

CATAWBA COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES – FOOD PANTRIES/MEALS

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HICKORY

The Salvation Army of Greater Hickory (750 3rd Ave Place SE, Hickory)

Offers two food services at the Crisis Help Center:

1. **Food Boxes:** individuals can receive the food box assistance once every two months. Boxes include canned good items and frozen meats. Individuals need to complete a brief application and be at/or below poverty level.
Assistance on Monday afternoons 1 – 4 p.m. or Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2. **Loaves and Fishes** (produce distribution): This assistance is a drive thru service and is offered every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. If they've never been here, they would need to complete an application.
3. At The Shelter of Hope – Breakfast: 7days a week – 7 to 7:30 a.m.
Supper: 7 days a week – 5 p.m.
4. 828-322-8061

Hickory Soup Kitchen (110 2nd Street Place SE, Hickory)

1. Hot meal lunch service:
Monday through Friday – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. **Grocery Store** (need to register with ID - can use once a month)
Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
3. 828-327-4828

Catawba County Council on Aging (400 17th St SW, Hickory)

1. West Hickory Senior Center Food Pantry (Age 60+)
2. Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Call for appointment)
3. Non-perishable food
4. 828-328-2269

Centro Latino (151 25th St SW Hickory, NC 28602)

1. Food Pantry with a variety of Latino specific non-perishable foods and snacks available.
2. Pick up (open to the public): Fridays: 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. or schedule an appointment.
3. 828-330-0477 – Call or Text for an appointment, Mon. – Thurs.

Hickory PORCH (2505 1st Ave SW, Hickory)

1. Catawba County non-profit food assistance program for families with students in Hickory Public Schools.
2. Child can get food vouchers from school counselor.
3. Distribution: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
4. hickory@porchcommunities.org

Highland United Methodist Church – 1020 12th Place NE, Hickory NC 28601

1. Food Pantry – 1st Thursday and 3rd Saturday each month, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2. Fellowship meal on Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
3. 828-327-8066

Mt Pisgah Lutheran Church – 9379 Hwy 127 N Hickory, NC 28601

1. Good Samaritan Food Pantry
2. Monday 3 – 5 pm and Friday 1 – 3 pm
3. 828-495-8251

St Stephens Lutheran Church ELCA – 2259 12th Ave NE Hky 28601

1. Community Food Pantry
2. Wednesdays 10am - 12 noon & 3 - 5pm (use once a month)

Shepherds Hand Ministry – 1700 South Center Street, Hickory

1. By Appointments only.
2. Call 828-391-9338

NEWTON

Ashure Ministry (245 E N Street, Newton)

1. Ashure **Hunger Relief** Programs require a personal interview with a case manager. Programs provide food assistance for families experiencing food insecurity. ALL hunger programs run for a six-month cycle, with a required renewal for the program to continue. Programs provide sufficient quantities per household size. Open to all Catawba County residents.
2. There is a **Student Hunger Prevention** Program available to Catawba County resident students and their families.
3. Pick up: Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
4. 828-465-1702 or visit - <https://ashureministry.org/>

The Corner Table Soup Kitchen (112 N Main Ave, Newton)

1. Community Kitchen: **Hot meals** Monday – Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Guests have the option to dine in or take their meal to go.
2. Also have free food items available out back. They vary and can include breads, pastries, drinks, meat, produce etc. Our Community Kitchen also sends guests home each Friday with a to-go-bag to cover for another meal.
Also delivers lunch to **Strong Life Ministries** Monday-Friday by 12 p.m.
3. **Frozen Meals:** available to pick-up Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
4. **Backpack Program:** Any student in need in Catawba County can enroll in our Backpack Program. Application online, or they can go through their teacher or guidance counselor. A food bags are sent home each weekend of the school year. During the summer, food bags available at all seven County Library branches. Call: 828-464-0355
5. Community Kitchen: 828-464-0355

In My Father's House (108 East 1st Street, Newton)

1. Community support services network providing a feeding program, food pantry – every Monday 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2. Hot meal served every 2nd Saturday, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
3. For those that can't make it to the facility, delivery available, this was designed with seniors in mind. Call for delivery.
4. 704-418-9012

CONOVER

St. John's Lutheran Church (2126 St. Johns Church Road NE, Conover)

1. Non-perishable foods available in Sharing Center at church.
2. Tuesday: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Seniors 65+ and disabled 2:30 – 4 p.m.)
3. 828-464-4071

SHERRILLS FORD

The Christian Food Pantry of Sherrills Ford – Hopewell UMC (2211 Hopewell Church Road, Sherrills Ford)

1. In Basement of Hopewell Church (supported by six other churches)
2. Individuals can come 1 day a month for food and clothing.
3. Monday and Wednesday: 5 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
4. 704-877-0404 or 704-516-7868.

