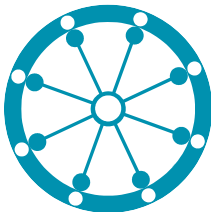
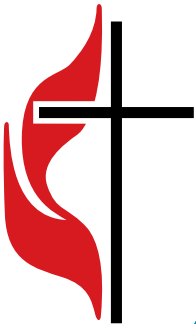
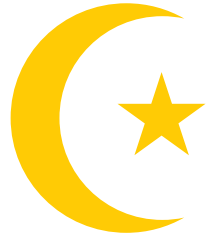


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MULTI-FAITH COUNCIL

2020-2021 DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS



Chatham University

MULTI-FAITH

COUNCIL

Chatham University's Multi-Faith Council (MFC) consists of representatives from spiritual and religious organizations in the Pittsburgh area that advise and assist Chatham University in serving the spiritual and religious needs of its student community.

THE MULTI-FAITH COUNCIL SEEKS TO:

- To offer guidance and community resources for our students which enable the students live out their religious faith;
- To provide a multi-faith program for the Chatham University that nurtures and supports religious groups;
- To build community through meaningful, multi-faith celebrations;
- To engage the University community in programs that foster interreligious dialogue and understanding;
- To help the university community through times of struggle and crisis;
- To offer opportunities for alumni, faculty, staff and students to grow spiritually in their lives and learning through educational programs and spiritual reflection;
- To participate in campus-wide activities and programs.

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Religious identity is an important component of the campus environment to help all students, faculty, and staff in understanding the world around us. The Multi-Faith Council Guidebook is designed to help serve as a general education and reference tool for the Chatham University community. It includes information on places of worship, significant holy days, and student religious organizations. The Guidebook is designed to help strengthen relationships of the diverse religious and non-religious groups at Chatham University.

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For information on Chatham's Interfaith engagement efforts or to get involved in spirituality programming on campus, please contact Dr. Randi Congleton, avp for diversity, equity & inclusion, at 412-365-2499 or r.congleton@chatham.edu.

GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Religious Student Organizations

Student led religious organizations on campus offer an additional source for support and community amongst peers.

Jewish Students' Association

The purpose of this organization shall be to serve the undergraduate Jewish community of Chatham University by promoting the expression of Jewish identity and involvement in Jewish life on campus.

Muslim Student Association

The purpose of this organization shall be to spread awareness and tolerance of the Islamic religion on the campus of Chatham University.

With Chatham

With Chatham aims to provide fellowship among those who share a common faith and to educate others about the Christian faith

MULTI-FAITH COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION



The Islamic University Center - Pittsburgh

2923 Penn Avenue, 2nd floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15201

440-508-6002 • officeiucpgh@gmail.com • iucusa.blogspot.com

<https://m.facebook.com/islamicuniversitycenter/>

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Imam AbduSemih A. Tadese, *Director of Religious Affairs*,
imamabdusemee@gmail.com

The Islamic University Center - Pittsburgh, is a new ministry established to serve the needs of students at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Chatham University, Carlow University, Duquesne University and those of other young professionals in the surrounding suburbs of Pittsburgh.

The IUC ministry offers unique opportunities beyond academia and Masaajid (Mosques) for fellowship, internship, learning, research and worship, etc. deeply rooted in Islamic sources: Al-Qur'an and Sunnah. All students and young professionals, Muslims and guests are welcome to join in.

MSA students and other Muslim students at Chatham, Pitt, Duquesne, and Carnegie Mellon are members of the Islamic University Center in Pittsburgh.



Chabad at Chatham

The Heart of Jewish Life on Campus

4710 Wallingford St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland)

412-390-8153 • www.chabadpgh.org

CHATHAM CONTACTS

- Mrs. Sara Weinstein, *Co-director*, sara@chabadpgh.org
- Rabbi Shmuel Weinstein, *Director*, shmuel@chabadpgh.org

Friends...family...celebrating together...a Shabbat meal in a warm, friendly atmosphere...These are some of the things that come to mind when students think

about Chabad House. At Chatham specifically, Chabad House provides a variety of Jewish social and educational opportunities to fit the interests and needs of Chatham's student body. Whether it's a women's spa night, featured speaker, or a fresh look at Jewish tradition and discussion over pizza, we've got what you're looking for! Everyone is welcome regardless of background or affiliation. Join us and see for yourself!

