**RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2022-2023**

**July, 2022**

8/9 or 9/10—Eid al-Adha (Islam—Feast of Sacrifice on Pilgrimage/*Hajj*; sunset on 8th or 9th (depending on moon)

24—Pioneer Day (Mormonism—celebrates Latter Day Saints’ entrance into Salt Lake Valley).

**August**

6/7—Tisha B’av or Ninth of Av (Judaism—day of fasting and mourning commemorates destruction of Jerusalem Temple and the Exile; begins at sunset on August 6)

7/8-- Ashura (Shi’a Islam—commemorates the martyrdom of Hussein; begins at sunset on 18th)

**September**

25, 26, 27—Rosh Hashanah (Judaism—New Year; start of 10 High Holy Days; begins at sunset on 25th)

**October**

4/5--Yom Kippur (Judaism—Day of Atonement; begins at sundown on 4th)

9-16—Sukkot (Judaism Feast of Tabernacles—begins at sunset on 20th and continues through 27th)

24—Diwali (Hinduism—Festival of Lights) [The key celebration in this five-day holiday begins on 24th in South India and 25th in North India]

**November**

27—First Sunday of Advent (Christianity—Four Sundays of Advent before Christmas)

**December**

8—Bodhi Day (Buddhism in Japan—Enlightenment of the Buddha)

18 - 26—Hanukkah (Judaism—Festival of Lights; begins at sunset on 18th and ends on 26th at sunset)

25—Christmas (Christianity—birth of Jesus)

**January, 2023**

7—Christmas (Eastern Orthodox Christian traditions that use the Julian calendar—birth of Jesus)

22—Lunar New Year (Begins year of the Rabbit in many Asian cultures)

**February**

22—Ash Wednesday (Christianity—beginning of 40 days of Lent before Holy Week)

**March**

6, 7—Purim (Judaism—Esther’s victory over Persian oppression; begins at sunset on March 6th)

7, 8—Holi (Hinduism—Festival of Colors, *Holika Dahan* begins at sunset on March 7 and Holi on 8th)

22—Beginning of Ramadan, Islam’s month of fasting. Begins at sunset on March 22. Continues through April 21

**April**

2—Palm Sunday (Christianity—entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning of Holy Week)

4—Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism—birth of Vardhamana or Lord Mahavir, the final Tirthankara)

5/6 through 13—Passover (Judaism—Feast of Unleavened Bread and commemoration of Exodus; begins at sunset on 5th; observed through April 13th in U.S.)

7—Good Friday (Christianity—Crucifixion of Jesus)

9—Easter Sunday (Christianity—Resurrection of Jesus). [Eastern Orthodox Easter is on the 16th of April]

21/22—Eid al-Fitr (Islam—conclusion of Ramadan fasting; begins at sunset on 21st).

17/18—Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day (Judaism)

**May**

25-27—Shavuot (Judaism—Feast of Weeks; celebration of the giving of the Torah; begins at sunset on 25th)