RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES 2020-2021

Methodist University is home to a wide spectrum of rich religious and cultural traditions. Religious Life seeks to foster an environment in which these myriad traditions are respected. Religious Life is proud to share a cross section of major observances of religions represented on campus and around the world.

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JULY 2020
Martyrdom of the Báb
Bahá’í
Fri. July 10
Eid al Adha
Islam
Thurs. July 30

AUGUST
Krishna
Jain
Janmashtami
Jainism
Hindu
Tues. Aug. 11
Paryushana Parva
Jain
Sun. Aug. 16
Feast of the Assumption
Christianity
Sat. Aug. 15
Hirja New Year
Islam
Wed. Aug. 19

SEPTEMBER
Rosh Hashanah
Judaism
Fri. Sept. 18
Yom Kippur
Judaism
Mon. Sept. 28
– Sun. Sept. 20

OCTOBER
Sukkot
Judaism
Sat. Oct. 3
Birth of the Báb
and Bahá’u’lláh
Bahá’í
Mon. Oct. 19
– Fri. Oct. 9

Simchat Torah
Judaism
Sat. Oct. 10
Dussehra
Hindu
Sun. Oct. 25

Navratri
Hindu
Sat. Oct. 17
Samhain
Celtic/Neopagan
Sat. Oct. 31

NOVEMBER
Dia de los Muertos
Catholicism
Sat. Oct. 31
Diwali
Hinduism/Jainism
Sat. Nov. 14

Bahá’u’lláh
All Saints Day/
Baha’i
Thurs. Nov. 12
Thanksgiving
Christianity
Thurs. Nov. 26

DECEMBER
Advent
Christianity
Dec. 1-24
Christmas Day
Christianity
Fri. Dec. 25

Hanukkah
Judaism
Thurs. Dec. 10
Christmas Eve
Christianity
Thurs. Dec. 24
– Fri. Dec. 18

Zarathosht Diso
Zoroastrian
Sat. Dec. 26

Watch Night
Christianity
Thurs. Dec. 31

JANUARY 2021
Gantan-sai New Years
Shinto
Fri. Jan. 1

Feast of the Nativity
Catholicism
Thurs. Jan. 7

Bodhi Day
Buddhism
Wed. Jan. 20

FEBRUARY
Lunar New Year
Buddhism/Confucianism
/Daoism
Fri. Feb. 12

Ash Wednesday
Christianity
Wed. Feb. 17

Shrove Tuesday
Catholicism/Christianity
Tues. Feb. 16

Magha Puja Day
Buddhism
Fri. Feb. 26

MARCH
Mahashivratri
Hindu
Thurs. Mar. 11

Naw Ruz New Year
Bahá’í/Zoroastrian
Sat. Mar. 20

Holi
Hindu
Mon. Mar. 29

Palm Sunday
Christianity
Sun. Mar. 28

HOLY WEEK
Easter Sunday
Christianity
Sun. Mar. 28

Apr. 4

APRIL
Passover
Judaism
Fri. April 2
Qingming Festival
Confucianism/Daoism
Sun. April 4
– Sun. April 4

Good Friday
Christianity
Fri. April 2

Beginning of Ramadan
Islam
Mon. Apr. 12

Easter
Christianity
Sun. April 4

MAY
Eid Al-fitr
Islam
Wed. May 12
Declaration of the Báb
Bahá’í
Sun. May 23
– Thurs. May 13

Shavuot
Judaism
Sun. May 16
– Tues. May 18