

Christmas at the Four Gospel Homes

Welcome to Luke's Home



December 24, 2023

5:00 PM

 **MISSOURI**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We exist to connect all people with Jesus Christ.
We do this by welcoming enthusiastically, growing deeply and serving courageously.

🌀 Welcome 🌀

*Children of all ages and their rustling are welcome in worship,
with special activity packets available at all entrances for younger children.
Nursery care is located in Whittler Treehouse.*

PRELUDE “Seasonal Music”

Craig Datz

WELCOME

SERENDIPITY CHOIR ANTHEM “Away in a Manger”

+LUKE’S INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rick Boyce

We knock on the door of our friend Luke, the host. Their street is lined with cars slowly driving by to admire the lights and blow-up delights that adorn their lawn. A perfect evergreen wreath with red holly berries and white mistletoe hangs proudly on the front door.

Luke greets us in song:

“Hark the herald angels sing! Glory to the new born king!

Your coats are whisked away and piled on the guest room bed.

“Would you kids like to play? I think they are going to put on a pageant!”

As the kids run down the basement stairs, you look around at every flat surface covered in Christmas cheer and at least one tree in every room!

And Luke says,

“The kids said that I’m the narrator, so here we go!

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Symonne Sparks

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE “Christmas at Luke’s home”

Pastor Daniel

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

To e-give, text “MOUMC” to 73256 or give online using the QR code below.

OFFERTORY “A Christmas Medley”

Jordan McManus

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Boyce Family

SPECIAL MUSIC "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Maple McGhee

PASSING THE LIGHT

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN UMH 239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE "Bethlehem" (Otto Malling)

Acknowledgements:

Invitation to Worship: Rev. S. Jewell S. McGhee

Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy: Barb Stanford and Rev. S. Jewell S. McGhee

moumc.org/give





Volunteers Needed!

Room at the Inn is now going to be open year round and MUMC is seeking 10-12 people to volunteer at RATI on the second Monday of every month, starting January 8th.

Believing Beyond Barriers

New Series
January 14

5 Ways that Religion Can Bring People Together Today



CONNECT WITH US!

204 S. Ninth St., Columbia, MO 65201

(573) 443-3111 | moumc.org

WIFI: MUMCGuest | Password: Welcome100%

/MissouriUMC Missouri_UMC