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2016

18-MONTH

INTERFAITH

CALENDAR

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY CELEBRATES HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS?

Diversity Awareness Partnership's Interfaith Calendar is distributed annually and features observances celebrated across 20 religious traditions. Take one with you to meetings, keep it in your office, bring it to your class, or just have it handy at home. Please use this calendar as a guide to better understand, acknowledge, and respect friends', neighbors', employees' and co-workers' holidays.

To be more accomodating, please consider the following:

FOOD

Halal and Kosher restrictions may apply. Consider vegetarian, non-alcoholic, and non-caffeinated options. During some holidays, individuals will be fasting.

HOURS

Consider allowing flexibility in work/school hours, as some holidays may require individuals to attend their place of worship during the day.

ABSENCE

Some individuals may request to use vacation or personal days for holidays that are not recognized as company or school-wide days off.

DEADLINES

Consider allowing flexibility for deadlines around important holidays, as some individuals may be participating in celebrations or fasting, which could cause decreased stamina.

PRAYER

Consider designating a space for employees or students to pray, as some holidays may require increased prayer throughout the day / evening.

NOTES:

This calendar aims to be as inclusive as possible. Please contact us if you would like the 2017 Interfaith Calendar to include a holiday that is not currently listed.

All content in this calendar is based on information available at the time of production. To the greatest extent possible, holidays based on

lunar phases or other variables that change yearly have been factored into observance dates. The spelling of certain observances may vary as well.

The length of some holidays and the extent to which they are observed may vary according to denominational affiliations or regions.

All Baha'i, Jewish and Muslim holidays begin at sunset the previous day.

We encourage all places of worship to be accessible to persons with disabilities by making necessary accommodations. Contact DAP for additional information.

More about religions/holidays:

<http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/>

<http://www.nccjtriad.org/programs/documents/InterfaithCalendar2016FINAL.pdf>

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/multifaith-calendar/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>

USE THE FOLLOWING COLORS AS A GUIDE TO FIND CELEBRATIONS BY SPECIFIC RELIGIONS/DENOMINATIONS:

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|  Rastafarian |  Scientologist |
|  Buddhist |  Catholic Christian |
|  Sikh |  Swedenborgian Christian |
|  Hindu |  Christian |
|  Wiccan/Pagan |  Orthodox Christian |
|  Jain |  Mormon |
|  Jewish |  Protestant Christian |
|  Shinto |  Jehovah's Witnesses |
|  Pan-African |  Anglican Christian |
|  Baha'i |  Ethiopian Orthodox Christian |
|  Muslim | |
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|  Zoroastrian | |

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JANUARY



1 FRIDAY

Mary, Mother of God

I Catholic Christian

Celebration of the mother of Jesus Christ

Feast of St. Basil

I Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of St. Basil the Great, who wrote a great Eucharist Liturgy that bears his name.

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I Christian

Celebration of St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the early days of the faith

20 SUNDAY

Ostara I Wiccan / Pagan

Welcoming of spring and celebration of the goddess-as-maiden (Vernal Equinox)

Palm Sunday I Christian

Celebration of the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem, which begins Holy Week

21 MONDAY

Naw-Ruz I Baha'i

Observance of the Vernal Equinox

Nowruz I Zoroastrian

New year

23 WEDNESDAY

Holi I Hindu

Spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure

Ta'anit Esther I Jewish

Fast on Purim eve, commemorating the fast of the Jewish people in the story of Purim

Magha Puja Day

I Buddhist

Celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to an assembly of Holy men

Lord's evening meal

I Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual memorial commemorating Christ's death as a ransom

24 THURSDAY

Purim I Jewish

Celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide

Maudy Thursday

I Christian

Observance of the first Lord's supper during Holy week

Hola Mohalla I Sikh

Weeklong event including mock fights, kirtan, music poetry, and community meals

25 FRIDAY

Good Friday I Christian

Remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus

26 SATURDAY

Khordad Sal I Zoroastrian

Remembrance of the birth of Prophet Zarathustra

27 SUNDAY

Easter I Christian

Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

APRIL



4 MONDAY

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christian

Celebration of Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary of the coming birth of Jesus