SERVICES

- **Shabbat and Holiday Meals & Services** (Hospitality available): Friday evenings & Saturday afternoons. E-mail for specific times and more info.

Hillel Jewish University Center *For Every Jewish Student*

4607 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-621-8875 • www.hilleljuc.org

CHATHAM CONTACTS

- Danielle Kranjec, *Senior Jewish Educator*, daniellek@hilleljuc.org
- Matthew Callman, *Israel Engagement Coordinator*, matthewc@hilleljuc.org

Hillel JUC is the focal point for all Jewish undergraduate students in Pittsburgh and serves as the umbrella for multiple peer-led student communities and organizations such as Challah for Hunger, Hillel Leadership Accelerator (HiLA), Tzedek Coalition, and FYSH (First Year Students of Hillel). Hillel provides Shabbat and holiday celebrations, leadership development opportunities, social justice activities, and Jewish learning in its building and on campus. We sponsor two Birthright trips each year, one during winter break and one during the summer months, as well as Onward Israel, an eight-week internship program based in Tel Aviv.

SERVICES

- **Egalitarian and Orthodox Student-led Services**, Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Communal Shabbat Dinner**, Fridays at 6:30 p.m.



Catholic Newman Center & Sacred Heart Church

4450 Bayard St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

412-681-3181 • www.pittsburghoratory.org/campusministry • www.stpaulpgh.com

CHATHAM CONTACTS

- Father Joshua Kibler, C.O., frjoshua@pittsburghoratory.org
- Father Stephen Lowery, C.O., frstephen@pittsburghoratory.org

MASS SCHEDULE

At Newman Center

- Saturdays 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Sundays 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., & 9:00 p.m.
Mon.Fri 7:30 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- Mon-Thur 9:00 p.m.

At St. Paul's Cathedral Parish

- Saturdays 6:00 p.m.
Sundays 6:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, & 6:00 p.m.
Mon-Sat 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m., & 12:05 p.m.

At Sacred Heart Parish, Shadyside

- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 9:00 a.m., 11:30 p.m., & 7:45 p.m.
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.

2019-2020 EVENTS

- **First Friday Feasts:** First Fridays of the month, after 5:15 p.m. Mass. The Newman Center takes the occasion to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a holy feast, along with some righteous party games, fellowship and karaoke.
- **Catholic Action:** Every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., after the St. Paul Cathedral 6:00 p.m. Mass, Catholic Action, a student discussion and fellowship forum is held, with pizza, presenters, and time to mix with other Catholic students.
- **Weekly discussion groups and Bible studies** are offered on the Chatham Shadyside Campus during the academic year.



First Trinity Lutheran Church & Lutheran Student Fellowship (LCMS)

535 N. Neville Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (Oakland/Shadyside)
412-683-4121 • www.FirstTrinity.net, www.LSFPgh.com

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Rev. Eric Andrae, *Pastor for Campus & International Ministry*,
EricAndrae@gmail.com

You are warmly invited to Lutheran Student Fellowship. In serving the Pittsburgh university community (Chatham, Pitt, CMU, Carlow, Duquesne, Art Institute, CCAC, Point Park, RMU, et al), we come together as one Body, wonderfully united as the liturgy of the Divine Service connects us to Christ, to each other, and to the Church of the ages. Today's student has a place here! Our central location provides excellent opportunity to gather together regularly as a true community of believers, serving each other through the Sunday Divine Service, mid-week evening prayer, the diligent study of God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, local and international mission and service projects, congregational leadership, dinners, social activities, regional retreats, and much, much more! This is a place for creating, nurturing, and proclaiming faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is truly a home where you can live and belong and grow! This is a place for **you**!

SERVICES

- **Divine Service:** Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

For more information, please visit our website above.



