinity outreach efforts. Neil and his wife, have traveled on numerous mission trips including ones to Croatia, West Virginia, and Wilkes Barre, PA and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dover, NJ and currently serves on its Council.

Genie Sisti

Member of Board

She is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Languages & ESL at the County College of Morris.

Active member of The Church of the Saviour (Episcopal) in Denville, NJ since 1993. Currently the Faith Kitchen Coordinator for her parish and has participated in the Faith Kitchen ministry since 2006.

She frequently joins other volunteers in the daily meal preparation and service for Faith Kitchen at Trinity Church in Dover.

Mary Perlin

Member of Board

Worked in systems automation on Wall Street for 40 at Lehman Brothers, ADP The Security Industries Automation Corporation (SIAC), Pershing and Company

Volunteered and also served as volunteer coordinator for the Church of the Redeemer at the Community Soup Kitchen in Morristown for several years before joining St. Peter's Church

(Episcopal) Mountain Lakes and volunteering for the Faith Kitchen. Mary is a member of the Vestry and head of the Faith Kitchen Ministry at St. Peter's.

CONTRIBUTORS

We are honored to be continually supported by the following religious organizations who prepare meals on a regular basis:

Abiding Peace Lutheran, Budd Lake
Amma
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First Presbyterian, Rockaway
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Parsippany Presbyterian
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Rockaway
Redeemer Lutheran, Succasunna
Resurrection Catholic Church, Randolph
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Sparta
St. Cecelia Catholic Church, Rockaway
St. Matthew Catholic Church, Randolph
St. Peter's Episcopal, Mountain Lakes
St. Therese Catholic Church, Succasunna
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Stirling
Succasunna UMC
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Verizon
Wharton Fire Ladies Auxiliary
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Women's Club of Dover

We are honored to have received donations from the following religious organizations:

Chatham Presbyterian Church
Denville Community Church
First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna
Grace Episcopal Church, Madison
King of Kings Lutheran
Millbrook Methodist Church
Mine Hill Presbyterian Church
Union Hill Presbyterian Church
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
St. Clement Catholic Church
Teabo Methodist Church
Zion Lutheran Church of Long Valley

TO DONATE

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or via payroll deductions to the United Way.

Faith Kitchen is incorporated and has attained 501(c)(3) status, any monetary gifts sent to us should be made out to "Faith Kitchen"