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LAMMAS

Traditional early harvest festival, acknowledging summer's waning and the swift approach of fall.

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ARRIVAL OF THE SHAKERS IN AMERICA

Our good friends at Chosen Land, the Shaker Community at Sabbathday Lake, Maine, celebrate today *The Glorious Sixth*, marking the arrival of founder Mother Ann Lee and her small band of followers from England to the New World in 1774.

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER CONCLUDE

Sirius, the Dog Star, has been rising with the sun since the third of July. The two stars now part for another year.

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OBON

This beautiful summer festival of Japan honors the dead with food, music, regional *Bon Odori* dances, and home altars. These days and nights of Obon conclude with the ancestors returning to their distant shore in the form of illuminated lanterns set sail across the water. Some prefectures celebrate in July, but most celebrate now, in mid-August.

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ASSUMPTION OF MARY, FERRAGOSTO
Height of the summer holidays in Italy; most folks close up shop and head to the sea in a late summer tradition that dates back to Ancient Rome.

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BARTLEMAS WAYZGOOSE

St. Bartholomew is a patron saint of bookbinders, and he's important to papermakers and printers, as well. His feast day, known as Bartlemas, brings the traditional Wayzgoose celebration, marking the day each waning summer when printers in England papered their windows and resumed setting type by the light of lanterns and candles.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY

Yet another reason to raise a glass for a toast: St. Augustine is a patron saint of printers and of brewers, too.

Huzzah and cheers!



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