PSALM and the Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh (ELCA)

4515 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (between S. Craig & Dithridge, across from the Carnegie Museum fountains)

412-682-6886 • www.lucpgh.com

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Pastor Brian Bennett, rev.bennett@gmail.com
- Monica Snyder, monica.snyder@chatham.edu

Martin Luther once explained the Christian life as being little Christs to our neighbors. At PSALM we are dedicated to following Christ in the way of the cross. That means we strive together to trust implicitly in God's love and grace for us as we seek to serve our neighbors around us. Our worship strengthens this faith and draws us into the community created for us by Christ. Our service is the outward expression of that strengthened faith. We learn and pray together to better understand ourselves, the world, and God's will for us. We play together because we are friends. We invite you to join us in our spiritual journey together.

PSALM serves all students regardless of faith tradition. PSALM welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ students

SERVICES

- **Worship with Holy Communion:** Sundays, starting on August 25, at 11:00 a.m. in Heinz Memorial Chapel, located on Bellefield Ave. between Forbes and Fifth Ave.
- **Prayer at the Close of the Day sung by the Pittsburgh Compline Choir:** Sundays, starting in September, at 8:00 p.m., Heinz Chapel



Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and Bellefield Presbyterian Church

4001 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

412-687-3222 • www.ccojubilee.org • www.bellefield.org

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Jessica Bonzo, jbonzo@ccojubilee.org

Together, our vision is to develop students who live out their faith in every area of their life. We do so through Bible study, involvement in the local church, Chatham community, the Pittsburgh area, and our world.

SERVICES

- **Worship Services:** Sundays, in person at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; virtually at Bellefield's Facebook page and YouTube channel at 11:00 a.m.

EVENTS

- **With Chatham** invites students to join a small group, currently at various times during the week. Chatham engages in studies of the Bible, retreats, social and service events in addition to the annual Jubilee conference.

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412-441-3800 • www.cathedralofhope.org

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Kelli Booher, *Young Adult Coordinator*, kellib@coh.net

East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) is an uncommon community. We are a congregation seeking to promote peace, justice, and human dignity; to reflect a spirit of openness, sharing, and learning; to live as a diverse faith community that witnesses to our oneness in Jesus Christ across all boundaries of race, social class, ability, culture, age, gender and sexual identity.

SERVICE

ELPC offers many different worship services. Learn more at www.cathedralofhope.org/worship

- **Journey Worship**, Sundays, 8:45 a.m., an interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ
- **Sanctuary Service**, Sundays, 11:00 a.m. our largest and most traditional
- **Taizé Service**, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., offers sung prayers and quiet meditation

We annually offer many worship opportunities during the Easter and Christmas seasons. You might also choose to walk your prayers on one of our two labyrinths. You are invited to check out our young adult, LGBTQ and/or one of our many other ministries.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

cathedralofhope.org/spiritual-growth/young-adult-ministries/

LGBTQ MINISTRY

cathedralofhope.org/spiritual-growth/lgbtq-ministry/

For weekly updates on events please visit, cathedralofhope.org

Third Presbyterian Church

5701 Fifth Ave (at South Negley), Pittsburgh PA 15232

412-661-4710 • www.thirdchurch.org

Facebook: Third Presbyterian Church • Instagram: Thirdchurchpgh

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Karie Charlton, *Associate Pastor*, karieanncharlton@gmail.com, @periodpastor on Facebook and Instagram

We are a community of people who love God and love you (even if we haven't met you yet).

Here are some ways we can connect:

- Our associate pastor, Karie, will be available on campus regularly with the multi faith council to meet you. Karie is happy to schedule virtual or safe, socially distant meetings with you.
- We are located at the bus stop on Fifth and South Negley avenues, so if you miss your bus or are uncomfortable waiting for it outside, come to the door with the Presbyterian Flag and buzz in.
- Professionals and recently retired would love to be mentors for you as you find your career.
- Contact Karie to let us know how you would like to connect with us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- Call or check our website about our Sunday worship holiday and special services/ events. You are always welcome to virtual and in person events..

