

## **Strength Training Program for Older Adults**

Strength training is no longer just for bodybuilders. Stay Strong, Stay Healthy is an eight-week, evidence-based strength training program designed for older adults who want to improve their quality of life and stay active. Classes are held in familiar settings such as senior centers and church halls, not the gym. The exercises are easy to learn, safe and effective. No need to wear special clothes—just comfortable, loose-fitting pants and shirt, along with sturdy, closed-toe walking shoes.

## What are the benefits?

Strength training:

- Increases muscle strength
- Improves balance
- Enhances flexibility
- Strengthens bones
- Relieves arthritis
- Helps control weight
- Lifts depression
- Reduces stress
- Reduces risks for heart disease

Here's what we do Stay Strong, Stay Healthy classes include:

- Warm-up exercises
- Eight strengthening exercises, with or without hand and ankle weights
- Cool-down stretches

Over the course of the program, you will increase your strength and improve your balance. After the eight weeks are over, you can continue the strength training program in the comfort of your home or with a group.

Weights will be available on-site, and a trained instructor will help you learn and do these exercises safely.



Orientation: August 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM Class: 16 Classes from 9:30-10:30 AM (2024 - August 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, September 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, October 2, 4, 9 & 11)

Cost: \$20 for all 16 sessions

**Location:** Saint Aloysius Catholic Church 615 Wyandotte St.

Meriden, KS 66512



Meadowlark District



K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact, Cindy Williams, two weeks prior to the start of the event (July 24, 2024) at 785-863-2212 or csw@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service