This is our day of new beginnings:

and to trust, throughout it all,
time to make this place your own
that have brought you thus far along your way.

time to welcome you, Class of 2026,
"beginnings" will lead us together into this new year.

and meals across our distinctive communities. We are excited to share in the work of building and sustaining our values of service, community, and reflection to foster a more just and equitable world. Tutoring pairs will meet virtually or in-person at four sites in Roxbury and Dorchester. Fill out our Tutor Interest Form and you do not need to RSVP. You can find the calendar of University Chaplaincy Weekly Gatherings at the University Chaplaincy website for their questions or would like to learn more, please contact Humanist Chaplain Lynn Cooper, Associate Director for Tutor Engagement, via email or at 617-862-9411 with any questions.

Be-Friend is back. This semester-long interfaith friendship project is designed for participants to go deep and to experiment with shared spiritual practices from different religious and spiritual traditions. The project will engage participants in learning to be good listeners, asking good questions, processing spiritual traditions, engaging in shared practices and nourishing their own faith. Each participant will be paired and will commit to spending an hour together each week. Students will be paired with other students, and participating students, graduate students, staff, faculty and alumni will be paired and will meet. Students will have about five hours of programming, including three group sessions: one in August, and two in early fall. The first group session is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 3-4:30 pm and will be held at the University Chaplaincy. The second group session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 6-7:30 pm and will be held at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to Harvard Divinity School calendar. These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School.

**Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances**

- **Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**
  - Mon., Sep. 12 – Fri., Sep. 16, 2022
  - Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox

- **Harvest Festival**
  - Thu., Sep. 8, 2022
  - Celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop and the return of herds from pasture
  - Tradition: Jainism

Many more dates can be found on the Harvard Divinity School calendar.