



## MAJOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS and CELEBRATIONS

June 2009-June 2011

Dates in **UPPER CASE (RED)** require abstinence from all secular activity and fall under the attendance policy adopted by the University Senate and the Board of Trustees. While the other religious holidays listed may not necessarily require abstinence from all secular activity, one should be sensitive to certain other observations that may involve fasting, a dietary change, or special celebrations that may occur during the day or in the evening.

*Jewish and Islamic days begin at sundown of the day preceding the date shown and end at sundown of the (last) date shown. Orthodox and observant Conservative Jews stop all work-related activities from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday to observe Shabbat (Sabbath). Other religious traditions include similar practices. For example, Seventh-day Adventists observe the Sabbath from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday.*

For more information on religious holidays, visit the Center for American and World Cultures web site:

<http://www.cawc.muohio.edu/>

The Interfaith Calendar, [www.interfaithcalendar.org](http://www.interfaithcalendar.org), and other sources were used to develop this document.

Revisions to the calendar should be directed to the University Secretary at 529-3610 or e-mail to

[secretary@muohio.edu](mailto:secretary@muohio.edu).

**Dates with an asterisk (\*)** indicate holy days beginning at sundown the day before this date.

**Dates with two asterisks (\*\*)** indicate that regional customs or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date.

July 19, 2009	Su	<b>**Isra' &amp; Mi'raj (Muhammad's Ascension)</b>	Islam
August 14, 2009	F	<b>**Krishna Janmashtami</b>	Hindu
August 22, 2009	S	<b>**First day of Ramadan (30 days)</b>	Islam
August 23, 2009	Su	<b>**Ganesh-Chaturthi</b>	Hindu
September 19-20, 2009	S-Su	<b>*ROSH HASHANAH (New Year)</b>	Jewish
September 19-27, 2009	S-Su	<b>**Navaratri</b>	Hindu
September 21, 2009	M	<b>**Eid-al-Fitr (End of the Ramadan Fast)</b>	Islam
September 27, 2009	Su	<b>**VIJAYA DASAMI (LAST DAY OF NAVARATI)</b>	Hindu
September 28, 2009	M	<b>*YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)</b>	Jewish
September 29, 2009	T	St. Michael and All Angels	Christian
October 3-4, 2009	S-Su	<b>*Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)</b>	Jewish
October 10, 2009	S	<b>*Shemini Atzeret (Eighth day of Sukkot)</b>	Jewish
October 11, 2009	Su	<b>*Simchat Torah (Rejoicing of the Law)</b>	Jewish
October 17, 2009	S	<b>**DEEPAVALI (Diwali)</b>	Hindu
November 1, 2009	Su	All Saints Day	Christian

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November 27, 2009	F	**Eid-al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice)	Islam
November 29, 2009	Su	Advent (First Sunday)	Christian
December 8, 2009	T	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddahism
December 12-19, 2009	S-S	*Hanukkah (Feast of Lights)	Jewish
December 18, 2009	F	**Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)	Islam
December 25, 2009	F	Christmas Day	Christian
December 25, 2009	F	Eastern Orthodox Christmas	Eastern Orthodox
December 26, 2009- January 1, 2010	S-F	Kwanzaa	African/Interfaith
December 27, 2009	Su	**Ashura (Tenth of Muharram)	Islam
January 6, 2010	W	Epiphany	Christian
February 17, 2010	W	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	Christian
February 26, 2010	F	**Milad un-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday)	Islam
February 28, 2010	Su	*Purim (Feast of Esther)	Jewish
March 28, 2010	Su	Palm Sunday	Christian
March 30-31, 2010	T-W	<b>*PESACH (Passover first two days)</b>	Jewish
April 1, 2010	Th	Maundy Thursday	Christian
April 2, 2010	F	Good Friday (1:00-3:00 p.m.)	Christian
April 2, 2010	F	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian
April 4, 2010	Su	Easter Sunday	Christian
April 4, 2010	Su	Easter Sunday	Orthodox Christian
April 5-6, 2010	M-T	<b>*PESACH (Passover last two days)</b>	Jewish
May 19-20, 2010	W-Th	*Shavuot (The Feast Of Weeks)	Jewish
May 23, 2010	Su	Pentacost	Christian
May 23, 2010	Su	Pentacost	Orthodox Christian
May 30, 2010	Su	All Saints Day	Orthodox Christian
July 8, 2010	Th	**Isra' & Mi'raj (Muhammad's Ascension)	Islam
August 11, 2010	W	**First day of Ramadan (30 days)	Islam
September 2, 2010	Th	**Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
September 9-10, 2010	Th-F	<b>*ROSH HASHANAH (New Year)</b>	Jewish
September 10, 2010	F	**Eid-al-Fitr (End of the Ramadan Fast)	Islam
September 11, 2010	S	**Ganesh-Chaturthi	Hindu
September 18, 2010	S	<b>*YOM KIPPUR (Day of Atonement)</b>	Jewish
September 23-24, 2010	Th-F	*Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	Jewish
September 29, 2010	W	St. Michael and All Angels	Christian
September 30, 2010	Th	*Shemini Atzeret (Eighth day of Sukkot)	Jewish
October 1, 2010	F	*Simchat Torah (Rejoicing of the Law)	Jewish

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October 16, 2010	S	<b>**VIJAYA DASAMI (LAST DAY OF NAVARATI)</b>	Hindu
November 1, 2010	M	All Saints Day	Christian
November 5, 2010	F	<b>**DEEPAVALI (Diwali)</b>	Hindu
November 16, 2010	T	**Eid-al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice)	Islam
November 28, 2010	S	Advent (First Sunday)	Christian
December 2-9, 2010	Th-Th	*Hanukkah (Feast of Lights)	Jewish
December 7, 2010	T	**Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)	Islam
December 8, 2010	W	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhism
December 16, 2010	Th	**Ashura (Tenth of Muharram)	Islam
December 25, 2010	S	Christmas Day	Christian
December 25, 2010	S	Eastern Orthodox Christmas	Eastern Orthodox
December 26, 2010-January 1, 2011	Su-S	Kwanzaa	African/Interfaith
January 6, 2011	Th	Epiphany	Christian
February 15, 2011	T	**Milad un-Nabi (Muhammad's Birthday)	Islam
March 9, 2011	W	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	Christian
March 20-21, 2011	Su-M	*Purim (Feast of Esther)	Jewish
April 17, 2011	Su	Palm Sunday	Christian
April 17, 2011	Su	Palm Sunday	Orthodox Christian
April 19-20, 2011	T-W	<b>*PESACH (Passover first two days)</b>	Jewish
April 21, 2011	Th	Maundy Thursday	Christian
April 22, 2011	F	Good Friday (12:00-3:00 p.m.)	Christian
April 22, 2011	F	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian
April 24, 2011	Su	Easter Sunday	Christian
April 24, 2011	Su	Easter Sunday	Orthodox Christian
April 25-26, 2011	M-T	<b>*PESACH (Passover last two days)</b>	Jewish
June 8-9, 2011	W-Th	*Shavuot (The Feast Of Weeks)	Jewish
June 12, 2011	Su	Pentacost	Christian
June 12, 2011	Su	Pentacost	Orthodox Christian
June 19, 2011	Su	All Saints Day	Orthodox Christian
June 28, 2011	T	**Isra' & Mi'raj (Muhammad's Ascension)	Islam