### **EMORY UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY**

# JOURNEYS VIETNAM MAY 2026

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Learn more and apply by scanning the QR code or visiting https://bit.ly/EmoryJourneys

Applications Due: Friday, October 10, 2025



For questions, please contact religiouslife@emory.edu



**University Chaplaincy** 

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Journeys of Reconciliation is an interfaith travel and learning immersion program that explores issues of social justice and builds relationships between Emory University and communities in the U.S. and around the world. Undergraduate and graduate students not graduating in May 2026 may apply. Apply and learn more below. For questions, please contact <a href="mailto:religiouslife@emory.edu">religiouslife@emory.edu</a>.

**Apply for Journeys Vietnam Here** 



## Recap: Welcome Back Dinner for Undergraduate Spiritual Student Organization Leaders

On Tuesday, September 2, over 35 undergraduate spiritual student organization leaders representing over 20 communities joined the university chaplain, Dean Greg McGonigle, and other

spiritual life staff for a special dinner at the Emory Interfaith Center at 1707 N Decatur Road. Students networked with each other, learned about University Chaplaincy resources, and shared their goals for the year. Dean McGonigle shared current and upcoming priorities, Emory's multifaith chaplaincy team introduced themselves, and Chaplain Maddie presented on creating healthy religous groups on campus. Learn more about Emory's different spiritual communities <a href="https://example.com/here-emory-series/">here</a>.

## Recap: Book Talk and Lunch on *The Islamic Mary*

On Thursday, September 4, the Emory University Chaplaincy, the Aquinas Center of Theology, the Religion Department, and MESAS welcomed Dr. Younus Mirza to give a book talk on his new book, *The Islamic Mary: Maryam Through the Centuries*. Many thanks to our partners and all who came out and engaged in this great interfaith conversation.





## School of Law Opens New Prayer and Meditation Room

Opening Celebration: Tuesday, September 16, 12:30 pm, G305A, Gambrell Hal

The Emory University School of Law, working with the Emory University Chaplaincy, has designed and outfitted a new Prayer and Meditation Room in Gambrell Hall, Room G305A. The room will be available for use by students, faculty, and staff, and all are invited to a brief opening celebration and

reception on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 12:30 pm outside the room. For more information, please contact <u>religiouslife@emory.edu</u>.

### **EMORY UNIVERSITY**

## **Chaplain Office Hours**

**AMUC 125 • FALL 2025** 

Emory University chaplains are available Monday through Friday from approximately noon to 2:00 pm during term in AMUC Suite 125 to offer pastoral care and meet with students, faculty, and staff. The general schedule is below but may vary semester to semester. All are welcome to visit any chaplain.



Monday: Rev. Maddie Herlong



Tuesday: Ven. Priya Rakkhit Sraman



Wednesday: Ustadh Dr. Rahimjon Abdugafurov



Thursday: Pandit Rajeev Persaud



Friday: Rabbi Jordan Braunig



https://religiouslife.emory.edu/about\_us/osrl-staff.html

For general information, please email religiouslife@emory.edu.



**University Chaplaincy** 

### **Emory University Chaplaincy: Chaplain Office Hours in AMUC 125**

Monday-Friday starting Wednesday, August 27, Noon-2:00 pm, AMUC 125

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To schedule a time with a chaplain outside of these hours, please contact them directly here.

For general information, please email <u>religiouslife@emory.edu</u>.



## Register Today: Homecoming and Family Weekend Events October 23-26, 2025

Join the Emory University Chaplaincy for many spiritual programs and festive receptions over Homecoming and Family Weekend.

- Jumu'ah Prayer and Community Reception
- · Hindu Aarti and Community Reception
- Voices of Inner Strength Gospel Choir 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Shabbat at Chabad: Friday Night Shabbat Dinner and Saturday Shabbat Day Services and Lunch
- Shabbat at Hillel: Friday Shabbat Dinner and Sunday Brunch
- · Buddhist Meditation and Community Reception
- Find our table at the Food and Music Festival on Saturday, October 25 from Noon-4:30 pm on the Quad
- Catholic Masses and Catholic Center Open House
- Beloved Community Christian Worship and Lunch

A list of the events and registration info can be found <u>here</u>.

