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# WORLDVIEW NETWORK

2022-2023 Resource Guide





# Chatham Worldview Network

Chatham's Worldview Network is comprised of religious and spiritual organizations in the Pittsburgh community who are enthusiastic about serving Chatham students. Representatives of participating organizations regularly attend Chatham involvement fairs and meet with students on campus. If you'd like more information about getting connected with any of the Chatham Worldview Network partners, email the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at [odei@chatham.edu](mailto:odei@chatham.edu)

# Campus Organizations

## **JEWISH STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of the Jewish Students' 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. The Jewish Students' Association will offer safe and welcoming opportunities for the learning and growth of persons sympathetic towards Jewish values. The Jewish Students' Association encourages students to find meaning in Judaism and to develop their own Jewish identities. Committed to a pluralistic experience, the Jewish Students' Association attempts to provide a comfortable environment across the halachic (Jewish law) spectrum.

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**ADVISOR:** Lauren Bairnsfather, [l.bairnsfather@chatham.edu](mailto:l.bairnsfather@chatham.edu)

## **MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of this organization shall be to meet the religious and cultural needs of Muslim students at Chatham as well as build awareness and familiarity with Islam, Islamic cultures, and Muslims through positive engagement with the Chatham community. Activities and programs sponsored by this organization will keep with the organization's stated objectives.

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## **WITH CHATHAM**

The purpose of the organization shall be to be with others in the way of Jesus, and to create spaces to share life. Activities and programs sponsored by this organization will keep with organizations stated objectives.

**PRIMARY CONTACT:** Rebecca Pennington, [rebecca.pennington@chatham.edu](mailto:rebecca.pennington@chatham.edu)

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# Community Organizations

## Chabad House on Campus

Chabad House offers “the warmest place away from home” for all students.

Whether students would like to join us for Shabbat and holidays, or weekly classes, we have staff available around the clock for one-on-one counseling and group events. Chabad House strives to enhance campus life for all students with love of your fellow man and better understanding of Jewish identity in today’s world.

**CONTACTS** Sara Weinstein .....sara@chabadpgh.org  
Shmuel Weinstein .....shmuel@chabadpgh.org  
**PHONE** 412-390-8153  
**MEDIA** www.chabadpgh.org

## Church of the Redeemer

Redeemer meets for regular worship at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. During the warmer seasons, our 9:00 a.m. service meets outdoors. 10:30 a.m. services are held in the sanctuary.

**CONTACT** The Rev. Canon Natalie Hall .....nhall@episcopalpgh.org  
**PHONE** 703-963-2789  
**MEDIA** redeemerpittsburgh.org

## Coalition for Christian Outreach & Bellefield Presbyterian Church

CCO & Bellefield Presbyterian Church offer support for students as they seek to live out their faith in every area of their lives. We do so through Bible study, involvement in the local church, Chatham community, and the Pittsburgh area, and our world. Bellefield’s worship services are currently on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (in-person and livestream) and 5:00 p.m. (outdoors weather permitting). CCO and Bellefield support With Chatham, the student-led group on campus that invites any student to join regular Bible studies, retreats, social and service events, conferences (e.g., Jubilee, Convergence diversity conference), and leadership development opportunities. Chatham students, faculty, and staff may feel free to contact Jessica Bonzo to meet or get connected!

**CONTACT** Jessica Bonzo, campus ministry staff .....jbonzo@ccojubilee.org  
**PHONE** 602-831-4613  
**MEDIA** www.bellefield.org  
Instagram: withchatham

## **First Trinity Lutheran Church/ Lutheran Student Fellowship**

Services include Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday student Bible Study at 8:00 p.m. Homeless mission lunch rounds are Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The Super Second Saturday of each month offers a social event.

**CONTACT** Rev. Eric R. Andrae, campus pastor..... ericandrae@gmail.com  
**PHONE** 412-266-6719  
**MEDIA** www.LSFPgh.com  
Instagram: LSF\_Pittsburgh  
Facebook: LSFofPGH

## **Islamic University Center**

We offer the following: Islamic education and guidance tailored to students on campus; coordination with students with appropriate Muslim community within the city and Allegheny county in regards to needs and non-financial support; guiding students towards understanding of Halaal and Haraam commodities and places to find them around Pittsburgh; and joining and helping students in myriad of Islamic festivals on the campus alongside with MSA.