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- We would be happy to host or sponsor your service project
- We host the Pittsburgh Team for Days for Girls International. We are meeting virtually on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. You can find the link on the Pittsburgh Chapter of Days for Girls Facebook page or contact Karie.



Bridge City Church East Liberty Campus

East End Cooperative Ministry, Entrance B

6198 Harvard Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206

412-824- 1616, • bridgcitypgh.com

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Pastor Shawn Collins, shawn@bridgcitychurch.com

Bridge City Church is a multi-site church in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh. OUR DESIRE AS A CHURCH IS TO BE THE BRIDGE CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS IN OUR CITY! Bridge City Church wants to make a lasting difference in your life, in our community, and in the world.

Our Mission: We exist so that as many people as possible will begin a relationship with God and become fully devoted followers of Jesus. That's how we're able to make a difference, and it's the driving force behind everything we do.

Small Groups: No one is meant to go through life alone; we all need encouragement and support that only comes from connecting to other like-minded people. We believe that connecting to other believers is vital to growth in Christ. And that is what our Connection Groups are all about!

A Connection Group is a group of friends who get together to pray, read and discuss the Bible and do life together.

We have men's, women's, and interest focus groups that meet all over the east suburbs of Pittsburgh at various times throughout the week. If you are interested in joining a connection group, click the link above see what groups are available this term.

We provide worship in a modern style that is upbeat. We play songs by artists like Hillsong and Bethel. Plus, if it's your first time visiting we have a free gift for you. So, stop by our Connection Point before you leave this Sunday.

SERVICES

- Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

T.R.A.I.L.

Three Rivers Adult Interdenominational Links

“Adventures in Fellowship”

CHATHAM CONTACT

- Wil Forrest, wil@coh.net

Three Rivers Adult Interdenominational Links: Christian fellowship for Pittsburgh area young adults from different traditions.

TRAIL is for you – it is broad in area (of all Pittsburgh) and in tradition (of all denominations). We are all about making links/connections with each other. We break bread together (go out to eat and potlucks), engage in mission and community events, and have fun and worship. Who knows what else? If you are a young adult (past high school) this group is for you! We are open to all and invite you to bring friends of all denominations and locations. We meet the first Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at alternating locations.

- TRAIL is always the First Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- Contact Wil Forrest or visit us on Facebook at TRAIL for more information.

OTHER PITTSBURGH SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh

605 Morewood Ave (corner of Ellsworth, in Shadyside), Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-621-8008 • www.first-unitarian-pgh.org

“Spiritually open, radically inclusive.” Unitarian Universalism is a loving, open-minded, progressive spiritual community. We are guided not by creeds or dogma, but by covenant and the “free and responsible search for truth and meaning” (all along the theological spectrum from humanist to pagan to theist to “spiritual but not religious”). Learn more about our rich history and our seven principles at www.uua.org. We hope you will join us as we fulfill our mission to Connect with one another deeply in community, Inspire reverence and spiritual growth, and Serve each other and the world. We are affirming of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

SERVICES

- **Worship Service:** Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Numerous other programs, including musical groups, detailed on our website.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult and Campus Ministry Community is known as YA-RISE – Young Adults – Radically Inclusive, Spiritually and Socially Enriching. We welcome all young adults (ages 18 to 35), including students at local universities and colleges. Our meetings are typically the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at First Unitarian, with a free dinner provided. We also organize social justice and other events elsewhere. Find us on Facebook at YA-Rise. Coordinator is Autumn Detchon, ya.rise.pgh@gmail.com.

First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh

5401 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-681-4222 • www.FirstUMCPittsburgh.org

Everyone is welcome at First United Methodist Church regardless of Christian perspective, education, economic condition, race, gender, national origin, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or marital status. Begin by checking out our young adult class or attending one of our monthly all-church dinners (Free for students!).

Another possibility is to join other students and at our Worship Jam on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This is an innovative, interactive worship gathering that includes a

drumming circle, chanting, and hands-on exploration of scripture. If you like children, you are also welcome to assist in one of our Sunday School classes. Or you can serve the hungry on Saturday mornings, work for justice, sing in the choir, or offer your artistic gifts during worship.