### **Emory Interfaith Center**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-8:00 pm starting Tuesday, September 2.

Available on weekends by reservation.

The Emory University Chaplaincy maintains many prayer and meditation spaces across campus, including the Emory Interfaith Center at 1707 N. Decatur Road. Hours are Monday-



Friday 9:00 am-8:00 pm starting Tuesday, September 2. Available on weekends by reservation. Please feel free to stop by for a free coffee or snack, reserve space for your spiritual gatherings, talk with a chaplain, or just relax.

Learn more about the Emory Interfaith Center <a href="here">here</a>. Learn about our other sacred spaces <a href="here">here</a>.



### Welcome Lillian Hibbard, Emory Beloved Community Contextual Education Intern 2025-2026

My name is Lillian Hibbard (she/her). I generally go by Lilly, but I like and will answer to either name. I finished my bachelor's in religion and cultural studies at University of Central Florida. During COVID, I decided to do something different with my life, and after searching online, I found the combination of religion and culture at Candler School of Theology and applied to the M.Div. program. I knew taking this step would be the hardest thing I've done in my entire life as I left my home community, but I was very excited

about it. I'm excited to learn through experience as I work with Rev. Maddie and the Beloved Community. I love this energetic and passionate community, and I have great expectations for our future together as we tackle the hard work of forming a fellowship that fosters flourishing. I have so much to learn from this community, and I pray that my service will benefit you even as you bless me.

### Recognizing #RedFlags

Monday, September 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., AMUC 108

Looking for community and conversation? Join the Office of Respect and Office of Religious and Spiritual Life for a special program

Did you know Emory's religious and philosophical communities follow policies designed to protect your wellbeing? Groups outside university structures (or that don't follow policies) should raise red flags. At Emory, we believe in engaging with respect, collaboration, and positive interfaith connection. Come hang out, ask questions, and learn how these guidelines help keep our community safe and supportive. Relationship Harm can happen to

anyone at any point in their life.

Join the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life and the Office of Respect for an interactive experience to learn how to spot healthy and unhealthy behaviors in interpersonal and group relationships.

Food will be provided. Please RSVP here.



### **Upcoming Programs**

### BELOVED COMMUNITY **CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

Fall 2025 in Cannon Chapel

11:00 a.m. Sunday Service | 12:00 p.m. Free Lunch



#### SCHEDULE OF PREACHERS

Beloved Community is a progressive ecumenical Protestant worship service for the university setting. Preachers include Emory chaplains, interns, faculty, staff, affiliates, and special guests.



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The Rev. Maddie Herlong

Christian Chaplain, Emory University Chaplaincy



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September

Hispanic

Heritage Month The Rev. Joanne

Solis-Walker, Ph.D.



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Paula Frances Price Area Director for Georgia InterVarsity



September 21

Compassion Sunday

The Rev. Douglas Herlong

United Methodist Elder, ThM Student, Candler School of Theology



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The Rev. Irmiyaa Williams

Campus Minister, Baptist Collegiate Ministry



October 5 Pride Service

November

Dr. Keith A. Menhinick G22 Lecturer in Religious Studies, Georgia State University



The Rev. Brent Huckaby

College Chaplain and Director of Religious Life, Oxford College



October 26

and Family

Weekend

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II C99

Assoc. Professor of Transformative Leadership and Communal Care, Candler School of Theology



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Jaeun Koo T25 Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory



Sunday

Maury Allums Director of Music, Emory University Chaplaincy

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The Rev. Maddie

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Herlong Christian Chaplain, Emory University Chaplaincy



December

The Rev. Maddie Herlong

Christian Chaplain, Emory University Chaplaincy

For more information, please contact religiouslife@emory.edu.



**Christian Life** University Chaplaincy

### **Beloved Community Christian Worship and Free Lunch**

Sunday, September 7, 11:00 a.m Service, Noon Free Lunch, Cannon Chapel

Emory Beloved Community is a weekly ecumenical Protestant worship service for the campus community, held in Cannon Chapel. All are welcome.