6 WEDNESDAY

Founding of the Church | Mormon

Commemoration of the appearance of the angel, Moroni, in 1830 to Joseph Smith; subsequently, the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

8 FRIDAY

Week of the Ramayana | Hindu (until 4/15)

Festival celebrating Lord Rama, in which the Ram Lila is staged and the Ramayana is recited

13 WEDNESDAY

Baisaki / Vaisaki | Sikh / Hindu

Festival commemorating the establishment of the Khalsa, or the nation of Sikhs. Hindu beginning of the New Year

15 FRIDAY

Rama Navami | Hindu

Celebration of the birth of Lord Rama

19 TUESDAY

Mahavir Jayanti | Jain

Festival honoring Lord Mahavira on the founder's birthday

21 THURSDAY

First Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

Commemoration of the twelve-day period in 1863 when Baha'u'llah declared that he was God's messenger for this age.

22 FRIDAY

Hanuman Jayanti | Hindu

Celebration of Hanuman, an embodiment of Lord Rama. Devotion and selfless works are encouraged.

Theravadin New Year

| Buddhist (22-23)

Buddhist New Year, as celebrated in Theravadin countries

23 SATURDAY

Lazarus Saturday | Orthodox Christian

Celebration of the resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus; revealing that Jesus is "the resurrection and life" of all mankind

Pesach / Passover

| Jewish (until 4/30)

8-day celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt

29 FRIDAY

Ninth Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

Holy Friday | Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross

MAY



1 SUNDAY

Beltane | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the conjoining of the goddess with the energy of the god in sacred marriage, the basis of all creation

Pascha | Orthodox Christian

Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

2 MONDAY

Twelfth day of Ridvan | Baha'i

4 WEDNESDAY

Yom HaShoah | Jewish

Holocaust Day established to remember the six million Jews killed by the Nazis

5 THURSDAY

National Day of Prayer | Interfaith

United States day of observance encouraging prayer among all faiths

Ascension of Jesus | Christian

Recognition of the departure of Jesus from Earth after the resurrection, celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha

9 MONDAY

Observance of the Publication of Dianetics | Scientologist

Observance of the publication of Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health, on May 9, 1950, which was the forerunner of the Scientology religion

13 FRIDAY

World Falun Dafa Day / Falun Gong | Buddhist

Celebration of the spiritual discipline introduced in China in 1992

15 SUNDAY

Pentecost | Christian

Observation of the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the forms of tongues of fire and rushing wind

21 SATURDAY

Vesak | Buddhist

Day marking the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development | Interfaith

United Nations day to deepen understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live more peacefully

22 SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday | Christian

Day to honor the belief in one God with a threefold nature

23 MONDAY

Declaration of the Bab | Baha'i

Recognition of the declaration by Ali Muhammad that he is the anticipated "Coming One" of all religions

26 THURSDAY

Corpus Christi | Catholic Christian

Celebration in recognition of the Eucharist

Lag B'Omer | Jewish

Observation of the counting of the day - the link - between Pesach and Shavout

29 SUNDAY

Ascension of Baha'u'llah | Baha'i

Recollection of the death of Baha'u'llah, the founder

JUNE

3 FRIDAY

Sacred Heart of Jesus
| Catholic Christian

Occasion to pay homage to Christ's all-encompassing love for humanity

6 MONDAY

Ramadan | Muslim (until 7/5)

Month devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an

11 SATURDAY

Shavuot | Jewish (until 6/13)

Celebration of Moses' descent from Mt. Sinai with the Ten Commandments

12 SUNDAY

Race Unity Day | Baha'i

Day to promote racial harmony and understanding

16 THURSDAY

Guru Arjan Dev's Martyrdom | Sikh

Time of remembering those who have suffered for this faith

19 SUNDAY

New Church Day
| Swedenborgian Christian

Annual commemoration of the vision document "The True Christian Religion," in 1770

20 MONDAY

Litha | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the sacred marriage, in which the energy of the gods is poured into the service of life (Summer Solstice)

MORE ABOUT RAMADAN

Ramadan is the Islamic holy month of fasting during which Muslims may not eat or drink during daylight hours.

