

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

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**Heart Healthy Menu** 

Donation: \$3.50

Meals include diabetic dessert, skim milk & margarine

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MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1 Sodium mg		2 Sodiu	m mg	3 Sodiu	ım mg	4 Sodium	ng 5	Sodium mg
Swedish Chicken		Lemon Garlic Fish	105	Pork w/ Apples	215	Shepherd's Pie 2:	0 Chicken Piccata	530
Meatballs	250	Orzo	30	Butternut Squash	25	Mashed Potato 1:	.0 Pasta	5
Brown Rice	25	Creamed Spinach	210	Brussels Sprouts	15	Oat Bread 15	0 Broccoli	15
Carrots	70	MG Bread	150	Honey Wheat Roll	120		WW Bread	165
Oat Bread	150			•				
Cal 575, Carb 70, Na 580		Cal 615, Carb 70, Na 6	530	Cal 590, Carb 65, Na	505	Cal 580, Carb 65, Na 575	Cal 505, Carb 65,	Na 840
8 Sodium	n mg	9 Sodiu	m mg	10 Sodiu	ım mg	11 Sodium i	ng 12	Sodium mg
Beef Fajita w/		Honey Garlic		Pork w/ Pineapple	220	Crab Cake 5:	.0 Lasagna w/	
Pepper & Onions	310	Chicken	425	Garlic Mashed	105	Chuckwagon Corn	5 Mushroom	
Rice & Beans	75	Steamed Potato	30	Green Beans w/		Beets 14	O Alfredo Sauce	590
Tortilla	190	Vegetable Blend	30	Bell Peppers	5	LS Wheat Bread	0 Vegetable Blend	15
		Oat Bread	150	Honey Wheat Roll	120		MG Bread	150
Cal 500, Carb 60, Na 7	10	Cal 560, Carb 70, Na 7	760	Cal 595, Carb 70, Na	580	Cal 475, Carb 50, Na 780	Cal 590, Carb 85,	Na 860
15 Sodium	n mg	16 Sodiu	m mg	17 Sodiu	ım mg	18 Sodium i	ng 19	Sodium mg
Turkey Burger		Cheese Omelet	310	Beef Stew	480	Rosemary Chicken 35	0 Pasta Fagioli	430
w/ Gravy	480	Turkey Sausage	280	Steamed Potatoes	5	Couscous	5 Cauliflower	15
Mashed Potato	110	Creamy Polenta	60	Honey Wheat Roll	120	Vegetable Blend	5 (no bread)	
Peas	60	Green Beans	5			WW Dinner Roll 24	.0	
LS Wheat Bread	0	MG Bread	150					
					690	Cal 640, Carb 70, Na 740	Cal 465, Carb 75,	Na 680
		23 Sodiu			ım mg	<b>25</b>	26	Sodium mg
		Pork w/ Gravy			240	COOP OF TO	American Chop	
		Cinnamon Apples			160	Houdays	Suey	
LS Wheat Bread				Corn & Black Beans		* August X	Broccoli	15
		WW Bread	165	Garden Salad	35	WHERE I	Honey Wheat Ro	oll 120
						No Meals Served		
				Cal 380, Carb 45, Na 740			Cal 585, Carb 70,	Na 615
29 Sodium	·		m mg		ım mg			
Lemon Pepper		Potato Crunch		Pork Diablo				
	360		270	,	350	Ŭ	_	Healthy
Pasta & Peas		Sweet Potato		White Rice	5	and cancellations, please		
MG Bread	150	Cheesy Cauliflower		•	15	check Fox 25 TV station		
0 1500 0 1 60 11 6		WW Bread		WW Dinner Roll Cal 680, Carb 70, Na	240		www.MinutemanS	enior.org
Cal 520, Carb 60, Na 6		Cal 625, Carb 75, Na 7	To CANCEL Meals on Wheels or for					
For questions about the nutritional information in this menu or your nutritional needs, contact:						QUESTIONS about your delivery or meal plan, call:		
Deborah McLean, Dietitian						781-221-7083		
781-221-7018						Call the day before by 11AM to make a change.		
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www.MinutemanSenior.org/How-We-Can-Help/Nutrition/Senior-Dining-Centers



FOOD, FEELINGS, & FINDING YOUR CALM



How Food & Healthy Habits Can Make You Feel Better

#### Stress and Your Health

Stress is how your body responds to challenges. It can affect your sleep, digestion, mood, memory, and immune system. Signs of stress include trouble sleeping, irritability, loss of interest in hobbies, changes in appetite, feeling isolated, and difficulty focusing.

## Are You Hungry or Just Feeling Something?

Pausing and tuning into your body can help you choose foods that truly support how you feel.

- **Physical hunger signs:** stomach growling, low energy/fatigue, irritability, lightheadedness, or trouble focusing.
- **Emotional hunger signs:** sudden cravings, eating out of boredom or sadness, not satisfied after eating

# Foods that Help You Feel Calmer

Some food helps your body and brain feel calmer and more focused.

- Complex Carbs Oats, Quinoa, Sweet Potatoes, Brown Rice
  - → Boost serotonin, your feel-good brain chemical
- **Protein-Rich Snacks** Boiled Eggs, Yogurt, Hummus, Nut Butters, Edamame
  - → Stabilize blood sugar and mood
- Omega-3s Salmon, Walnuts, Chia Seeds, Flaxseeds
  - → Support brain health and reduce anxiety
- Magnesium-Rich Foods Spinach, Kale, Pumpkin Seeds, Avocados, Dark Chocolate
  - → Relax muscles and calm nerves

- Probiotic & Fermented Foods Yogurt, Kimchi, Sauerkraut, Miso, Kombucha
  - → Support your gut, which connects to your mood
- Herbal Teas Chamomile, Peppermint
  - → Can help you relax and sleep better

### **Healthy Habits That Ease Stress**

- Eat regular, balanced meals slowly and without screens.
- Keep balanced snacks handy to avoid energy crashes.
- Prioritize sleep, move daily, and connect with others regularly.
- Stay hydrated thirst is often confused with hunger.
- Practice self-compassion. Emotional eating happens, and that is okay.