Contact: Christian Chaplain Rev. Maddie Herlong, <a href="mailto:mhend25@emory.edu">mhend25@emory.edu</a>.





**Beloved Community Fall Bible Study: Claiming Our Identity in Christ** 

Tuesdays beginning September 9, 6:00 pm, Emory Interfaith Center, 1707 N. Decatur Road

Beloved Community Bible Study is led by Rev. Maddie, Emory's Christian Chaplain, and OSRL chaplaincy interns. Join us as we explore what the Bible has to say for us today and as we deepen our community bonds. This fall, we'll explore what scripture has to say about our identity as Christians. Sign up in the Hub or email <a href="mailto:mhend25@emory.edu">mhend25@emory.edu</a>.





### **Beloved Community Fall Retreat**

For questions, email

Rev. Maddie at mhend25@emory.edu.

Saturday, September 20, 9:30 am-9:00 pm, Emory Interfaith Center, 1707 N. Decatur Road

Join us on Saturday September 20 for the Beloved Community Fall Retreat. We have a great day of fellowship, time in Lullwater Park, crafts, and worship planned. If you have questions, contact Rev. Maddie at <a href="mailto:mhend25@emory.edu">mhend25@emory.edu</a>. Register by Monday September 15. We will meet at the Interfaith

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**Christian Life** 

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Center (1707 N Decatur Road) at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and opening worship. We'll venture to Lullwater Park for a walk and a picnic lunch. In the afternoon, we will have time for crafts, games, and fellowship. We will enjoy dinner together and evening worship. We will conclude by 9:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for this fun time of community and fellowship building. This retreat is for current Emory students.

Register here.



#### **Buddhist Meditation**

Thursdays during term

Community Tea and Refreshments, 5:15 pm, Cannon Chapel 106

Guided Meditation and Dharma Discussion, 6:00 pm, Cannon Chapel Sanctuary

This week's session on September 4, "Vitamin C(ompassion) for a Healthy Heart," will be facilitated by two Buddhist nuns, Venrable Damcho and

Venerable Dekyi from Sravasti Abbey, WA. They will talk about cultivating a daily practice of care and compassion. Come to enjoy light refreshments before meditation, and to connect with Emory Buddhist Club leaders and friends. Contact: Buddhist Chaplain Ven. Priya Rakkhit Sraman, <a href="mailto:psraman@emory.edu">psraman@emory.edu</a>.

#### Mindfulness Circle at Interfaith Center

Mondays starting September 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Emory Interfaith Center Meditation Room, 1707 N. Decatur Road

Facilitated by Emory Buddhist Chaplain
Venerable Priya Rakkhit Sraman, the Mindfulness
Circle is a space exclusively for Emory students
to practice mindfulness as a group. Every
Monday during the semester, we will engage in a



mindfulness exercise followed by conversations around the practices of mindfulness. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Venerable Priya at <u>psraman@emory.edu</u>.

### Muslim Jumu'ah Prayers and Halal Lunch

Fridays, Prayers 1:55 p.m., Lunch 2:30 pm, Cannon Chapel

Join us for Friday Prayers every week, which will be followed by a hot halal lunch in Brooks Commons.

Join the Emory Muslim Life elist <a href="here">here</a>. For questions, please contact <a href="Ustadh Dr. Rahimjon">Ustadh Dr. Rahimjon</a>
<a href="Abdugafurov">Abdugafurov</a>.

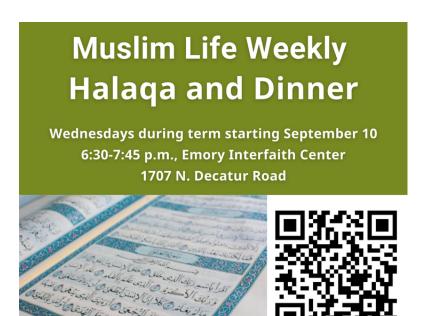


### Weekday Fajr Prayers

Monday-Friday during term, times vary, Cannon Chapel Room 106

Join the Muslim Students Association and Emory Muslim Life for Fajr prayers in the morning at Cannon Chapel Room 106. Students must request EmoryCard access through the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life in order to attend. For EmoryCard access and instructions, please email religiouslife@emory.edu.