**CONTACT** Imam AbduSemih Tadese,  
executive director .....imamabdusemee@gmail.com  
**PHONE** 440-508-6002

## **PSALM /Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh**

Offerings include Sunday worship at Heinz Chapel 11:00 a.m.; registration needed before weekend to gain guest access for non-Pitt students. Name and e-mail are all that is necessary. Midweek Meal at the Lutheran University Center (4515 Forbes Ave) Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.; GodTalk at the LUC and online Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; discussion and study conversation Service Saturday the 2nd Saturday of every month volunteer at food bank distribution in Penn Hills.

**CONTACT** Pastor Brian Bennett..... pastor@psalm.online  
**PHONE** 304-657-4438  
**MEDIA** psalm.online  
Instagram: PsalmOnline

## **St. Mary Magdalene Parish (Roman Catholic)**

We offer participation in Sacraments (weekend and daily Mass, RCIA, Reconciliation), reading, singing/playing at masses, spiritual growth via Bible study, Eucharistic adoration, social ministry volunteering at our food banks, social justice focused on anti-poverty, anti-racism, and peace. We also have LGBTQ ministry support for student-led efforts.

**CONTACTS** Fr. Tom Burke, pastor .....tburke@diopitt.org  
Vicki Sheridan, coordinator LGBTQ ministry.....vsheridan68@gmail.com

**PHONE** 412-661-7222

**MEDIA** saintmarymagdalenepgh.org  
www.facebook.com/smmppgh

## **Third Presbyterian Church**

We offer 11:00 a.m. worship as well as Days for Girls volunteer opportunities (please schedule with Karie).

**CONTACT** Rev. Karie Charlton .....karieanncharlton@gmail.com

**PHONE** 412-661-4710

**MEDIA** www.thirdchurch.org

# 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.fbcpg.org](http://www.fbcpg.org)

### **Mount Ararat Baptist Church**

271 Paulson Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-441-1800  
[www.mt-ararat.org](http://www.mt-ararat.org)

### **St. Paul Baptist Church**

6701 Penn Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
412-362-4932  
[www.stpaulbc.org](http://www.stpaulbc.org)

## **CATHOLIC**

### **Sacred Heart Church**

310 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-661-0187  
[sacredheartparishshadyside.org/sacred-heart](http://sacredheartparishshadyside.org/sacred-heart)

### **St. Mary Magdalene Parish/ St. Bede Church**

509 S. Dallas Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
412-661-7222  
[saintmarymagdalenepgh.org](http://saintmarymagdalenepgh.org)

### **St. Paul Cathedral**

108 North Dithridge Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-4951  
[stpaulpgh.org](http://stpaulpgh.org)

### **Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church**

4815 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-687-1220  
[www.holyspiritbyzath.com](http://www.holyspiritbyzath.com)

## **BUDDHIST**

### **Pittsburgh Buddhist Center**

111 Route 908  
Natrona Heights, PA 15065  
724-292-2525  
[pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org](http://pittsburghbuddhistcenter.org)

### **Pittsburgh Shambhala Meditation Center**

733 North Highland Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-345-1759  
[www.shambhala.org](http://www.shambhala.org)

## **HINDU**

### **Hindu Jain Temple**

615 Illini Drive  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
724-325-2054  
[www.hindujaintemple.org](http://www.hindujaintemple.org)

### **Sri Venkateswara Temple**

1230 South McCully Drive, P.O. Box 17280  
Penn Hills, PA 15235  
412-373-3380  
[www.hindujaintemple.org](http://www.hindujaintemple.org)

### **Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple**

1449 Abers Creek Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-374-9244  
[www.baba.org](http://www.baba.org)

## **ISLAMIC**

### **Islamic Center**

4100 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-682-5555  
[www.icp-pgh.org](http://www.icp-pgh.org)

## **JEWISH**

### **Rodef Shalom Congregation (Reform)**

4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-6566  
[rodefshalom.org](http://rodefshalom.org)

### **Shaare Torah Congregation (Orthodox)**

2319 Murray Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412-421-8855  
[www.shaaretorah.net](http://www.shaaretorah.net)

### **Tree of Life or L'Simcha (Egalitarian)**

5859 Wilkins Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217  
412-521-6788  
[www.tolols.org](http://www.tolols.org)

### **Bet Tikvah (LGBT Minyan)**

[bettikvah.org](http://bettikvah.org)  
[info@bettikvah.org](mailto:info@bettikvah.org)