Ramadan is celebrated as the month in which the prophet Mohammed received the first of the revelations that make up the Quran.

Muslims are encouraged to eat a meal before dawn, and then break the fast immediately after sunset.

JULY



1 FRIDAY

Laylatul Qadr | Muslim

The Night of destiny, the first revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad

5 TUESDAY

Eid ul-Fitr | Muslim

Breaking of the Month-long Ramadan fast and a festival of thanksgiving

9 SATURDAY

Martyrdom of the Bab

| Baha'i

Observance of the day Ali Muhammad was executed in 1850 by Persian political and religious powers

19 TUESDAY

Asalha Puja Day / Dharma Day | Buddhist

Sacred day that marks the Buddha's first teaching following enlightenment

23 SATURDAY

Birth of the Emperor Haile Selassie I

| Rastafarian

Birthday of the revered Messianic figure among Rastafarians

24 SUNDAY

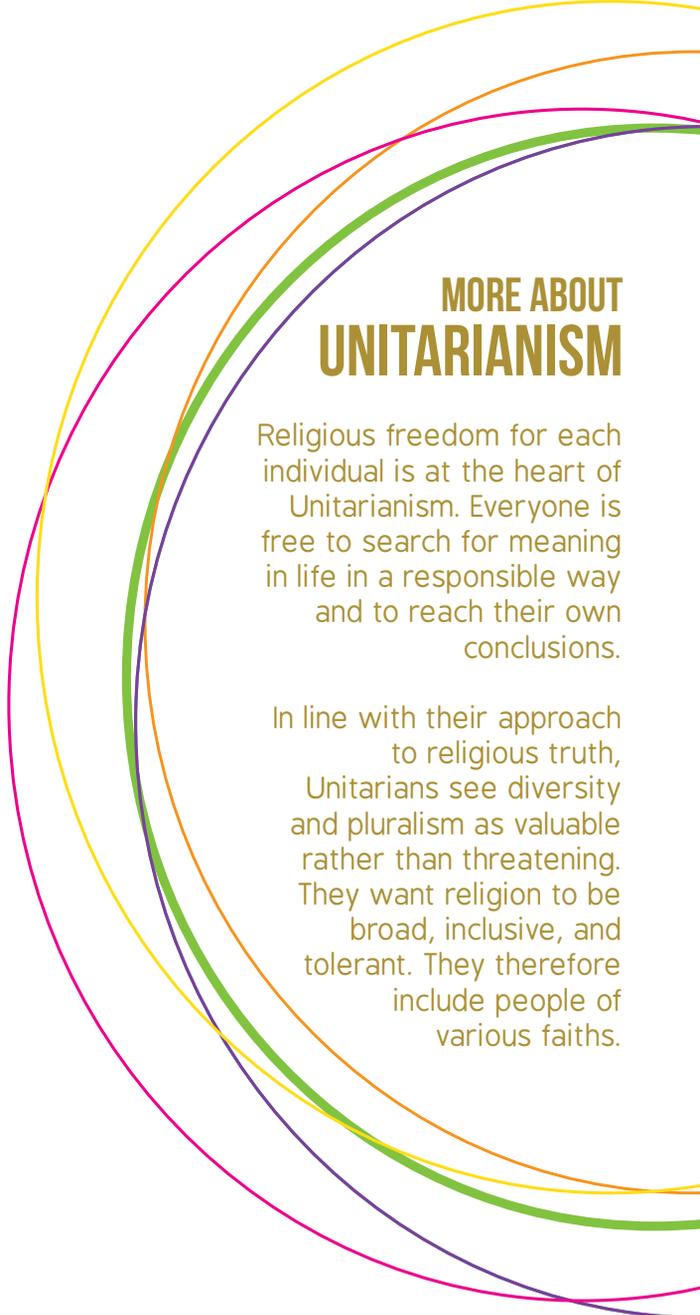
Pioneer Day | Mormon

Observation of the arrival of the first settlers at Great Salt Lake, USA

MORE ABOUT UNITARIANISM

Religious freedom for each individual is at the heart of Unitarianism. Everyone is free to search for meaning in life in a responsible way and to reach their own conclusions.

In line with their approach to religious truth, Unitarians see diversity and pluralism as valuable rather than threatening. They want religion to be broad, inclusive, and tolerant. They therefore include people of various faiths.



AUGUST



1 MONDAY

Lammas | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the early harvest

6 SATURDAY

Transfiguration of the Lord | Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of the experience on Mt. Tabor when Jesus' physical appearance became brilliant as his connection with traditional Jewish holy figures became evident to the disciples

13 SATURDAY

Obon/Ullambana | Shinto/Buddist

Celebration of the ritual of saving the deceased from torments after death the Ten Commandments

14 SUNDAY

Tish'a B'av | Jewish

Day of fasting in the remembrance of the destruction of the Temple in 586 BCE and 70 CE

15 MONDAY

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

| Catholic Christian
Observance commemorating the assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus, into heaven

Dormition of the Theotokos | Orthodox Christian

Observance of the death, burial, resurrection, and transfer to heaven of the Virgin Mary