All Emory students are invited to join us for an Islamic text study on different topics each week.

Dinner will be provided. RSVP here or the QR code.

For more information, please contact Emory Muslim Chaplain Ustadh Dr. Rahimjon Abdugafurov at rahimjon.abdugafurov@emory.edu.



### Muslim Life Weekly Halaqa and Dinner

Wednesdays during term starting September 10, 6:30-7:45 pm, Emory Interfaith Center, 1707 N. Decatur Road (Dates and times may change, but sign up to receive information)

All Emory students are invited to join us for an Islamic text study on different topics each week. Dinner will be provided. Previous attendance not required. For more information, please contact Emory Muslim Chaplain Ustadh Dr. Rahimjon Abdugafurov at <a href="mailto:rahimjon.abdugafurov@emory.edu">rahimjon.abdugafurov@emory.edu</a>.

Sign up here.

Muslim Students Association: Welcome Back Gala

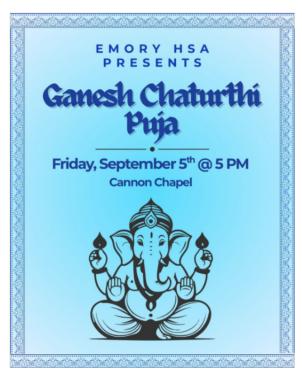
Friday, Septmber 12, 6:00 pm, ESC MPRs

Join Emory MSA for our Annual Welcome Back Gala on Friday, September 12 from 6–9 pm. Kick off the semester with good food, fun



games, exciting giveaways, and the chance to meet new and familiar faces in the Muslim community. Whether you're a returning student or new to Emory, this is the perfect way to celebrate the start of the year.

Learn more <u>here</u>.



### **Hindu Aarthi**

Friday, September 5, 5:00 p.m., Cannon Chapel Sanctuary

Join Emory's Hindu community for weekly prayers and community. All are welcome.

For questions, please email Emory Hindu Chaplain, Pandit Rajeev Persaud at <a href="mailto:rajeev.persaud@emory.edu">rajeev.persaud@emory.edu</a>.

**Hindu Students Association: Garba** 

Friday, September 19, 7:00-11:00 p.m., ESC MPRs

Garba is a Gujarati festival that takes place during the nine-day Hindu celebration of Navratri. The

Hindu Students Association (HSA) has been hosting a university-wide Garba for the past 12 years, making it our biggest special event. In recent years, we've welcomed over 600 attendees, bringing together students, faculty, and community members.

Our Garba includes an aarti (small Hindu prayer), performances by on-campus dance groups, three types of open dance floors (Garba, Dandiya, and Bollywood), a full catered dinner, and a South Asian DJ. Emory HSA strives to ensure that Garba is accessible to anyone who would like to attend. The event is held at the Emory Student Center, at the heart of campus, and is completely free. Learn more here.



#### **Chabad at Emory: Shabbat**

Fridays during Term, Services 7:30 p.m., Dinner 8:00 p.m., 1500 N Decatur Road, Atlanta, GA 30306

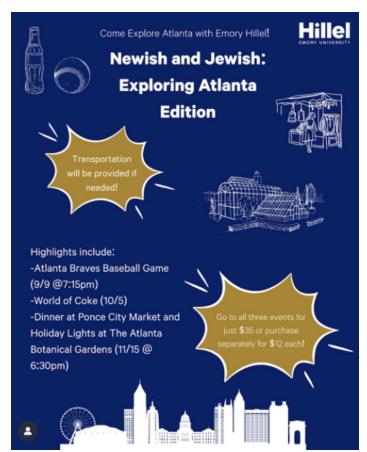
Join fellow Emoryites and experience Shabbat at Chabad. A perfect blend of gourmet food, spirited singing, friendly schmoozing, and inspired ideas. RVSP is a must. Text "Shabbat Dinner" to 404.999.7787 to register. Sponsored by Chabad at Emory. Learn more <a href="https://example.com/here/beat-bloom/">here</a>.

## Hillel at Emory: Upcoming Activities

From board games to bagels, there are many ways to connect at Emory Hillel.

