



TIME	BREAKOUT SESSION LEADER	SESSION TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Rev. Jan Fuller (She/Her), Chaplain Emerita, Elon University, and Rev. Kirstin Boswell (She/Her), University Chaplain and Dean of Multifaith Engagement, Elon University	<b>Spirituality and Wellness: Caring for Yourself and Others</b>	Lindner 204	We aim to think together about what spiritual care giving is in interfaith communities, to discern skills we use and develop in community caring, along with the ways these caregiving skills might be used in the wider world, including in paid employment as spiritual life professionals, chaplains, and spiritual life care positions that are available and growing.
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Amit Melchior (He/Him), Triad Israel Fellow, Elon University and Wake Forest University	<b>Nature and Faith</b>	Gray 103	Join us for a guided conversation about ourselves, our faiths, nature, and the meeting points of all three. Come be your truest self at nature, in the truest place there is. This session involves some walking, so make sure you're up for it before you join. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing.
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Tom Dierolf (He/Him), Community Member	<b>Unity in Diversity to work for the Betterment of the World: How Baha'is try to put this into practice.</b>	Belk 200	First, we will learn a bit about the Baha'i Faith and how Baha'is try to put unity in diversity into practice globally. Then we will have some small and large group discussions on a few quotes from the Baha'i Holy Writings, We will end with an inter-faith devotional on Unity and Peace that everyone can participate in.
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Tierza Watts (She/Her), Director, Center for Leadership, Elon University	<b>Strategic Planning for Your Faith Based Organization</b>	Lindner 206	As we follow our faith tradition, we often come into community within faith-based student organizations. These groups, like all student organizations, can have ups and downs. This workshop will guide student leaders through a review, analysis, and goal setting process that participants can use with their group to stay focused on their student organization mission and programmatic collaboration with other campus entities.



10:00 am - 11:00 am	Dr. Shereen Elgamal (She/Her), Lecturer in Arabic in the Department of World Languages and Cultures, Elon University	<b>The Value of Interfaith to Muslims in the Diaspora</b>	Numen Lumen Pavilion 201	The Session aims to present how Islam regards interfaith dialogue and the importance of this work to the lives of Muslims living in non Muslim-majority countries. Muslims in the diaspora come from all over the world and it is intriguing to look at how they could relate to and connect in healthy ways with members of other faith communities while preserving their unique religious identity.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Imam Shane Atkinson (He/Him), Associate Chaplain for Muslim Life, Elon University	<b>Race, Religion, and Redemption</b>	Gray 103	We will screen the short film 'Redneck Muslim, followed by a Q&A. The film explores the life and work of Shane Atkinson, a hospital chaplain in-training at North Carolina's biggest trauma center and founder of the on-line group the 'Society of Islamic Rednecks.' A 45-year old, white "good old boy" from Mississippi who converted to Islam in 1999, Shane is exploring ways to honor his Southern heritage while also challenging white supremacy.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Amit Melchior (He/Him), Triad Israel Fellow, Elon University and Wake Forest University	<b>Let's talk Holiness in the Holy Land, a conversation about interfaith in Israel</b>	Belk 200	Let's meet for a learning session and conversation about Israel and its different places of worship. What faiths are in Israel? In what spaces? What are the positive moments and the complex moments? Let's talk about it. Please note: This is not a political conversation, nor will we touch on the current geopolitical situation; participants should come with open & brave hearts and minds.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Bob Martin (He/Him) Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Law	<b>Using the I Ching for Personal Growth</b>	Lindner 202	The I Ching is a centuries-old method of gaining mastery in life. Coming to us out of the Taoist tradition, it teaches us how to recognize the dynamics of the situations we engage in and how to adjust our behavior to be the most effective and efficient. As a daily practice we learn how to identify "The Flow" and then how to "Go with the Flow." This session will be an introduction to the wisdom of the I Ching and hands-on experience of working with it.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Ryan Gibbons '25 (He/They)	<b>Sacred Bread: A Discussion on Baking and Religion</b>	Numen Lumen Pavilion Kitchen	The goal of this session is to have an in-depth discussion on the importance of baked goods in various religions around the world. The first half of the session will be an exploration of challah, a type of bread that is notable within Ashkenazi Jewish culture. As



				we talk about the history and significance of this bread, we will also braid and egg wash our own mini challahs. The second half of the session will be spent discussing relevant baked goods in other religions. Participants are highly encouraged to discuss any and all baked goods from their own religious backgrounds as a way of encouraging an interfaith discussion.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Hillary Zaken (She/Her), Interim Assistant Dean of Multifaith Engagement, Elon University	<b>The Red Tent</b>	Numen Lumen Pavilion Library (2nd Floor)	The Red Tent is a gathering that celebrates female spirituality and energy. It is a real space where participants will create a circle where they can speak and listen, share and reflect. This space is open to female, non-binary, and female-identifying people. If you have any questions about whether this space is appropriate for you, reach out to Hillary Zaken and Rabbi Maor Greene.
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Rev. Julie Tonnesen (She/Her), Associate Chaplain, Elon University	<b>InTRafaith Work in Papua New Guinea</b>	Lindner 204	This session is twofold: it will first share information about the ways in which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) have engaged in intrafaith work over the last decade. Secondly, it will provide participants with the opportunity to brainstorm and get practical ideas about how to engage in intrafaith work in a global context, building upon the resources and connections they already have.
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Alexandra James '25 (She/Her)	<b>Ikigai and Finding Purpose in Life</b>	Lindner 204	This session will be exploring the Japanese concept of ikigai and contemplating what gives people purpose in their lives. Participants will learn more about this concept, think about their own passions and dreams, and connect with others over the different passions and hobbies people have.
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Ivy Breivogel (She/Her), Assistant Director for the Office of Spirituality and Meaning-Making, Cornell University	<b>Unitarian Universalism 101</b>	Lindner 202	Come learn about a progressive liberal nonreligious religious tradition! UUism is centered around 7 principles rather than a creed, and draws from all of the world's religions, humanism, and the spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions. We'll talk about the history, beliefs, cultural norms, and experiences of the UU tradition, with time for Q&A.



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<p>3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Jillian Shor '24 (She/They) and The Spirit and Pride Cohort</p>	<p><b>Tarot Talk</b></p>	<p>Numen Lumen Pavilion Library (2nd floor)</p>	<p>We will teach some of the basics of how to read and interpret tarot and give an opportunity for participants to practice.</p>
<p>3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Madeleine Hollenbeck '24 (She/Her)</p>	<p><b>Multifaith Art: Ritual Objects in Conversation</b></p>	<p>Numen Lumen Pavilion 201</p>	<p>This breakout session will consist of participants visiting Ritual Art Recontextualized in the Numen Lumen Pavilion and reflecting on the connections between religious objects of various cultures and traditions. By looking at pieces of art, interacting with photos, and watching or listening to the videos through the QR codes, participants can discover the concept of multisensory experiences in relation to ritual art. They will take notes on the different ways art interacts with religion and discuss the similar functionalities of the art despite being from different traditions.</p>
<p>3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Rev. Julie Tonnesen (She/Her), Associate Chaplain, Elon University</p>	<p><b>Engaging Christians in Interfaith Work</b></p>	<p>Belk 200</p>	<p>This breakout session will create space for folks to share both best practices for engaging Christians in Interfaith work, and to share initiatives that have not worked well. In addition, it will help to challenge the ideal that many Christians claim keeps them from engaging with folks of other faiths and world views: that the only way to gain eternal salvation is to believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This session will help to equip folks with ideas of why Christians can and should engage in Interfaith work, in hopes that they will take these ideas back to their own faith communities.</p>