

The Open Table Food Truck is a ministry dream of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church.



This ministry will strive to BE the church in our community by spreading the love and grace of Jesus Christ with faith, fellowship *and food*.

Literally our church on wheels, The Open Table Food Truck will be unlimited in its ability to respond to Jesus' call in Matthew 25 to "care for the least of these."

AHUMC Associate Minister Allen Lutes will lead this vital arm of our ministry. Allen has a passion for mission and food, and has combined his experience as a chef and restaurant owner with his call to ministry into a transformative ministry at AHUMC.

The people of AHUMC are faithfully living out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



**About Allen Lutes:**

Allen is completing his studies at Brite Divinity School, TCU in preparation for ordination as a Deacon in the UMC. He and his wife Lynaia have been members at AHUMC for 10 years. Allen's call to ministries of justice, particularly in the area of feeding others, centers on his experience as a chef and former restaurant owner. In addition to general pastoral responsibilities, Allen works at AHUMC in the areas of Missions and Adult Ministries. Allen and Lynaia have two sons: Gabe (8) and Caden (4).

**Here are some of our dreams for Open Table Food Truck ministry:**

**Street Food Ministry:** Feed homeless persons in our community twice a week.

**Five Loaves Cooking Classes:** At risk families will be given a crock pot and lessons on providing healthy meals for their families on a food stamp budget.

**Shared Feast:** We will share our table and our faith with others at worship services on Magnolia Street on Sunday nights and at the Fort Worth soccer fields on Saturdays.

**VBS On The Road:** We will bring our Vacation Bible School into the community — delivering the Gospel message to children at Fort Worth's community centers.

**Disaster Response:** AHUMC will be ready to provide immediate relief in case of a natural disaster. The Open Table could quickly be on the scene for local and regional disasters, providing food to first responders and victims.

**Kairos Prison Ministry:** We will serve as a mobile kitchen and hospitality site for volunteers, and serve appreciation meals for correction officers at our area's prisons.

**Our Presence is our Witness:** AHUMC will be more visible in our community, as The Open Table Food Truck will be present at events such as the Cowtown Marathon, Race for the Cure, MayFest and TCU football.

**Transitional Career Training:** Provide vocational training to students of The Tarrant Area Food Bank Culinary program.

**Funding:** Weekly opportunities to serve food for donations to support our ministries at locations such as TCU's Wesley Center, Clear Fork Food Park and our own campus each Sunday.



I WAS HUNGRY  
and you gave me  
something to eat,  
I WAS THIRSTY  
and you gave me  
something to drink,  
I WAS A STRANGER  
and you invited me in

— Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

These are some of our hopes  
for this ministry.

There is truly no limit to the ways  
The Open Table Food Truck ministry  
can — and will — make a difference  
in our community.

If you would like to be a part  
of this life-changing ministry,  
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