Visit instagram page <u>here</u> to keep in touch and on top of the schedule.



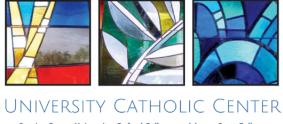


### Hillel at Emory: Newish and Jewish; **Exploring Atlanta Edition**

New to ATL or just looking for an adventure? Come explore the city with Emory Hillel. We're hitting up some of Atlanta's best spots this semester:

- Braves Game Tuesday, September 9 at 7:15 pm
- World of Coke Sunday, October 5
- Dinner at Ponce City Market and Holiday Lights at Atlanta Botanical Gardens – Saturday, Nov 15 at 6:30 pm

Transportation is included if you need it. Tickets are just \$12 each or grab the bundle for \$35 for all 3. Register now here. We can't wait to explore ATL with you.



Serving Emory University, Oxford College, and Agnes Scott College

### **University Catholic Center: Sunday Masses**

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Cannon Chapel Join us for Sunday Masses on campus.

For guestions, please contact Catholic Religious Life Affiliate Michael

Zauche, michael@emorycatholic.org.

### Graduate Christian Fellowship: First Friday Dinner

Friday, September 5, 7:00-9:00 pm, Brooks Commons, Cannon Chapel

Join us for dinner and a panel discussion about following Jesus in graduate school. Our panelist are students in the latter years of their programs and they are excited to share some of their story with you. Register here.

For questions, please contact Elizabeth Somsen.





Graduate Christian Fellowship: Bible Study Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., AMUC 125C

For questions, please contact <u>elizabeth.somsen@emory.edu</u>.

**Graduate Christian Fellowship: Ice Cream Social** Monday, September 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, Butter and Cream, Decatur Square

Meet us in Decatur Square for ice cream and a chance to get to know members of GCF better. The Emory CCTMA shuttle runs to Decatur square or reach out if transportation is an issue. For questions, please contact <a href="mailto:elizabeth.somsen@emory.edu">elizabeth.somsen@emory.edu</a>.



**Baptist Collegiate Ministry: Upcoming Fall 2025 Events** 

August 28-September 8, 2025



Welcome weeks are upon us. Come check us out at these upcoming events. Learn more <u>here</u>.

### **Reformed University Fellowship**

Mark your calendars for these events so you can come by and see us. Learn more <u>here</u>.



Collegiate Black Christians: Weekly Bible Study

More information coming soon. For questions, please contact tolale3@emory.edu.



#### **Bread Coffeehouse: Beach Kick-Off Party**

September 4, 7:15 p.m., Bread Coffeehouse, 1227 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30307

Bring your beach vibes and friends to Bread as we kick off the year, Thursday at 7:15 pm. Join us for free tacos and t-shirts, wii games, a cornhole tournament with prizes, the NFL kick-off game, and ultimate brownies.

(Does that mean brownies stuffed with every treat imaginable or the best brownies you've ever tasted? Come to find out...)



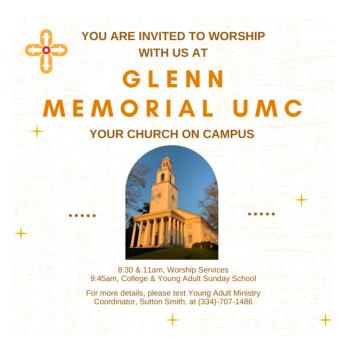
#### **Emory Orthodox Christian Fellowship Faith and Falafel**

Every Wednesday starting September 10, 7:30 p.m., Cannon Chapel Room 314

Come for the falafel, stay for the conversation. Join us every Wednesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Cannon Chapel 314 for free falafel sandwiches, fellowship, and rich discussion.

Bring youself, your friends, and a curious mind. All are welcome, no matter your faith. Join us as we get to know each other, study the spiritual life of the apostles, and grow in Christ together–week by

week. We can't wait to meet you-each week brings something new. You can learn more or RSVP here or email <a href="mailto:salameh@emory.edu">salameh@emory.edu</a>.



## Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church: Sunday Worship Services

Sundays, 8:30 am and 11:00 am, Glenn Memorial Church

Glenn Memorial UMC invites you to worship with us. A short walk to the edge of campus, Glenn has a thriving young adult group, and we welcome newcomers anytime. Are you an early riser to get a head start on homework? The 8:30 service might be for you. Do you sleep in on Sundays? We'll catch you at 11:00 am. There is a place for you at Glenn, and we'd love to help you find it.

For more info about worship or young adult ministry, visit our website

here <a href="https://www.glennumc.org/young-adults">https://www.glennumc.org/young-adults</a> or contact Director of Young Adult Ministries Sutton Smith at 334-707-1486.

## Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church: Sunday Supper

Sunday, September 14, 6:00 p.m., Glenn Memorial Church Fellowship Hall

Emory undergrads are invited to Sunday Supper at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 1660 N Decatur Rd. Church members are providing homemade dishes, including lasagna, vegetables, salad, and apple pie. This will be a casual time to hang out, eat good food, and make friends. If you have any questions, text Sutton Smith, Director of Young Adult Ministries, at 334-707-1486. RSVP here to help us get a headcount for food.



### International InterVarsity Fellowship

Our summer activities ended and our new school year is about to start. Please check and sign up for our coming activities <u>here</u>.

Learn more <u>here</u>.



### **WEEKLY SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS**

**FALL 2025** 

### **Sunday**

Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Cannon Chapel

Beloved Community Protestant Worship, 11 a.m., Lunch, 12 p.m., Cannon Chapel

### **Monday**

Mindfulness Meditation Circle, 6 p.m., Emory Interfaith Center, 1707 N. Decatur Road

### **Tuesday**

Buddhist Worship, 1 p.m., Emory Interfaith Center Shrine Room, 1707 N. Decatur Road

### Wednesday

Mid-week Musical Meditation, 12-12:15 p.m., Zoom: https://bit.ly/OSRLMidWeekMusic Catholic Mass, Noon, University Catholic Center, 1753 N Decatur Road

### **Thursday**

Buddhist Guided Mediation, 6 p.m., Cannon Chapel

### **Friday**

Catholic Mass, Noon, Cannon Chapel, 1753 N Decatur Road

Jumu'ah Prayer, 1:55 p.m., Cannon Chapel

Hindu Aarti, 5 p.m., Cannon Chapel

Hillel at Emory Shabbat Service, 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m., 735 Gatewood Road NE

Chabad at Emory, Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m., Dinner 8 p.m.



Scan for full list of weekly gatherings





**University Chaplaincy** 

### **Weekly Spiritual Gatherings**

There are a plethora of weekly religious and philosophical gatherings offered at Emory. Many of them are listed <u>here</u> and at the button below.

Can't find what you are looking for? Contact many of our <u>undergraduate</u> and <u>graduate</u> communities directly or contact our <u>religious life affiliates</u> and <u>OSRL staff</u>.

For questions, or to suggest an item for our weekly gatherings page, please email <u>religiouslife@emory.edu</u>.

Check back for more weekly gatherings as the semester gets started.

### **Community Weekly Gatherings**

### **Off Campus Programs**



Presented by Interfaith Atlanta
Sunday, September 14, 2025
Columbia Theological Seminary • Decatur, GA

#### **Interfaith Atlanta: Interfaith Fall Festival**

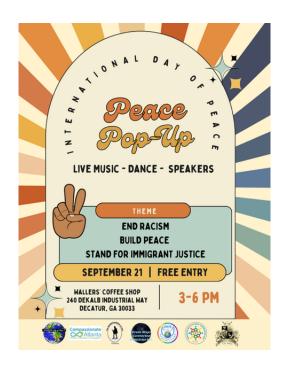
Sunday, September 14, 2:30-5:00 p.m., Columbia Theological Seminary, 701 S. Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030

Save the Date: We are so excited to present our 5th annual Interfaith Festival. Join us for entertainment, food, friendship, community service, and music. Learn more <u>here</u>.

#### Compassionate Atlanta: Peace Pop-Up

Saturday, September 21, 3:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Waller's Coffee Shop

Learn more here.





