Chapel Calendar 2019-20

Events and Religious Holidays
(updated August 3, 2019)

Fall Term 2019

August 9-14  Hajj (Muslim)
Annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Obligatory for all Muslims, who are physically and financially able, to perform once in a lifetime. It is of Abrahamic origin and employs different devotional rites and rituals. The Hajj is performed each year by over two million pilgrims from all over the world. *Based on lunar cycle

August 11  Eid al Adha Celebration (Muslim)
Begins sundown of August 10
*In North America, Eid falls on August 11, beginning at sundown on August 10th.
Marks the close of the Hajj and commemorates the Prophet Abraham’s sacrifice and devotion. It is celebrated with a special congregational prayer and the exchange of gifts.

August 28  Faculty Convocation
Cochran Chapel
5:45 p.m.

September 5  Matriculation Ceremony (NEW students only)
Cochran Chapel
5:45 p.m.

September 8  Sunday Worship Services Begin

September 11  Community “Tolling of the Bells”
Cochran Chapel
8:46 a.m.

September 10  Ashura (Muslim)
Begins sundown on September 9.
For Sunnis this observance commemorates Moses and the liberation of the Israelites and is a “Day of Atonement” during which fasting is recommended. For the Shi’a it honors the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali at the Battle of Karbala in 680 C.E.
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| September 14-20 | Sukkot (Jewish)  
*Begins sundown of September 13.*  
The feast of the Tabernacles, commemorating the dwelling of Israelites in the wilderness. |
| September 27  | ASM  
Speaker: Megan Phelps Roper |
| September 30  | Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)  
*Begins sundown of September 29.*  
This marks the beginning of the Jewish year and the beginning of the High Holy Days. |
| October 4     | Feast of St. Francis  
Celebration of Pets |
| October 8     | Dussehra (Hindu)  
The celebration of the Hindu New Year, marked by the blessing of work-related tools, such as books and computers. An observance marking the triumph of Good or Evil. |
| October 9     | Yom Kippur (Jewish)  
*Begins sundown of October 8.*  
The “Day of Atonement”, marked by prayer, fasting, and repentance. |
| October 19-20 | Family Weekend |
| October 22    | Simchat Torah (Jewish)  
*Begins sundown of October 21.*  
The “Rejoicing of the Torah” is the end of the Torah reading cycle. |
| October 24-29 | Lighting of Samuel Phillip Hall (in honor of Diwali) |
| October 27    | Diwali (Hindu)  
The “Festival of Lights” celebrates different sacred stories in the Hindu tradition. |
| October 31    | Reformation Day (Christian)  
Anniversary of the start of the Protestantism and its emphasis on the importance of the Bible. |
| November 1    | All Saints Day (Christian)  
Recognizes all those who have achieved beatification. |
November 2          All Souls Day (Christian)
     The day commemorating the faithful departed.

November 7-9       Trustee Meetings

November 10        Mawlid al-Nabi (Muslim)
     Begins sundown of November 9.
     Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. While not formally
     recognized in scripture, the Mawlid has nonetheless taken
     on cultural and spiritual importance in much of the Muslim
     world. It is a national holiday in most Muslim majority
     countries.

November 11        Veterans’ Day (Monday)

November 11        Tolling of the Bells
     11:00 a.m.

November 11-15     NO FAITH GROUP MEETINGS
     (Penultimate Week)

November 22        Final Day of the Fall Term

November 23 – Dec 4 FALL VACATION

November 28        Thanksgiving

**Winter Term 2019**

December 5         Classes Begin (Winter Term)

December 1         First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
     The season of preparation for the birth of Jesus.

December 8         Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
     Marks the Buddha's attainment of Enlightenment.

December 15        Lessons and Carols Service
     Cochran Chapel
     4:30 p.m.

December 20 - January 6 WINTER VACATION
December 21  Winter Solstice (Pagan/Wiccan)
The shortest day of the year.

December 23-30  Hanukkah (Jewish)
Begins sundown of December 22.
The “Festival of Lights”, commemorating the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Temple.

December 25  Christmas (Christian)
The celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

December 26 - January 1  Kwanzaa
An African-American celebration honoring African values and belief.

January 6  Epiphany (Christian)
A feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi to the newborn Jesus.

January 7  Winter Term Classes Resume

January 10-12  Mahayana New Year (Buddhist)

January 20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 24-26  Jewish Cultural Weekend (events listed below)

Friday: Shabbat dinner followed by a performance with comedians Jess Salomon and Eman El-Husseini

Sunday: Bagel Brunch

February 1-7  World Interfaith Harmony Week
An initiative design to promote peace, dialogue, and the promotion of love of God and love of neighbor.

February 5  Chinese New Year

February 6-8  Trustee Meetings

February 8  Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
Celebrates the death of the Gautama when he reached total Nirvana.
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*Mahashivaratri* Celebration: *A celebration for the devotees of Shiva.*

NO FAITH GROUP MEETINGS (Penultimate Week)

*Shrove Tuesday* (Christian) *Ash Wednesday* (Christian)

*Final Day of Winter Term*

*Holi* (Hindu) *Purim* (Jewish)

*Holi* (Hindu): *A festival that includes throwing colored water or powder in celebration of events in the life of Krishna.*

*Purim* (Jewish): *Begins sundown of March 9. Commemoration of the defeat of Haman's plot to massacre the Jews.*

*SPRING VACATION*

*L. Ron Hubbard’s Birthday* (Scientology)

Spring Term 2020:

*Classes Begin* (Spring Term)

*Ramanavami* (Hindu) *Palm Sunday* (Christian)

*Ramanavami* (Hindu): *Nine-day festival, celebrating the birth of the god Ram.*

*Palm Sunday* (Christian): *The beginning of “Holy Week”.*

*Passover* (Jewish) *Maundy/Holy Thursday* (Christian)

*Passover* (Jewish): *Begins sundown of April 8. Commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.*

*Maundy/Holy Thursday* (Christian): *Marks the “Last Supper” of Jesus and his disciples.*
April 10  Good Friday (Christian)
  *Recalls the crucifixion of Jesus.*

April 10  Good Friday Service
  Stations of the Cross
  Cochran Chapel
  (followed by a soup and bread luncheon)

April 12  Easter Sunday (Christian)
  *Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.*

April 21  Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jewish)
  *Begins sundown of April 20.*
  *Marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.*

April 24 – May 23  Ramadan (Muslim)
  *Begins sundown of April 23.*
  *The ninth month of the Muslim calendar. Food, drink, and sexual relations are to be abstained from during daylight hours. The month is seen as a time of devotion and spiritual self-purification.*

April 20  Patriots Day
  NO CLASSES

April 24  Non-Sibi Day

April 29  Yom Ha’atzmaut/Independence Day (Jewish)
  *Begins sundown of April 28.*
  *Independence Day commemorates the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948.*

April 30 - May 2  Trustee Meetings

May 7  National Day of Prayer (Interfaith)

May 7  Visakha Puja (Buddhist)
  *Holiest of days in the Buddhist year, celebrates the birth of the Buddha.*

May 9  Grandparents Day

May 10  Mother’s Day
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<td>The “Feast of Weeks”, celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.</td>
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June 12-14: Alumni Reunion Weekend
   ‘5’s and ‘0’s

June 21: Summer Solstice (Pagan/Wiccan)
   *Longest day of the year.*

July: Summer Session Begins