18 THURSDAY

Raksha Bandhan | Hindu

Festival honoring the loving ties between brothers and sisters in a family

25 THURSDAY

Krishna Janmashtami | Hindu

Commemoration of the birth of Krishna

29 MONDAY

Beheading of John the Baptist | Christian

Remembrance of the death of John

SEPTEMBER



5 MONDAY

Ganesh Chaturthi | Hindu

Festival honoring the god of prosperity, prudence, and success

6 TUESDAY

Paryushana Parva | Jain

Festival signifying human emergence into a new world of spiritual and moral refinement, and a celebration of the natural qualities of the soul

8 THURSDAY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christian

Celebration of the birth of Virgin Mary

10 SATURDAY

Waqf al Arafa/Hajj Day | Muslim

Observance during Hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, when pilgrims pray for forgiveness and Mercy

11 SUNDAY

Auditors' Day

| Scientologist

Scientology Auditors are acknowledged for their dedication in helping their fellow men

Eid al-Adha | Muslim

Feast of Sacrifice, concluding the Hajj

14 WEDNESDAY

Elevation of the Cross | Christian

Celebration of when St. Helen found the Holy Cross

22 THURSDAY

Mabon | Wiccan/Pagan

Observance of the Autumnal Equinox

27 TUESDAY

Meskel | Ethiopian Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helen

Magha Puja Day | Buddhist

Celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to an assembly of Holy men

MORE ABOUT ISLAM

Islam is the second largest religion in the world with over 1 billion followers.

Muslims believe that Islam was revealed over 1400 years ago in Mecca, Arabia.

Jesus, Moses and Abraham are respected as prophets of God.

Muslims believe that there is only One God. and the Arabic word for God is Allah.

OCTOBER

1 SATURDAY

Navratri | Hindu (until 10/9)

Festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessing.

3 MONDAY

Rosh Hashanah | Jewish (until 10/4)

New Year, marked by a call to repentance with the shofar

4 TUESDAY

St. Francis Day | Catholic Christian

Recognition of service to people and appreciation of the natural world, as practiced by St. Francis and the Franciscan monastic order that he founded.

7 FRIDAY

Founding of the international Association of Scientologists | Scientology

Scientologists rededicate themselves to the Aims of Scientology: a world without criminals, suffering, and war.