#### World River Day: Interfaith Creek Cleanup

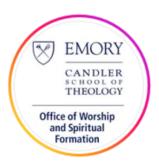
Sunday, September 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Six Metro Atlanta Sites

Join Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Adamah Atlanta, and Ismaili CIVIC on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m. for a special interfaith creek cleanup across six metro Atlanta sites. This meaningful cleanup celebrates World Rivers Day, Reverse Tashlich, and Global Ismaili CIVIC Day—three powerful traditions of service, reflection, and environmental care. World Rivers Day highlights the international importance of our rivers and inspires renewed commitment to protecting them. In Reverse Tashlich, Jewish communities turn ritual into action by removing human "sin" (pollution) from waterways and offering a clean start to the new year. And Global Ismaili CIVIC Day calls Ismaili Muslims to serve their communities worldwide through volunteerism. Together, communities of all faiths are invited to act upon a shared ethic of environmental stewardship and care for our Common Home. All living creatures deserve clean water

#### Register here.

Cleanup sites include Cobb County, the Chattahoochee River, Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve, Fulton County Public Works, Mason Mill Park, and the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

### **Campus Partner Programs**



#### Candler School of Theology: Chapel Worship Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Cannon Chapel Sanctuary

All are welcome to join the Candler community in ecumenical worship. View the Candler worship schedule <u>here</u>.

The Center for the Study of Law and Religion: Lunch and Discussion of "The

## People's Canon for Human Flourishing in the Age of Al"

Tuesday, September 9, Noon-1:30 pm, Hunter Atrium, 3rd Floor, Gambrell Hall

The Center for the Study of Law and Religion is pleased to invite Emory Law students, faculty, and staff to join Prof. Whittney Barth and Prof. John Bernau for lunch and discussion of their ongoing project, "The People's Canon for Human Flourishing in the Age of AI," funded by the Atlanta Interdisciplinary AI Network.

The event will include an introduction to the project, brief comments from panelists, and time for Q&A and discussion, all over a free lunch. To peruse our latest project updates, check out the People's Canon website <u>here</u>.



## Emory Department of Religion: Student Connections Drop-In Sessions

Tuesday, September 9, Callaway Center S218

Session One: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Session Two: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

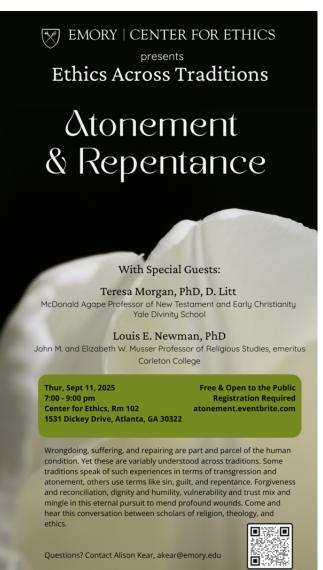
Join us for a light lunch/snacks and interesting conversations. You are welocme to attend any session and dropin anytime during the time slots. This is an opportunity for students to come meet the department's faculty members and staff and connect with other students/

To RSVP, click here.



## Center for Ethics: Ethics Across Traditions: Atonement and Repentance

Thursday, September 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Center for Ethics Room 102



Wrongdoing, suffering, and repairing are part and parcel of the human condition. Yet these are variably understood across traditions. Some traditions speak of such experiences in terms of transgression and atonement, others use terms like sin, guilt, and repentance. Forgiveness and reconciliation, dignity and humility, vulnerability and trust mix and mingle in this eternal pursuit to mend profound wounds. Come and hear this conversation between scholars of religion, theology, and ethics. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

## Sustainable Transportation Fair



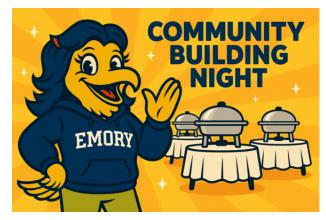
### **Sustainable Transportation Fair 2025**

September 16, 2025, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., McDonough Plaza

# Center for Women: Community Building Night Wednesday, September 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Cox Hall 328

Join us for an evening of connection, collaboration, and conversation. This gathering is an opportunity for student organizations with shared goals and interests to come together, exchange ideas, and strengthen a supportive campus network.

