



Dear Amy,

After a whirlwind of a semester, this week is the last week of online programming at the Interfaith Center. We hope that you are safe and well, and wish you the best of luck with finals and any other burdens you may be bearing at the moment. If you find yourself seeking community or counseling as the semester comes to a close, the Interfaith Center continues to be a resource. To attend Interfaith Center events virtually, please email interfaith@suffolk.edu to receive an invitation. The Reverend Amy L. Fisher is also available for counseling appointments via Zoom. Email her at interfaith@suffolk.edu to set up an appointment.

This week is full of holydays, both religious and secular. Today, April 21st, is Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day of remembrance, many Jewish communities light memorial candles and recite the Kaddish-the prayer for the departed-to honor the lives of all those murdered in the Holocaust. In addition, Wednesday, April 22nd, is Earth Day, a worldwide event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This Thursday, April 23rd, marks the beginning of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This month commemorates the first revelation of the Qur'an to Muhammad, and observant Muslims around the world fast from dawn to sundown each day of the month.

For information on upcoming religious holydays, see the Suffolk religious holydays calendar [here](#).

Sincerely,
The Interfaith Center

Tuesday

Grieving Loss Together

Tuesdays, 12:15PM, Interfaith Center, Online!

Are you dealing with loss? Join our new group for students, staff, and faculty for a space of sharing and supporting. Join us for discussion and support this week on Zoom.

Qur'an Study and Muslim Conversation

Tuesdays, 1:00PM, Interfaith Center, Online!

Ramadan begins this Thursday at sundown! Join us for our weekly Muslim conversation via Zoom.

Christians Gathering for Justice**Tuesdays, 4:30 PM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

Join us for a discussion of Luke 24: 13-25!

Wednesday**Witches, Feminists, and Pagans!****Wednesdays, 2:00 PM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

What does Earth Day mean to you? Join us for a celebration of Earth Day from Wiccan, Feminist, and Pagan perspectives.

Thursday**Atheists, Humanists, Agnostics, and Anti-theists (AHAA!)****Thursdays, 11:00AM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

What happens when one person's secular/spiritual/moral identity "conflicts" with another's? Are there "irreconcilable differences" that come from each of our backgrounds? Join us for a discussion about interfaith relationships!

Suffolk Hillel**Thursdays, 12:30PM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

Hillel: Join us for an observance and discussion of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, as we honor and mourn the lives of those murdered in the Holocaust.

Zazen Buddhist Meditation**Thursdays, 1:00PM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

"Amid grief, we need a place to rest our minds and hearts: a place fertile with loving-kindness and compassion, a place free from judgment. Only there, and only when ready, will we be able to blossom (albeit painfully) into a joy that cohabitates with grief rather than displacing it." -Joanne Cacciatore, Bearing the Unbearable. In this time of global grief, join us for sitting meditation as we find a place to rest our minds and hearts.

Contemplative Mysticism**Thursdays, 3:00PM, Interfaith Center, Online!**

This week is the final meeting of Contemplative Mysticism! Join us as we reflect on creative practices of self-care and healing.

BOOK OF THE WEEK:

Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen

Text by Hildegard with commentary by Matthew Fox

This week's Book of the Week is *Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen*, which presents 24 of the visions the Christian mystic Hildegard of Bingen experienced throughout her vibrant life. Hildegard was a preacher, healer, scientist, composer, theologian, artist, and poet, and spent her life as a dedicated abbess of a Benedictine abbey. In this collection, Matthew Fox provides insight and commentary that bring a fresh appreciation of the life of this influential woman. Hildegard calls upon those who read her words to receive them with "a modest heart." She reminds all of us on a spiritual path to be practical, always taking seriously the usefulness of our work.

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