

RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES 2026-27

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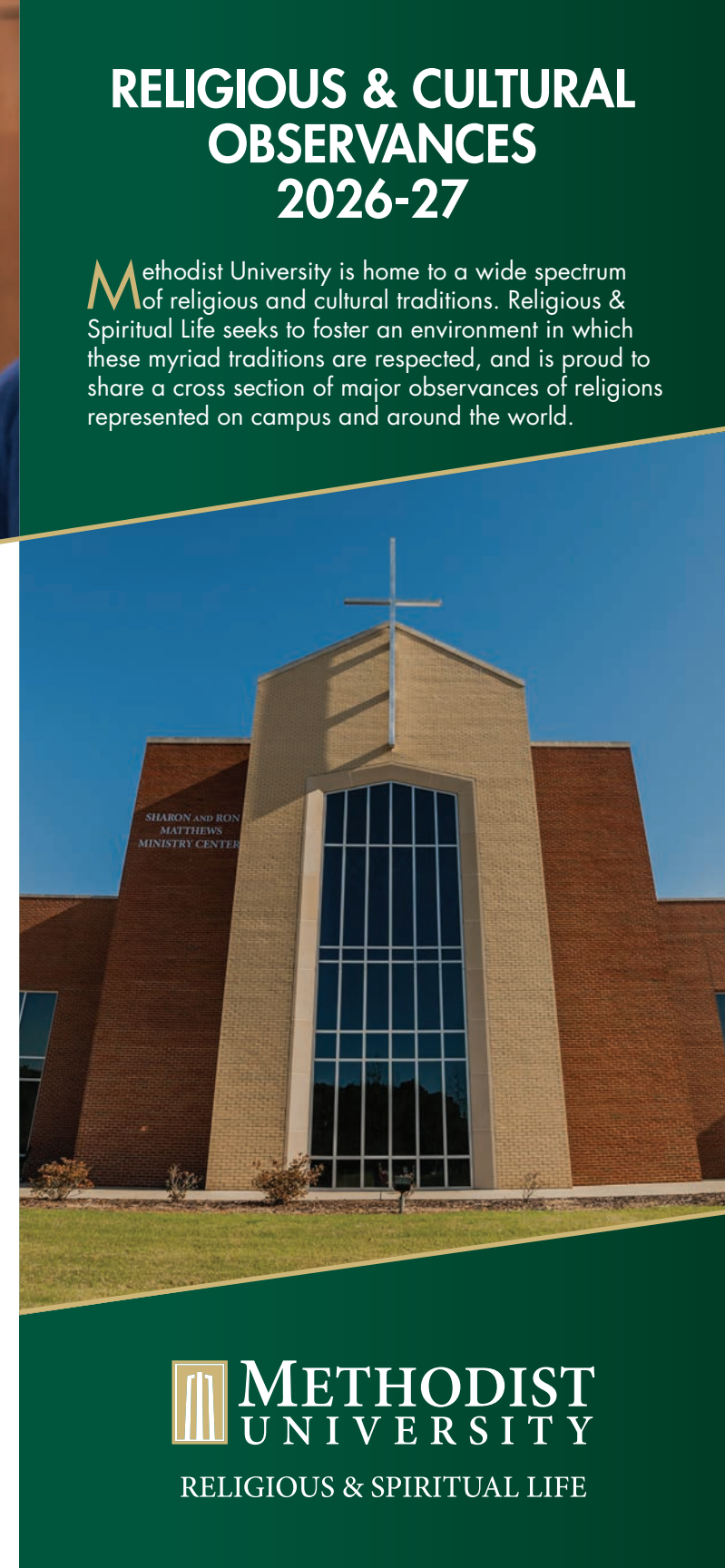
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2026

JULY

Martyrdom of the Bab, Baha'i

Fri., July 10

AUGUST

Assumption Day, Christianity
Feast of Assumption, Catholicism
Mawlid-al-Nabi, Islam
Raksha Bandhan, Hinduism

Sat., Aug. 15
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Tue., Aug. 25 – Wed., Aug. 26
Fri., Aug. 28