This is an open space where your voice matters. Let's come together to uplift one another and spark



new possibilities for collaboration and community.

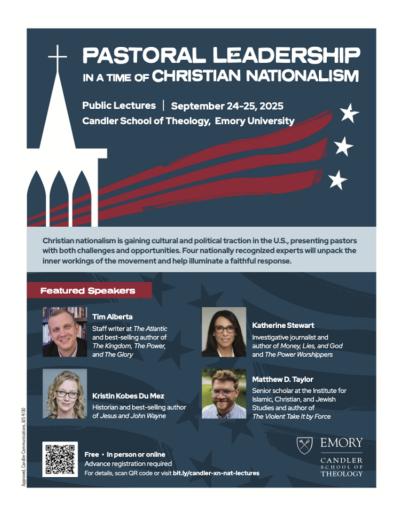
RSVP <u>here</u> today to save your spot — we can't wait to connect with you.

## Pastoral Leadership in a Time of Christian Nationalism

Public Lectures | September 24-25, 2025 | In person or online

In a time when Christian nationalism is gaining both cultural and political traction, the work of pastoral leadership requires renewed theological reflection, moral clarity, and prophetic courage. Candler is hosting this set of four public lectures to start conversations and offer resources to equip pastors and church leaders to respond faithfully to the challenges posed by this growing movement.

All lectures are free and open to the public in both in-person and virtual formats, with advance registration required. Learn more, and register, <a href="here">here</a>.

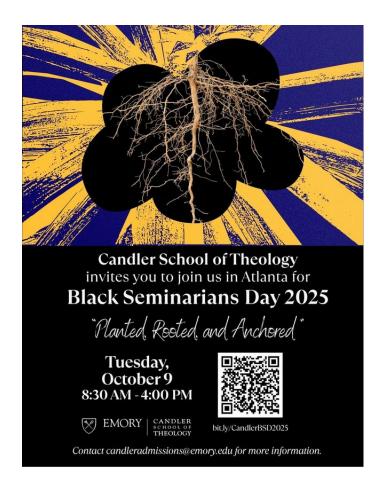


### Planted, Rooted, and Anchored: Black Seminarians Day at Candler School of Theology

Thursday, October 9, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Candler School of Theology

This year's theme, "Planted, Rooted, and Anchored," will celebrate the Black Church tradition in historical and contemporary contexts.

Join us for a special campus tour highlighting Black excellence at Candler and Emory, ask questions of our world-renowned faculty during a class visit, and enjoy a worship service featuring preacher Rev. Dr. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock. Click here to register now.





### **Year of Compassion**

Compassion Shift Launch: September 30-October 1, 2025

The Year of Compassion is a yearlong celebration hosted by Emory College of Arts and Sciences, dedicated to empathy, healing, and human connection. This initiative invites faculty, staff, and students to explore how compassion is expressed through teaching, research, creative work, service, and daily interactions. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

### **Opportunities and Resources**

### Wellbeing Coaching at Emory

#### What is it?

#### Free 1:1 Coaching Sessions for:

- · Holistic Wellbeing
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Wellbeing Coaching is a free service for all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at Emory University. Wellbeing Coaching is a good fit for students who would like to make changes in their lives through support, discussion, reflection, developing a plan, and taking action. Wellbeing Coaching is the collaboration between you and your coach to identify motivations, values, and strengths while creating a map for positive behavior change.

A Coach will work with you over a series of sessions to help you focus on achieving goals that are meaningful to you. Whether it's being more active, improving your sleep, making social connections, or focusing on other areas of wellbeing, a Coach can help you build a plan to reach your wellbeing goals.

Learn more <u>here</u>.



### Welcome Back Newsletter

#### **Emory Recreation and Wellness: Welcome Back Newsletter**

Whether you're returning for another semester or joining us for the first time, we're excited to have you as part of the Emory community. Our facilities, programs, and events are here to help you stay active, connect with others, and make the most of your time at Emory. From group fitness classes

### **Upcoming Religious Holidays**

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please click <u>here</u>.

#### **Feast of the Nativity of Theotokos**

Mon., Sep. 8, 2025

Tradition: Orthodox Christianity

Celebrates the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was born without sin.

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