Besides the regular weekly schedule, we offer classes in spiritual growth, outreach projects, and unique city-wide events, including periodic Worship Jam Worship Parties on the weekends. To find out what we are offering at the moment, please check out our website: www.firstUMCPittsburgh.org.

We are a progressive, open-minded, multi-generational community that would be pleased to be your church while you are studying at Chatham. We worship in a beautiful historic sanctuary on the corner of Centre and Aiken Avenues just a few blocks from Fifth Avenue. The sermons are thought provoking. The choir is inspirational. And the congregation is diverse and welcoming.

WORSHIP SERVICES

- **Sundays:** 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal. Education for all ages; 11:00 a.m. Intergenerational Worship (child care through 2nd grade. Children's worship for grades 3-12); 12:30 p.m. Bi-weekly Young Adult Meeting or All Church Dinner
- **Wednesdays:** 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Practices or Book Discussion
7:00 p.m. Worship Jam
- **Thursdays:** 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- **Saturdays:** 9:30 a.m. First Food and Friends hospitality meal

For event information, please visit www.firstUMCPittsburgh.org or call 412-681-4222.

Hindu Jain Temple

615 Illini Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146
724-325-2073 • www.hindujaintemple.org

There is no other temple complex in the world like Hindu-Jain Temple of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In response to social and religious needs of a growing population of followers of Hinduism, Jainism and other Indic religions, a 7-acre parcel of land was purchased in April 1973. The original idea was to build a center of worship, which can be shared and supported by all. Our goal continues to be to provide for the religious, social, cultural and humanitarian needs of the community as well as future generations in order to continue our rich and timeless traditions. Our complex is a beautiful red brick five golden shikhar Temple. It houses the deities of: Laxmi Narayan, Ram Parivar, Radha Krishna, Shiv Parivar, Parasnath, Mahavir Swami, Ambaji, Durgaji., Ganeshji, Satya Narayan, and Havan Kund. All services are open to all and we also offer a guided tour of our temple by appointment.

Pittsburgh Buddhist Center

111, Route 908, Natrona Heights, PA 15065
724-295-2525 • www.pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org

The Pittsburgh Buddhist Center (PBC), the first Theravada Buddhist temple in western Pennsylvania, was established on Sept. 6, 2006 to serve the needs of Buddhists and friends of Buddhism in the greater Pittsburgh region. PBC conducts meditation sessions, religious discussions, Buddhism and language classes for children, and a monthly program that includes a lecture by a Buddhist scholar. PBC welcomes your participation in its activities, as well as your private visits to the temple. The temple is open to people of all religions. All events, unless otherwise noted, are free to the public.

The Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)

4836 Ellsworth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-683-2669 • www.quaker.org/pghpamm

The Religious Society of Friends cherish the fundamental Quaker faith that the Inner Light, the light of Divine Truth, is in every human being. It is in our gathered worship, in the presence of the Spirit, that our common life is grounded. The Friends' way of life ideally emphasizes simplicity and humility. Friends' deep spirituality is a source of profound social activism. When you talk with people in Pittsburgh Friends Meeting, you will encounter a wide spectrum of belief. During a Meeting for Worship, all settle into silence. While some meditate, others concentrate on relaxing, or feeling their bodies. Some consider a word or phrase to aid their search. Some will use the silence to empty their minds, "waiting expectantly" for wisdom from either deep in their own minds or from beyond

SERVICES

- **Meeting for Worship**, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Places to Worship

This information is made available to help the students, faculty, and staff of the Chatham community identify a source of support and community within their faith.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh

159 N. Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-621-0500
www.fbcpggh.org

Mount Ararat Baptist Church

271 Paulson Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-441-1800
www.mt-ararat.org

St. Paul Baptist Church

6701 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
412-362-4932
www.stpaulbc.org

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Church

310 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-661-0187
sacredheartparishshadyside.org/sacred-heart

St. Mary Magdalene Parish/ St. Bede Church

509 S. Dallas Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
412-661-7222
saintmarymagdalenepgh.org

St. Paul Cathedral

108 North Dithridge Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-621-4951
stpaulpgh.org

Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church

4815 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-687-1220
holyspiritchurchpgh.org