SEPTEMBER

Krishna Janmashtami, Hinduism
Paryushan Parv, Jainism
Rosh Hashanah, Judaism
Ganesh Chaturthi, Hinduism
Yom Kippur, Judaism
Sukkot, Judaism

Fri., Sep. 4
Tue., Sep. 8 – Tue., Sep. 15
Fri., Sep. 11 – Sun., Sep. 13
Sun., Sep. 13 – Mon., Sep. 14
Sun., Sep. 20 – Mon., Sep. 21
Fri., Sep 25 – Sun., Oct. 4

OCTOBER

Simchat Torah, Judaism
Blessing of the Animals, Christianity
(Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi)
Dussehra, Hinduism
Samhain, Pagan/Wiccan/Celtic

Sat., Oct 3 – Sun., Oct. 4
Sun., Oct. 4

Tue., Oct. 20
Sat., Oct. 31

NOVEMBER

Dia de los Muertos, Christianity
All Saints Day, Christianity
All Souls Day, Catholicism
Diwali, Hinduism/Sikhism
Birth of Bab, Baha'i
Birth of Bahauallah, Baha'i
Martyrdom of Guru, Sikhism
Thanksgiving Day (Cultural Observances)
Advent Season, Christianity

Sun., Nov. 1 – Mon., Nov. 2
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Mon., Nov. 2
Sun., Nov. 8
Mon., Nov. 9 – Tue., Nov. 10
Tue., Nov. 10 – Wed., Nov. 11
Tue., Nov. 24
Thu., Nov 26
Sun., Nov. 29 – Thu., Dec. 24

DECEMBER

Hanukkah, Judaism
St. Nicholas' Feast Day, Catholicism
Bodhi Day, Buddhism
Yule, Pagan
Christmas, Christianity (Birth of Jesus Christ)
Kwanzaa (Cultural Observance)

Fri., Dec. 4 – Sat., Dec. 12
Sun., Dec. 6
Tue., Dec. 8
Mon., Dec. 21 – Fri., Jan. 1
Fri., Dec. 25
Sat., Dec. 26 – Fri., Jan. 1

2027

JANUARY

New Year's Day (Gregorian Calendar)
Epiphany, Christianity
Maghi Lohri, Sikhism & Hinduism
Mahayana, New Year, Buddhism

Fri., Jan. 1
Wed., Jan. 6
Thu., Jan. 14
Fri., Jan. 22

FEBRUARY

Lunar New Year, Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism
Ramadan, Islam
Shrove Tuesday, Christianity
Ash Wednesday, Christianity
Lent, Christianity
Parinirvana Day, Buddhism
Magha Puja Day, Buddhism

Sat., Feb. 6
Sun., Feb. 7
Tue., Feb. 9
Wed., Feb. 10
Wed., Feb 10 – Thu., Mar. 25
Mon., Feb. 15
Sun., Feb. 21

MARCH

Ramadan Ends, Islam
Eid-al-Fitr, Islam
Naw-Ruz, Baha'i
Palm Sunday, Christianity
Holi, Hinduism
Purim, Judaism
Maundy Thursday, Christianity
Good Friday, Christianity
Easter, Christianity

Mon., Mar. 8
Tue., Mar. 9 – Wed., Mar. 10
Sun., Mar. 21
Sun., Mar. 21
Mon., Mar. 22
Mon., Mar. 22 – Tue., Mar. 23
Thu., Mar. 25
Fri., Mar. 26
Sun., Mar. 28

APRIL

Qingming Festival, Confucianism/Daoism
Passover, Judaism

Mon., Apr. 5
Wed., Apr. 21 – Thu., Apr. 29

MAY

Ascension Day, Christianity
Pentecost, Christianity
Eid-al-Adha, Islam
Trinity Sunday, Christianity
Declaration of the Bab, Baha'i

Thu., May 6
Sun., May 16
Sun., May 16 – Mon., May, 17
Sun., May 23
Sun., May 23 – Mon., May 24

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

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