9 SUNDAY

Birthday of Guru Ram Das | Sikh

Commemoration of the birth of one of the foremost 10 Gurus of Sikhism

11 TUESDAY

Dussehra /Durga Puja | Hindu (until 10/4)

Festival celebrating the victory of the goddess Durga over demons.

Ashura | Muslim

Optional one day fast marking the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali (Shi'a Islam) and marking the day that Moses fasted in gratitude for liberation of the Israelites (Sunni Islam)

12 WEDNESDAY

Yom Kippur | Jewish

Day of Atonement

17 MONDAY

Sukkot | Jewish (until 10/23)

Feast of Tabernacles, which celebrates the harvest and the protection of the people of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness dwelling in tents

20 THURSDAY

Birth of the Bab | Baha'i

Honoring of the founder of the Babi religion, forerunner to Baha'u'llah and the Baha'i faith

Guru Granth Sahib Installation | Sikh

Remembrance of the eternal installation of the holy books, Granth Sahib.

23 SUNDAY

Hoshanah Rabbah | Jewish

Commemoration of the last of the Days of Judgement

24 MONDAY

Shemini Atzeret | Jewish

Completion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah

25 TUESDAY

Simchat Torah | Jewish

Day to celebrate the reading of the Law

28 FRIDAY

Milvian Bridge Day | Christian

Day of solemn reflection on the relationship of the spiritual community and the powers of the civil government

30 SUNDAY

Diwali | Hindu, Jain

Celebration marking the end of the Hindu year

31 MONDAY

All Hallow's Eve | Christian

Celebration combining prayers and merriment involving children and families

Reformation Day

| Protestant Christian

Anniversary of the tradition and its emphasis on the place of the Bible and religious freedom

Jain New Year | Jain

NOVEMBER

1 TUESDAY

All Saints' Day | Christian
Day for honoring Saints

Samhain | Wiccan/Pagan
Celebration of endings and beginnings

2 WEDNESDAY

All Souls' Day | Catholic
Christian
Commemoration of the faithful departed

Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie
| Rastafarian

Celebration of the coronation of the Messianic figure of Rastafarian

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Celebration of the birth of the founder

14 MONDAY

Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's Birthday | Sikh

Honoring of the birth of the founder

16 WEDNESDAY

International Day for Tolerance | Interfaith

United Nations observance day to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance

24 THURSDAY

Thanksgiving | Interfaith
Celebration of the created earth and community

26 SATURDAY

Day of the Covenant
| Baha'i

Celebration of the covenant given in the last will and testament of Baha'u'llah

27 SUNDAY

Advent Sunday
| Christian

Time of preparation for observing the birth of Jesus Christ and for anticipating His return to Earth

28 MONDAY

Ascension of the Abdu'l-Baha | Baha'i

Celebration of the rising of the spirit of Abdu'l-Baha to the heavenly dwelling.

MORE ABOUT SIKHISM

Sikhism was founded in the 16th century in the Punjab district of what is now India and Pakistan.

It was founded by Guru Nanak and is based on his teachings, and those of the 9 Sikh gurus who followed him.

The most important thing in Sikhism is the internal religious state of the individual.

DECEMBER



6 TUESDAY

St. Nicholas Day | Christian

Celebration of the birth of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children and role model for gift giving

Hanukkah | Jewish (until 12/14)

Festival of Lights commemorating the recapture and rededication of the Jerusalem Temple

8 THURSDAY

Bodhi Day | Buddhist

Celebration of the Enlightenment of Buddha

Immaculate Conception of Mary | Catholic Christian

Day of celebrating the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin all her life

12 MONDAY

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Catholic Christian

Honoring of a legendary appearance of the Virgin Mary near Mexico City in 1531 CE

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Yule | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the Winter Solstice

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Christmas | Christian

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Zarathosht Diso | Zoroastrian

Anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathustra

Kwanzaa | Pan-African (until 1/1/17)

Holiday celebrating family, community, and culture.