## **LUTHERAN**

### **First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

531 N Neville Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-683-4121  
[www.firsttrinity.net](http://www.firsttrinity.net)

### **St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

304 Morewood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-682-3342  
[www.standrewpittsburgh.org](http://www.standrewpittsburgh.org)

## **MENNONITE**

### **Pittsburgh Mennonite Church**

2018 S Braddock Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
412-271-2104  
[www.pittsburghmennonite.org](http://www.pittsburghmennonite.org)

## **METHODIST**

### **Calvary United Methodist Church**

971 Beech Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233  
412-231-2007  
[www.calvarypgh.com](http://www.calvarypgh.com)

### **First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh**

5401 Centre Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
412-681-4222  
[www.firstumcpittsburgh.org](http://www.firstumcpittsburgh.org)

### **Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church**

905 Mifflin Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
412-731-2511  
[mifflinave.org](http://mifflinave.org)

## **NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN**

### **Amplify Church**

1918 Smallman Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
[www.amplifychurch.com](http://www.amplifychurch.com)



## **PRESBYTERIAN**

### **Bellefield Presbyterian Church**

4001 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-687-3222  
[www.bellefield.org](http://www.bellefield.org)

### **East Liberty Presbyterian Church**

116 South Highland Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
[cathedralofhope.org](http://cathedralofhope.org)

### **Shadyside Presbyterian Church**

5121 Westminster Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
412-682-4300  
[www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org)

### **Third Presbyterian Church**

5701 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15232  
412-661-4710  
[www.thirdchurch.org](http://www.thirdchurch.org)

## **QUAKER**

### **The Religious Society of Friends**

4836 Ellsworth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-683-2669  
[www.quaker.org/pghpamm](http://www.quaker.org/pghpamm)

## **UNITARIAN**

### **First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh**

605 Morewood Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
412-621-8008  
[www.first-unitarian-pgh.org](http://www.first-unitarian-pgh.org)

# Religious Holy Days and Accommodations

## 2022-23

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.

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### 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.

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### BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS

#### Nirvana Day

Nirvana Day, also called Parinirvana Day, is a Buddhist holiday that marks the Buddha's achievement of complete Nirvana upon the death of his physical body.

- Observed Date: February 15

#### 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: Monday, March 26, 2023

#### 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: Friday, May 26, 2023

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### CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS

#### Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night is a Christian festival on the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, marking the coming of the Epiphany.

- Observed Date: January 5

## **Epiphany/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 22, 2023

## **Palm Sunday**

Commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem

- Observed Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

## **Maundy Thursday**

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

- Observed Dates Thursday, April 6, 2023

## **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 7, 2023

## **Easter**

Annual commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Observed Date: Sunday, April 9, 2023

## **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

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## CONFUCIAN/TAOIST/BUDDHIST HOLIDAYS

### Lunar New Year/Chinese New Year

A celebration of the arrival of spring, Lunar New Year denotes the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. It is the most important holiday in China, and it is also widely celebrated in South Korea, Vietnam, and many other countries.

- 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: Sunday, January 22, 2023

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## 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: Monday, October 24, 2022

### 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: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

### 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: August 18-19, 2022

### 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: September 26-October 5, 2022

### Raksha/Bandhan

The Rakhi festival falls in the holy month of Shravan.

- Observed Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

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## **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: June 29, 2023

### **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: April 21-22, 2023

### **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: March 22-April 21, 2023

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## **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: December 19-26, 2022

### **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: April 4-13, 2023

## **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: Tuesday, March 7, 2023

## **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 26-27, 2022

## **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 26-27, 2023

## **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 (October 16, 2022); October 17-18, 2022

## **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: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

## **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: October 8-16, 2022

## **Tisha B'av**

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

- Observed Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023

## **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: Wednesday, October 5, 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: Tuesday, April 8, 2023

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## **NON-RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

- Observed Date: May 5

### **Juneteenth**

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Some Christians also use this as a day of celebration and prayer.

- Observed Date: June 19

### **Día de los Muertos/All Saints Day/All Souls Day**

Día De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a two-day Mexican holiday that celebrates life and death. Some Christians also refer to these dates as All Saints Day and All Souls Day, honoring the saints and praying for the dead.

- Observed Dates: November 1-2

### **Kwanzaa**

An celebration of African-American culture, Kwanzaa is based on African harvest festival traditions. During Kwanzaa, a different principle is uplifted each day, called Nguzo Saba (the seven principles of African Heritage).

- Observed Dates: December 26-January 1

