
December 2025

Mercer County Senior Center

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Hello **All**,

Annual Open Enrollment is coming to an **end**! **December 7th** is the final day to **enroll** into a **new plan** for **next year**! **Don't** have **Medicare Regret** please **call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**.

We will be a serving **Hot Chocolate** and act as a **warming** center for **Holly Days** during the **parade** on **Friday December 5th**.

We will have our **Angel Tree** up for the **Christmas Clearing House!** We will have **Angels** on the **tree** with the **age, gender** and **gift idea**. You pick the **Angel you want** and **bring** in the **gift** with the **age** and **gender**. You can bring them **wrapped** or we **can** do that **here!**

With **December** come **Snow** and **School Closings**. **Listen** to **WRMJ, Channel 6 & 8** for any **weather closing** related to the **center**. A **good rule of thumb** is if the **Mercer County Schools close**, so does the **Center**.

We will have a **pot luck** and a **General Board meeting** on **December 11th @ 11am**. This is **open** to **all** in our **community!** No **Jamieson Center meals** that day!

Dealing with a **loved** one who has **Alzheimer's** or **Dementia?** We can **help** up to **\$1,500** to **keep** that **loved** one in the **home!** Please see **flyer** attached!

We are **currently** taking **votes** for next year **Diamond Tour Trip!** We have the **map** out with the **book**, so far, our **top two** are

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Stay Engaged at your Clubhouse!

The winner for the **November icon search** is **Doug Sturgill**. Find this month's icon: **Christmas Tree**, then call to be included in this month's **drawing**.

Every Monday the Center is Open:
Virtual Moving with Milly (10:00)

Monday & Friday's: Bridge (12:00)
***Only when the office is opened! If we are only offering meals that day, we will not be hosting cards! ***

Jamieson Community Center's Senior Nutrition program provides nutritious, well-balanced meals to adults aged 60 and older, supporting health, independence, and social connection. Meals are served in welcoming community settings, giving seniors the chance to enjoy good food while building friendships and staying engaged with their neighbors.

Visit our website for more information,
<https://www.jamiesoncommunitycenter.org/senior-nutrition>

This program is partially funded by Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging and United Way of Greater Warren County. For more information and to find a meal site near you, visit:

<https://www.jamiesoncommunitycenter.org/senior-nutrition>

Shipshewana, Indiana & Mackinac Island, North Michigan.

We would like to **register** for the trip by **January 1st**.

Our **activity calendar** is full of possibilities for **engagement**. We will have our **Senior Digital Class 12/9/2025 @ 10am**. **Men's meal** and **Bingo** will be on **12/18/2025 @ 11:30 & 12:30**. We will be doing **Diamond Painting Book Marks** and **Coasters** for **Craft Day** on **12/30/2025**. **Caregiver** and **Grief Support** group will be on **12/19/2025** from **1:30-3pm**. The **Foot Clinic** will be on **12/15/2025** from **1-4p**. **Get signed up!**

In **Honor of Christmas Eve** and **Christmas** we will be **closed** on **12/24/2025, 12/25/2025 & 12/26/2025**. This includes meals.

We would like to start a **Stress Busting Class** soon. If you have any **interest**, please **let us know**. We **need 5** to **start** the class.

Caregivers we need your help, please do an **online assessment** to **assist** with **Caregiving needs** to help reduce the **workload/stress**. Click on the **TCARE link** or visit www.mercercountyseniorcenter.com

Calling all able body's that would like to **Volunteer**. There are **plenty of ways** to get **involved!**

<https://www.justserve.org/MercerCountySeniorCenter>

This is your Clubhouse and a one stop shop to receive all **Local, State & Federal Programs**. Please **call us** with **any and all questions** for **Medicare, Drug Co-Pay Assistance, Part B reimbursement, Medicaid, License Plate discounts, Caregiving, Stress Busting, Caregiver TCARE, Social Engagements and More!** Thank you, we look forward to seeing you soon, Taylor & Molli.

Happy Birthday to Our December Babies: 12/03: Kimberly Witt & Tom Balmer, 12/10: Tim Esp, 12/15: Hal Earl, 12/29: Judy Wieskamp

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We serve congregate meals at Mercer County Senior Center, M-F at 11:30AM for all adults 60+. Check out our menu and choose your favorites! Reservation required 24 hours in advance. **Call Hannah at 309-337-1938 to secure your spot!** Thank you, Jamieson center Staff.

Jamieson Center is also hosting their own activities.

12/4: Coloring @ 12pm

11/25: Brain Teaser @ 12pm

Remember we are a warming station Monday -Friday, 8:00-3:00. Most days we have Whitey's Ice cream too!

Mercer County Senior Center Does Not Endorse any for Profit or Nonprofit Entity that shares space, partners with, and/or Advertises within our

Establishment. 🎄

AVAILABILITY-The Center is a Great Place to Rent for your Family Gatherings, Showers, & Parties. Comfortably seat's 80!

The Computer Lab is ready with 10 New Chromebooks & The Theater Room with Massage Chairs & a Smart TV.