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## Gaither Homecoming Christmas & Dean Z - Ultimate Elvis Christmas Performances

Wednesday – Thursday, December 10-11, 2025

**Both performances have the following bag policy - No bags or purses are allowed. Only small clutch wallets of 4.5"H x 6.5"W (size of hand) will be permitted. This will be enforced upon entry. Exemption being any small, clear bags no larger than 10"H x 10"W x 2" wide (or gallon size), medical/prescription bags, affixed bags on wheelchairs and/or scooters, and diapers bags for small children, which will still be subject to search prior to entry.**

### Wednesday, December 10th

- 7:30 – 8:10 am Approximate time to depart depending upon pickup locations. Pickups will be in Wapakoneta, St Marys, and Celina. Exact pickup times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip departure
- 11:00 am Arrive at Coppes Commons in Nappanee IN for lunch on you own and free time for shopping or visiting the Cabinet Museum. Coppes Commons houses unique shoppes & eateries - featuring old-fashioned soft pretzels, flavored gourmet popcorn, Amish-style baked goods, flash-frozen Nitrogen ice cream made before your eyes, bulk food, roasted BBQ, antiques, pottery, and more. This 1887 historic furniture factory also features an on-site museum featuring the "Hoosier" kitchen cabinets that were made on site and shipped throughout the US.
- 12:30 pm Depart for tour of Ruthmere, Built by Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, one of the founders of Alka-Seltzer in 1908 and once the centerpiece of Elkhart society, Ruthmere has been restored to offer a window into the "Gilded Age." Tour rooms that are lavishly appointed with historic furnishings, world-class fine and decorative arts, vintage toys for the holidays and vintage autos.
- 3:15 pm Depart for Essenhaus Inn and check into hotel
- 4:45 pm Depart for Amish style dinner at the Blue Gate
- 7:00 pm Gather Homecoming Christmas performance begins at Blue Gate Performing Arts Center. Since the early 1990s, the Gaither Vocal Band has served as a standard-bearer in the world of gospel music. Founded by legendary gospel songwriter and producer, Bill Gaither, this Grammy-winning vocal group has performed in the world's most prestigious venues, including the Sydney Opera House, The Kennedy Center, and Carnegie Hall. Today, the Gaither Vocal Band roster is comprised of five power-packed voices, including Bill Gaither, Wes Hampton, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles and Reggie Smith. Individually, these men are gifted artists and men of authentic faith. Together, they are known around the world for their stunning vocals and innovative harmonies. They and their special guests will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.
- 9:45 pm Depart Blue Gate and return to Essenhaus Inn



### Thursday, December 11th

- Breakfast at your leisure at the hotel
- 8:40 am Depart for Teaberry Wood Products for tour and to make your own Christmas ornament. Learn how they make their beautiful baskets and wall decorations and make your own Snowman!
- 10:30 am Depart for Amish Toymaker to see their variety of Amish toys and to explore their collection of Amish buggies
- 11:30 am Depart for Carriage House. Enjoy an "Almost Dinner" Amish lunch and hear this Amish family talk about their holiday traditions. You will also have time to ask any questions you may have about the Amish way of life

1:00 pm Depart for Dean Z Ultimate Elvis Christmas performance.  
 2:00 pm Performance begins. Dean Z, Branson's ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, high energy Elvis tribute show is a musical journey spanning the 20 year career of the "King of Rock 'n' Roll", from his rise to fame in the 1950s, to his infamous Las Vegas performances of the 1970s. "Dean Z - The Ultimate Elvis" is the only Elvis tribute artist to host SiriusXM's Elvis Radio channel, and currently serves as an ambassador and contributor to Graceland and the Elvis Presley estate. Accompanied by an 11-piece band, horn section, vocalist and immersive video content, this truly is an unforgettable concert experience.

4:15 pm Approximate time to depart for home. May want to bring snacks because we will not stop for dinner

6:45 – 7:25 pm Approximate time to return depending upon your pickup location



Cost includes motorcoach transportation, admission to attractions, 3 meals and one night lodging.

**Deposit - \$75 per person**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – 11/10/25**

	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
<b>Cost per person:</b>	<b>\$543.00</b>	<b>\$459.00</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>	<b>\$425.00</b>

- **Make checks payable to MCCOA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and mail to 217 Riley Street, Celina, OH 45822.**
- Deposit required within 14 days of making your reservation to confirm your reservation
- Balance due 11/10/25. Additional trip information and billing will be sent at that time.
- List of passenger names will be included in final billing
- **Cancellation Policy - Deposit fully refundable up to 30 days prior to trip departure; 30-14 days prior to departure– 50% of your trip cost is non-refundable; 14 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost is non-refundable. If a replacement is found, you will be refunded all your money except for a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.**
- If less than 30 passengers sign up for this trip, MCCoA reserves the right to cancel the trip or make any necessary changes to conduct the trip with a reduced number of passengers.
- Parking will be available in the parking lots at all locations. **Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.**
- The dress for attractions is casual.
- You can bring snacks and drinks on the bus

**Buses are not wheelchair accessible. You must be able to get on and exit the bus without assistance.** In the event I would need any type of medical treatment, I hereby consent to treatment by any licensed physician or dentist, and I am responsible for any expenses incurred due to any change in the tour. I further understand that I, and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf do waive, release and discharge MCCoA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and its representatives, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility or liability from injuries, loss, damages, diseases, or deaths resulting from my participation in any programs or activities sponsored by MCCoA. I understand that this waiver means I and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf give up the rights to bring any claims for personal injury, death, disease, property damage or any other loss including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I or my heirs may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. MCCoA and its representatives accept no responsibility for the services of any company, personnel or any other conveyance used in connection with any tour or for any loss or additional expenses incurred due to additional or changed fees, delay, changes in schedule, restrictions, requirements or acts or omissions of any carrier or supplier. You are responsible for understanding all trip and activity requirements and must not rely on MCCoA to provide this information. MCCoA and its representatives reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, amend the itinerary for any reason, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour if his/her actions impose a risk or disturb other members of the tour.