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Holy Innocents | Christian

Day of solemn memory of male children killed by King Herod in the attempt to destroy Jesus

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Observance day marking the birth of L. Ron Hubbard, the founder

Holi | Hindu

Spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure

Hola Mohalla | Sikh

Weeklong event including mock fights, kirtan, music poetry, and community meals

17 FRIDAY

St. Patrick's Day |

Christian

Celebration of St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the early days of the faith

20 MONDAY

Ostara | Wiccan/Pagan

Welcoming of spring and celebration of the goddess-as-maiden (Vernal Equinox)

Naw-Ruz | Baha'i

Observance of the Vernal Equinox

21 TUESDAY

Nowruz | Zoroastrian

New year

25 SATURDAY

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

| Christian

Celebration of Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary of the coming birth of Jesus

28 TUESDAY

Khordad Sal | Zoroastrian

Remembrance of the birth of Prophet Zarathustra

Week of the Ramayana

| Hindu (until 4/5)

Festival celebrating Lord Rama, in which the Ram Lila is staged and the Ramayana is recited

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5 MONDAY

Rama Navami | Hindu

Celebration of the birth of Lord Rama

6 THURSDAY

Founding of the Church | Mormon

Commemoration of the appearance of the angel, Moroni, in 1830 to Joseph Smith; subsequently, the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

8 SATURDAY

Lazarus Saturday | Orthodox Christian

Celebration of the resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus; revealing that Jesus is "the resurrection and life" of all mankind

9 SUNDAY

Palm Sunday | Christian

Celebration of the entry of Jesus to Jerusalem, which begins Holy Week

Mahavir Jayanti | Jain

Festival honoring Lord Mahavira on the founder's birthday

11 TUESDAY

Lord's evening meal | Jehovah's Witnesses

Annual memorial commemorating Christ's death as a ransom

Hanuman Jayanti | Hindu

Celebration of Hanuman, an embodiment of Lord Rama. Devotion and selfless works are encouraged.

Theravadin New Year | Buddhist (until 4/14)

Buddhist New Year, as celebrated in Theravadin countries

Pesach/Passover | Jewish (until 4/18)

8-day celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt

13 THURSDAY

Maudy Thursday | Christian

Observance of the first Lord's supper during Holy week

Baisaki/Vaisaki | Sikh/Hindu

Festival commemorating the establishment of the Khalsa, or the nation of Sikhs. Hindu beginning of the New Year

14 FRIDAY

Holy Friday | Orthodox Christian

Commemoration of the death of Jesus on the cross

Good Friday | Christian

Remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus

16 SUNDAY

Easter | Christian

Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

Pascha | Orthodox Christian

Holy day that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death by crucifixion

21 FRIDAY

First Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

Commemoration of the twelve-day period in 1863 when Baha'u'llah declared that he was God's messenger for this age.

23 SUNDAY

Yom HaShoah | Jewish

Holocaust Day established to remember the six million Jews killed by the Nazis.

29 SATURDAY

Ninth Day of Ridvan | Baha'i

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1 MONDAY

Beltane | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the conjoining of the goddess with the energy of the god in sacred marriage, the basis of all creation

2 TUESDAY

Twelfth day of Ridvan

| Baha'i

4 THURSDAY

National Day of Prayer

| Interfaith

United States day of observance encouraging prayer among all faiths

9 TUESDAY

Observance of the Publication of Dianetics

| Scientologist

Observance of the publication of Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health, on May 9, 1950, which was the forerunner of the Scientology religion

10 WEDNESDAY

Vesak | Buddhist

Day marking the birth, enlightenment, and death of the Buddha

13 SATURDAY

World Falun Dafa Day / Falun Gong | Buddhist

Celebration of the spiritual discipline introduced in China in 1992

14 SUNDAY

Lag B'Omer | Jewish

Observation of the counting of the day - the link - between Pesach and Shavout

21 SUNDAY

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development | Interfaith

United Nations day to deepen understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live more peacefully

