



RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES 2024-25

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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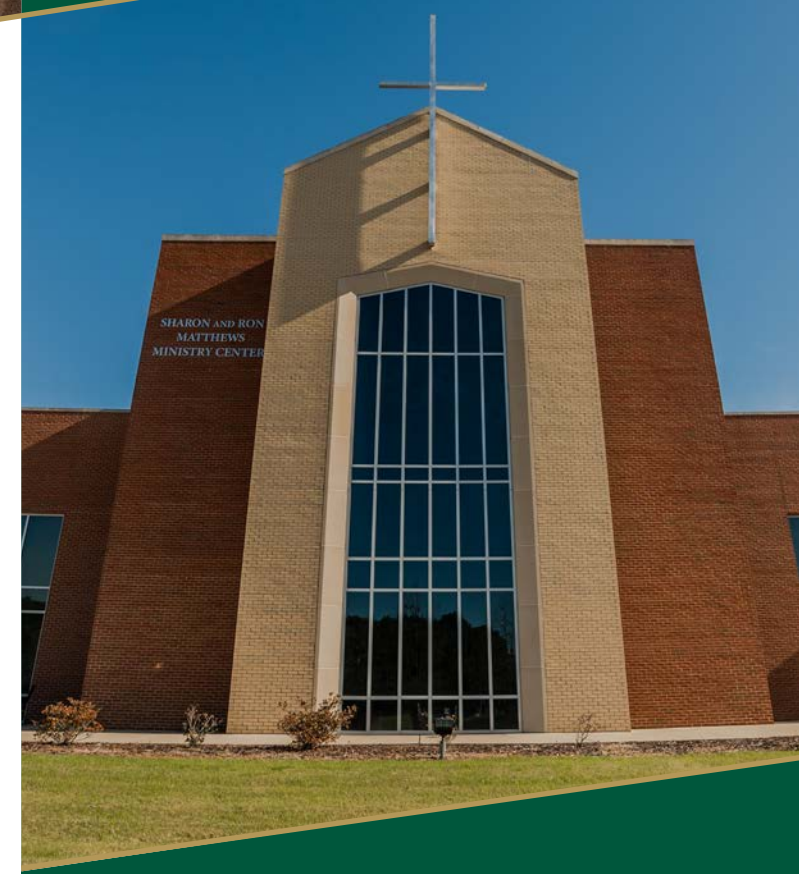
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JULY 2024

Al Hijri New Year
Islam
Sun., July 7-
Mon., July 8

Martyrdom of the Báb
Bahá'í
Mon., July 8-
Tue., July 9

Day of Ashura
Maharram
Tue., July 16-
Wed., July 17

AUGUST

Assumption Day
Christianity
Thu., Aug. 15

Raksha Bandhan
Hinduism
Mon., Aug. 19

Arbaeen
Islam
Sun., Aug. 25-
Mon., Aug. 26

Krishna Janmashtami
Hinduism
Mon., Aug. 26

Paryushan Parva
Jainism
Sat., Aug. 31-
Sat., Sept. 7

SEPTEMBER

Ganesh Chaturthi
Hinduism
Sat., Sept. 7

Mawlid al-Nabi
Islam
Sun., Sept. 15-
Mon., Sept. 16

OCTOBER

Rosh Hashanah
Judaism
Wed., Oct. 2-
Fri., Oct. 4

Navaratri
Hinduism
Thu., Oct. 3-
Sat., Oct. 12

**Blessing of
the Animals**
Christianity
Fri., Oct. 4

Yom Kippur
Judaism
Fri., Oct. 11-
Sat., Oct. 12

Sukkot
Judaism
Wed., Oct. 16-
Wed., Oct. 23

Simchat Torah
Judaism
Thu., Oct. 24-
Fri., Oct. 25

Samhain
Pagan
Thu., Oct. 31-
Fri., Nov. 1

NOVEMBER

Diwali
Hinduism/Jainism/
Sikhism
Fri., Nov. 1
Fri., Nov. 1

Dia de los Muertos
Christianity
Fri., Nov. 1-
Sat., Nov. 2

All Saints Day
Christianity
Fri., Nov. 1

Birth of Bab
Bahá'í
Fri., Nov. 1

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
Bahá'í
Sun., Nov. 3

DECEMBER

Advent
Christianity
Tue., Dec. 3-
Tue., Dec. 24

Bodhi Day
Buddhism
Sun., Dec. 8

DECEMBER (CONT.)

Immaculate Conception
Roman Catholic
Sun., Dec. 8
Tue., Dec. 24

Christmas
Christianity
Wed., Dec. 25

Hanukkah
Judaism
Wed., Dec. 25-
Thu., Jan. 2

JANUARY 2025

Gantan-sai New Years
Shinto
Wed., Jan. 1

Epiphany
Christianity
Mon., Jan. 6

Feast of the Nativity
Christianity
Tue., Jan. 7

Mahayana New Year
Buddhism
Tue., Jan. 14

Lunar New Year
Buddhism
Wed., Jan. 29

FEBRUARY

Magha Puja Day
Buddhism
Wed., Feb. 12

Parinirvana Day
Buddhism
Sat., Feb. 15

Maha Shivaratri
Hinduism
Wed., Feb. 26

Ramadan Begins
Islam
Fri., Feb. 28-
Sun., March 30

MARCH

Shrove Tuesday
Christianity
Tue., March 4

Ash Wednesday
Christianity
Wed., March 5

MARCH (CONT.)

Lent
Christianity
Wed. March 5-
Thu., April 17

Purim
Judaism
Thu., March 13-
Sat., March 15

Holi
Hinduism
Fri. March 14-
Sat., March 15

Naw-Ruz
Bahá'í
Wed., March 19-
Thu., March 20

Eid al-Fitr
Islam
Sat., March 29-
Sun., March 30

APRIL

Qingming
Confucianism/
Daoism
Fri., April 4

Passover
Jewish
Sat., April 12-
Sun., April 20

Palm Sunday
Christianity
Sun., April 13

Good Friday
Christianity
Fri., April 18

Easter
Christianity
Sun., April 20

MAY

Declaration of the Báb
Bahá'í
Thu., May 22-
Fri., May 23

Ascension Day
Christianity
Thu., May 29

Note: Judaic and Islamic holy days begin at sundown on the first day indicated.

