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#### Join us for dinner

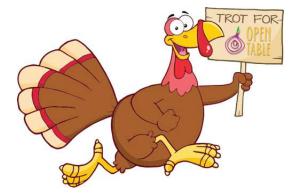
You probably know we host a dinner two nights a week: Tuesday in Maynard, and Thursday in Concord. But you might not know that those dinners are open to EVERYONE in the community, regardless of need. It's a chance to relax, connect with neighbors, meet new friends, and enjoy a healthy and delicious dinner. Our cooks are inventive and accomplished, and the

company is always engaging. Look for our themed meal nights: Halloween night is October 31 in Maynard (with spooky food, treats for everyone, and costumes!); Harvest night will happen Nov. 2 in Concord; Taco night (TBD). We'll post these on our website and on Facebook, so make sure to follow us there and to like our page. And come join us for dinner!

# Speaking of dinner...

Each year we host Thanksgiving Dinner, ON Thanksgiving, at First Parish church in Concord. This year is no different. Anyone who wants can come join us for turkey and all the fixings. Doors open at 4:00, with dinner served at 5:30. So we know how much to make, please RSVP by emailing <u>thanksgiving@opentable.org</u> or calling 978-369-2275 and leaving a message AFTER the beep. It's a great opportunity to share a meal and give thanks for all that's good in the world.





#### But before you eat...

Come out and run the Turkey Trot! This familyfriendly 5k is a great way to gear up for the big meal later. Proceeds benefit Open Table, cost to register is just \$30 (\$35 the day of the race, if

there's room), and it happens first thing in the morning, before your guests even think of arriving. Pop the turkey in the oven, lace up your sneakers and come over to Keyes Road in Concord. We get all kinds of participants, from serious runners to speed walkers to the leisurely set, so don't be shy. Registration opens at 7:30 am, head <u>here</u> for more info and to register.

## **American Pie**

Open Table was delighted to be the recipient of the funds raised this year at the Maynard Farmers' Market Apple Pie Baking Contest, which took place on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first thing we learned is that we have lots of talented bakers in town and the second is that everyone has their own idea of what makes a perfect apple pie. Prizes were awarded for most beautiful, most creative, best crust, best filling, overall best pie and community favorite. Winners were Leslie



Moesta, Cassandra Dale, Joan Kelley and Cindy Parmenter who took home the awards for best filling and best crust as well as overall best pie. After the judging, everyone was invited to make a donation to Open Table and taste the pies and much joy ensued. Open Table received \$345 in donations, which will be well used.



### **Empty Bowls**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, The Umbrella will host its Empty Bowls fundraiser to benefit Open Table. On November 7<sup>th</sup> **at First Parish Church** from 6-8 pm, a \$20 donation gets you a handmade pottery bowl filled with food donated by local purveyors. Eat the food, keep the bowl! Watch our <u>website</u> and <u>FB page</u> for additional details, but put the date in your calendar. You won't be disappointed.

# Crop Walk

Take a walk and raise money this Sunday, October 22, for a plethora of area nonprofits including Open Table. There will be food, music, an art contest and a parade. The fun starts with registration at 1:30 at First Parish church; more info is on our <u>website</u>. Come out and support us!



#### **Come Work for Us!**

Open Table's mission is to provide healthy food, friendship and support to those in need while respecting their privacy and dignity. Open Table offers weekly community supper programs in Concord and Maynard and a food pantry in Maynard to more than 300 guests. Founded in 1989, we provide a welcoming community of support and assistance to families and individuals, including many seniors and children – open to all who come.

Open Table is currently seeking an energetic, well-organized individual to assist the executive director in the daily operations of Open Table. The ideal candidate will have the following characteristics:

- Experience working with a large volunteer base
- Proven ability to work independently
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

This is a part-time, temporary position, with some evening availability required. Salary negotiable. Please send resume and questions to Jessica Kirkwood at jobs@opentable.org. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.



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