23 SUNDAY

Declaration of the Bab | Baha'i

Recognition of the declaration by Ali Muhammad that he is the anticipated "Coming One" of all religions

25 THURSDAY

Ascension of Jesus | Christian

Recognition of the departure of Jesus from Earth after the resurrection, celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha

27 SATURDAY

Ramadan | Muslim (until 6/25)

Month devoted to the commemoration of Muhammad's reception of the divine revelation recorded in the Qur'an

29 MONDAY

Ascension of Baha'u'llah | Baha'i

Recollection of the death of Baha'u'llah, the founder

31 WEDNESDAY

Shavuot | Jewish

Celebration of Moses descent from Mt. Sinai with the Ten Commandments

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4 SUNDAY

Pentecost | Christian

Observation of the day when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the forms of tongues of fire and rushing wind

11 MONDAY

Trinity Sunday | Christian

Day to honor the belief in one God with a threefold nature

Race Unity Day | Baha'i

Day to promote racial harmony and understanding

15 THURSDAY

Corpus Christi | Catholic Christian

Celebration in recognition of the Eucharist

16 FRIDAY

Guru Arjan Dev's Martyrdom | Sikh

Time of remembering those who have suffered for this faith

19 MONDAY

New Church Day | Swedenborgian Christian

Annual commemoration of the vision document "The True Christian Religion," in 1770

21 WEDNESDAY

Litha | Wiccan/Pagan

Celebration of the sacred marriage, in which the energy of the gods is poured into the service of life (Summer Solstice)

Laylatul Qadr | Muslim

The Night of destiny, the first revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad

23 TUESDAY

Sacred Heart of Jesus | Catholic Christian

Occasion to pay homage to Christ's all-encompassing love for humanity

Birth of the Emperor Haile Selassie | Rastafarian

Birthday of the revered Messianic figure among Rastafarians

25 SUNDAY

Eid ul-Fitr | Muslim

Breaking of the Month-long Ramadan fast and a festival of thanksgiving

MORE ABOUT PENTECOST

Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste* or "fiftieth"). It is also called Whitsun. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

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Diversity & Inclusion Training is delivered through presentations, workshops, and roundtables. Trainings raise awareness around the importance of diversity and inclusivity among employees by exposing challenges, generating dialogue, and providing tangible resources needed to create a more inclusive workplace.

DAP CONNECT PROGRAM

The DAP Connect Program has one purpose - to help you diversify your social and professional networks. Too often we build personal and working relationships with others "like us". DAP Connect helps you leave your comfort zone to meet individuals who are different from you, whether by race or ethnicity, age, religion, ability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Through DAP Connect, you will build relationships with leaders throughout the St. Louis region and gain a stronger appreciation for diversity.

GIVE RESPECT, GET RESPECT YOUTH PROGRAM

The Give Respect, Get Respect Youth Program is a collaboration between Diversity Awareness Partnership and local corporations who bring together students and teachers from the St. Louis metro area and company associates to explore race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

EXPLORE CAREER IMMERSION PROGRAM

Diversity Awareness Partnership is investing in St. Louis high school students through an externship program. Together, DAP and local businesses have developed this program to expose, empower, and encourage students of color to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and other careers.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Community Forums are free to public and are typically held once per year. The forums welcome individuals from all over St. Louis to participate in or observe open dialogue around diversity issues.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

Diversity Awareness Partnership provides in-depth professional development seminars for diversity and inclusion practitioners or individuals interested in entering the diversity field. Example seminar topics include: Diversity vs. Inclusion, Creating a Diverse Pipeline, HR, Diversity & Employee Engagement, and more.

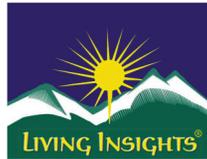
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