The University Chaplaincy Enews is published weekly by the Tufts University Chaplaincy to promote programs and events across campus.

**Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals**

**Beltane** is the final fertility festival, celebrating the Earth's fecundity and anticipating the power of the sun and the Earth in spring.

The Holy Month of Ramadan is the month of fasting during which Muslims who are physically able do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset.

**Ghambar Maidyozarem** summer.

**Tradition: Wicca/Paganism**

**Tradition: Islam**

**COVID-19 Documentation Project**

Tisch College's Leadership for Social Change Program: Virtual Edition is hiring six Peer Leaders and two Graduate Teaching Assistants. For more information, visit the [application page](https://apply.tufts.edu/tisch-leadership-virtual) and submit your cover letter please describe why you want to be a peer leader or graduate teaching assistant and what skills, experiences, or qualities you think make you a good fit for the program.

The 2019-2020 Mellon Sawyer Seminar at Tufts University presents Black, Indigineous, Queer Family Futures, a two-day virtual event featuring workshops, conversations, and talks. The seminar will convene community members from different fields to explore the intersection of Black, Indigineous, and Queer traditions and practices and a collection of wise words from community leaders, elders, and knowledge keepers from various walks of life. For more information, visit the [seminar website](https://www.tufts.edu/cas/office-of-research/sawyer-seminar).

The CMHS Virtual Support Group for Graduate Students is held on Wednesdays, April 15 through May 6, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET. In April, CARE is asking for art submissions that raise awareness for the diverse forms of violence that impact people in our community. Artwork can be slideshows, videos, robots, or any other creative medium. Submissions are due by April 28. Please contact [Nora Bond](mailto:Nora.Bond@tufts.edu) for more information. A virtual drop-in meditation is held on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. ET through May 28. She will lead virtual yoga Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. ET through May 26. For more information, please contact [Humanist Chaplain Walker Bristol](mailto:Walker.Bristol@tufts.edu) or [Muslim Chaplain Abdul-Malik Merchant](mailto:Abdul-Malik.Merchant@tufts.edu).

**Religious and Philosophical Life Programs**

**Protestant Evening Worship**

Join the events via Zoom by clicking [here](https://meetu.pw/9vFfn).

**Protestant student community for worship through prayer, singing, and community**

**Catholic Chaplaincy**

Join [here](https://cu.catholic.tufts.edu/). For updates about the upcoming MSA E-Board election find [here](https://msa.tufts.edu). For more information, please contact [Lynn Cooper](mailto:Lynn.Cooper@tufts.edu).

**Student-Athlete Mindfulness Program**

Join in a conversation with Muslim Chaplain Abdul-Malik. For more information, please contact [Lynn Cooper](mailto:Lynn.Cooper@tufts.edu). And student-athletes can participate in the Student-Athlete Mindfulness Program, which is a virtual program that will provide weekly opportunities for all student-athletes to practice mindfulness. The program will run from July 12-24, 2020. Follow this link for the [application](https://apply.tufts.edu/tisch-leadership-virtual).

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At work, people are finding it more important than ever to connect with others and to find and reconnect with parts of nature—plants, trees, flowers, birds, animals, etc.—as little details that fill up the day and make it more connected. For instance, a friend of mine, Ven. Priya Sraman, has developed a new connection with the peach tree in the backyard of her house. It has pinkish flowers with green leaves that are turning red in the later stages of their development. She shares with me the beauty of watching the flowers blossom with its flowers, offering shade to the wooden bench. At times, there are other creatures around. Rabbits, birds, insects, and sometime squirrels, have. The tree has been attracting all of these, and it provides them a shelter and shade. Sometimes I sit under this tree and enjoy the company of these creatures. I like to watch the bees and birds around it, and always feel joyful with the company of others. I am grateful to them.

We can allow ourselves to keep connecting with all the good that the Earth still continues to offer. Paying attention to these details of our lives helps us to feel more connected to the world around us and to the people we love and care about. In this time of physical distancing, we can make connections and enjoy the company of others. For updates about the upcoming MSA E-Board election find [here](https://msa.tufts.edu). For more information, please contact [Lynn Cooper](mailto:Lynn.Cooper@tufts.edu).

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In peace,

[Inspirational quote about connecting with nature and life, signed by Ven. Priya Sraman]