Laurel Hill United Methodist Church – 731 NC -18, Vale, NC 28168

1. Food Pantry on Thursday evening from 6-7pm
2. Located Lincoln County but provides food to those in Catawba County, people that are in southwestern Catawba County (Vale).
3. 704-524-5320

The Catawba County Library Food Program (Only during Summer Months when school is out.)

1. Partnered with The Corner Table to distribute food at specific library branches. In each of these locations, there is a bin near the entrance containing bags of shelf stable food (mostly things ready to eat) that people can pick up, no questions asked during the library's operating hours, which vary by location.
2. Main Library Newton: 828-465-8664

WEEKEND FOOD RESOURCES

Lunch on Saturday's – starting at 12 p.m.

- 1st (Saturday) – New Hope Ministries, served at Hickory Soup Kitchen
- 2nd – Open Door Homeless Ministries, GHCCM Whole Life Center (206 1st Ave. SE, Hickory)
- 3rd – First United Methodist Church, 311 3rd Ave NE, Hickory – 12 – 1 p.m.
- 4th – Christ Lutheran, 324 2nd Ave SE, Hickory
- 5th – Morning Star Baptist, 126 4th Ave SE, Hickory

Lunch on Sunday's – starting at 12:30 p.m.

- 1st (Sunday)–Discovery Church at Hickory Soup Kitchen, 110 2nd St. Pl.
- 2nd – First Presbyterian, 237 2nd St NW, Hickory
- 3rd – Served at Hickory Soup Kitchen
- 4th – Hickory Elks Lodge at Hickory Soup Kitchen – 356 Main Ave NW, Hickory
- 5th – First Baptist Church – 339 2nd Ave NW Hickory

Sunday Dinner

First Presbyterian Church in Newton, 701 N Main Ave, Newton, serves dinner every Sunday at 5:30 pm.

Bowl of Plenty – Cornerstone Church (411 E Main St, Maiden)

First and Third Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. All take out

ADDITIONAL CHURCH FOOD RESOURCES – CALL BEFORE VISITING FOR DETAILS.

Springs Road Baptist Church - 3580 Springs Rd NE, Hickory

Starting Nov. 5 – the “Oh, SNAP!” program: serving emergency meals Wednesday nights from 5 - 6:30 pm until SNAP benefits are restored. This meal is in addition to the church’s ongoing Wednesday Good, Free, Hot Lunch!”

Mihut Romanian Charitable Missions – 1017 10th Ave NE, Hickory

1. 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5 pm
2. 704-713-8079

Sandy Ridge Wesleyan Church – Open Arms Food Pantry - 2330 16th St NE Hickory, NC

1. 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 am – 12 pm
2. 828-291-2426

Shady Grove United Methodist – 6908 Oak Ridge Church Rd, Connelly Springs

1. Wednesdays 4:30 – 6 pm
2. 828-238-1143

St Stephens Lutheran Church ELCA – 2259 12th Ave NE Hickory

1. Wednesday 10am – 12pm and 3pm – 5pm
2. Use once per month
3. 828-322-3211

Transformation Church – 306 14th St SW Hickory

1. 3rd Friday of the month 5 – 7 pm
2. 828-322-1621

Viewmont Baptist Church – 1246 2nd St NE Hickory, NC 28601

1. Mon: 10 am - 1:00pm
2. Must have picture ID
3. Can use every other week
4. 828-322-6732

West Hickory Baptist Church – 40 12th St NW Hickory

1. 3rd Thursday 9 – 11am
2. 828-327-4286

St John’s Lutheran Church – 2126 St Johns Church Rd, NE Conover, NC 28613

1. Seniors 65+ and Disabled
2. Tuesdays 2:30 – 4pm
3. 828-464-4071

LOCAL BLESSINGS FOOD BOXES (NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS)

- Catawba County United Way – 2760 Tate Blvd SE, Hickory 28602
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church - 1686 6th St SE Hickory 28601
- Highland Baptist Church [near LRU] – 828 9th St NE Hickory 28601
- Malorie's Place Blessing Shed – 446 South Main Ave. Maiden, NC 28650
- Mt Olive Lutheran Church – 2780 N Center St Hickory 28601 (Hwy 127 Viewmont) [front parking lot]
- Northminster Presbyterian Church (Hwy 127 Viewmont) – 3730 N Center St Hy, NC 28601
- Our Savior Lutheran Church – 2160 35th Ave Dr NE Hickory 28601 [off of Kool Park Rd across from Clyde Campbell Elementary]
- St Andrew's Lutheran Church – 629 8th St NE Hickory 28601 [Next to LRU]
- St Peter's Lutheran Church – 6175 St Peter's Church Rd Conover 28613
- First Presbyterian Church Hickory - 237 2nd St NW, Hickory, NC 28601