



Merry Christmas!

Christmas

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Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, celebrate his birth on December 25. The precise date of his birth is unknown. Its occurrence in the late 1st century B.C. in Bethlehem is recorded in the Christian Scriptures (the Bible) in Matthew chapters 1-2 and Luke chapters 1-2. Christians believe the conception and birth of Jesus is how the Son of God became a human.

Date

- December 25 of each year.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings

Christians have historically celebrated this day (and the weeks leading up to it, the “Christmas season”) by greeting others with the words, “Merry Christmas.”

Common Practices and Celebrations

Many celebrate this holiday by giving gifts, attending church services, decorating Christmas trees and visiting family.

Impact to U-M Community

- Christmas is a national holiday in the United States.
- The U-M Academic Campus is on season break and maintains reduced staffing through the holidays.
- Many local organizations and businesses are closed for the day.
- There are no U-M bus or shuttle services on December 24 and 25.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Christian Organizations](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M

Information Sources

- [Religion Facts Christmas](#)
- [Blue Letter Bible](#), Matthew 1-2
- [Blue Letter Bible](#), Luke 1-2

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