BUDDHIST

Pittsburgh Buddhist Center

111 Route 908
Natrona Heights, PA 15065
724-292-2525
pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org

Pittsburgh Shambhala Meditation Center

733 North Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412-345-1759
www.shambhala.org

HINDU

Hindu Jain Temple

615 Illini Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146
724-325-2054
www.hindujaintemple.org

Sri Venkateswara Temple

1230 South McCully Drive, P.O. Box 17280
Penn Hills, PA 15235
412-373-3380
www.hindujaintemple.org

Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple

1449 Abers Creek Road
Monroeville, PA 15146
412-374-9244
www.baba.org

ISLAMIC

Islamic Center

4100 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-682-5555
www.icp-pgh.org

JEWISH

Rodef Shalom Congregation (Reform)

4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-621-6566
rodefshalom.org

Shaare Torah Congregation (Orthodox)

2319 Murray Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-421-8855
www.shaaretorah.net

Tree of Life or L'Simcha (Egalitarian)

5859 Wilkins Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-521-6788
www.tolols.org

Bet Tikvah (LGBT Minyan)

bettikvah.org
info@bettikvah.org

LUTHERAN

First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

531 N Neville Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-683-4121
www.firsttrinity.net

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-682-3342
www.standrewpittsburgh.org

METHODIST

Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412-231-2007
www.calvarypgh.com

First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh

5401 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-681-4222
www.firstumcpittsburgh.org

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

905 Mifflin Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412-731-2511
mifflinave.org

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN

Amplify Church

1918 Smallman Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
www.amplifychurch.com

PRESBYTERIAN

Bellefield Presbyterian Church

4001 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-687-3222
www.bellefield.org

East Liberty Presbyterian Church

116 South Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
cathedralofhope.org

Shadyside Presbyterian Church

5121 Westminister Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-682-4300
www.shadysidepres.org

Third Presbyterian Church

5701 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-661-4710
www.thirdchurch.org

Religious Holy Days and Accommodations

This section is provided to students, faculty, and staff as a guide for the number of religious holy days celebrated at Chatham University. Information regarding recommended academic and food accommodations are valuable when planning classroom activities and appropriate co-curricular events on campus.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- **Kosher** restrictions refer to dietary guidelines of Jewish law which apply daily, throughout the year. Restrictions include: pork, shellfish (fish is allowed), and mixing meat with dairy.
- **Halal** restrictions refer to foods prohibited according to Islamic dietary law, throughout the year. Restrictions include alcohol and pork.

BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS

Magha Puja Day

Magha Puja Day commemorates an important event in the life of the Buddha, in which the four disciples traveled to join Buddha.

- Observed Date: Friday, February 26, 2021

Buddha Day/Visakha Puja

This is traditionally known as Buddha's birthday. It is the major Buddhist festival, commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested; offer vegetarian options as Buddhists avoid eating meat on this date
- Observed Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS

Epiphany/Twelfth Night/Three Kings Day

This date commemorates the revelation of God through Jesus Christ and marks the time the three wise men arrived in Bethlehem and presented gifts to baby Jesus.

- Observed Date: January 6

Ash Wednesday

This is the first day of Lent, the period of forty days before Easter in which many Christians sacrifice ordinary pleasures to reflect on Christ's sacrifice.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested since most abstain from eating meat this day; faithful wear cross of ashes marked on foreheads.
- Observed Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Palm Sunday

Commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

- Observed Date: Sunday, March 28, 2021

Maundy Thursday

Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with Apostles; always falls on the Thursday before Easter Sunday.

- Observed Dates Thursday, April 1, 2021

Good Friday

Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ; always falls on the Friday before Easter Sunday.

- Campus Recommendations: Provide food accommodations as requested – meat is prohibited.
- Observed Date: Friday, April 1, 2021

Easter

Annual commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Observed Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021

Christmas

Christmas is an annual celebration commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, whose message and self-sacrifice began the Christian religion.

- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown on December 24 annually and continues with all day celebration on December 25

CONFUCIAN/TAOIST/BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS

Chinese New Year

Most important of the traditional Chinese holidays.

- Campus Accommodations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this day. Many Chinese faculty, staff, and students will request this day off.
- Observed Dates: Friday, February 12, 2021

HINDU HOLIDAYS

Diwali/Deepavali/Festival Of Lights

Diwali – the “Festival of Lights” - extends over five days celebrating the victory of good over evil. The Times of India describes Diwali as a “reaffirmation of hope, renewed commitment to friendship and goodwill, and religiously sanctioned celebration of the simple.”

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Hindu faculty, staff, and students will request this day off.
- Observed Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Holi/Festival of Colors

This holiday can be traced to Hindu scriptures commemorating good over evil. This date is a celebration of colorful spring and a farewell to the dull winter.

- Observed Dates: March 28-29, 2021

Krishna Janmashtami

This two-day festival celebrates the birth of Krishna, a Hindu god. Krishna is considered a warrior, hero, teacher, and philosopher.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date.
- Observed Dates: Monday August 30, 2021

Navaratri

Navaratri is one of the greatest Hindu festivals. The festival celebrates the triumph of good over evil. During this time, Hindus worship Durga, Lakshmi, and Saraswati

- Observed Dates: October 7-14, 2021

Raksha/Bandhan

The Rakhi festival falls in the holy month of Shravan.

- Observed Date: Sunday, August 22, 2021

ISLAMIC HOLIDAYS

All Islamic holidays begin at sunset of the prior day

Eid Al-Adha

Eid al-Adha is a major festival that celebrates the willingness to make sacrifices in the name of one's faith.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first day. Halal dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: July 19-23, 2021

Eid Al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr means “break the fast,” and is the last day of Ramadan, marking the end of a month of fasting.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Halal dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: July 19-23, 2021

Ramadan

Ramadan is an occasion to focus on faith through fasting and prayer, and is one of the most important Muslim holidays.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities during this time. Students, faculty, and staff celebrating Ramadan will be fasting during the day (continuously for 30 days) and a Halal dietary restriction applies.
- Observed Dates: April 12-May 11, 2021

JEWISH HOLIDAYS

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the prior day

Hanukkah/Chanukah

Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of lights, and lasts for eight days. Hanukkah commemorates the Jewish struggle for religious freedom.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown November 28-December 6, 2021

Pesach/Passover

Pesach is a week-long observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egypt during the reign of the Pharaoh Ramses II (one of three pilgrimage festivals).

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first two and last two days of the holidays. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown March 27-April 4, 2021

Purim

Purim commemorates the time when Jews were living in Persia and were saved by the courage of a young Jewish woman named Esther.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: February 26, 2021

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year, and stands as the Day of Judgement and remembrance. This holiday commemorates the creation of the world.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: September 7-8, 2021

Shavuot

Commemorates receipt of the Torah on Mount Sinai (two of three pilgrimage festivals).

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: May 17-18, 2021

Shemini Atzeret

Also known as Atzereth, this is a fall festival, that includes a memorial service for the dead and features prayer for rain in Israel.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown on the eighth day of Sukkot; September 27-29, 2021

Simchat Torah

Marks the completion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah in the synagogue and the beginning of the new cycle.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: September 29, 2021

Sukkot

A week-long celebration which begins with the building of Sukkah for sleep and meals; Sukkot is named for the huts Moses and the Israelites lived in as they wandered the desert before reaching the promised Land.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first two days. Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Dates: Begins at sundown September 20-27, 2021

Tisha B'av

Commemorates a series of Jewish traditions including the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem.

- Observed Dates: Sunday, July 18, 2021

Yom Kippur

Considered the holiest day of the year for Jews, and the day is dedicated to atonement and abstinence.

- Campus Recommendations: Avoid scheduling academic deadlines, events, and activities.
- Observed Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021

Yom Hasho'ah

Holocaust Remembrance Day; a day to remember the lives and names of Jewish victims and activists of the Holocaust.

- Campus Recommendations: Kosher dietary restrictions apply.
- Observed Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

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