

# Calendar Connections

## October 2021

*Click on the name of each event for more information or inspiration.*

### Interfaith:

- [Feast of St Francis of Assisi](#) (Christian) - Oct. 4
- World Communion Sunday (Christian) - Oct. 3, 2021
- National Observance of [Children's Sabbath](#) - 3rd weekend of October
- [Mawlid al-Nabi](#) - the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad - Oct. 18, 2021
- [Reformation Day](#) (Christian) - Oct. 31
- Martin Luther posts [95 theses](#) - Oct. 31 1517
- [Samhain](#) (Wiccan) - Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 [[more](#) and [more](#)]

### Unitarian Universalist:

- Birthday of [e e cummings](#) - Oct. 14
- [Michael Servetus](#) burned at the stake in Geneva - Oct. 27 (1553) (more [here](#))
- UU Merger Vote: Unitarians and Universalists, meeting separately in Syracuse, NY, voted to proceed with consolidation - Oct. 31, 1959. (more [here](#))

### National & Cultural Holidays:

- [LGBTQ History Month](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15)
- [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Month](#) (more [here](#))
- [ADHD Awareness Month](#)
- Birthday of Mohandas Gandhi - Oct. 2 (1869)
- Thurgood Marshall sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. - Oct. 2, 1967
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice - Oct. 4, 1993
- [Sisters in Spirit Vigils](#) (Canada) - October 4, 2018: Honoring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)
- NASA launches first peopled mission, Apollo 7 - Oct. 11 (1968)
- [Indigenous Peoples Day](#) / Columbus Day (U.S.) - Oct. 11, 2022 (second Monday of October) - more [here](#)
- Toni Morrison becomes 1st African American woman to win Nobel Prize for Literature - Oct. 8, 1993
- [National Coming Out Day](#) - Oct. 11
- Thanksgiving Day (Canada) - Oct. 11 (second Monday in October)
- John Brown's Raid - Oct. 16 (1859)
- [United Nations Day](#) - Oct. 24
- Intersex Awareness Day - Oct. 26
- Halloween, All Soul's Eve - Oct. 31
- [Dia de los Muertos](#) - Oct.31 - Nov.2

## For Fun and On the Fringe:

- Country Music Month (designated Oct. 1970 [by Richard Nixon](#)) more [here](#) and [here](#)
- World Vegetarian Day - Oct. 1
- First episode of Unitarian [Rod Sterling](#)'s "Twilight Zone" - Oct. 1 (1959)
- PBS begins broadcasting - October 5, 1970
- [Mad Hatter Day](#) - Oct. 6
- [World Smile Day](#) - Oct. 6
- Apple introduces new iPod - Oct. 13 (2005)
- [Clergy Appreciation Day](#) - Oct. 10 (second Sunday of October)
- War of the Worlds radio lay causes mass hysteria - Oct. 30 (1938)