

# Washington Unitarian Universalist Church

## Schedule for Summer 2012

Route 110, Washington, Vermont

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Worship Service at 10 AM Followed by a potluck luncheon. All welcome.  
Childcare provided.

### **Adult Religious Education Group**

following the potluck on Sundays when Rev. Kennedy preaches

### **Sunday Services**

**August 19 “En-Joy-Ment!”** with Rev. Dr. M’ellen Kennedy

Come get infused and enthused as we explore the spiritual power of music, dance and art. Musician, Helen Wilson on organ. After the potluck, Friends on the Path Adult Religious Education Group led by Rev. M’ellen.

**August 26 “Garden Glory!”** with Rev. Dr. M’ellen Kennedy

Fresh tomatoes, blueberries, basil and much more entice us at farmer’s market, roadside stands and in our own back yards. The world’s religions have often used the imagery of a garden to describe paradise and heaven. Let’s explore the spiritual significance of the garden. You’re invited to bring your garden bounty for an altar display and the potluck luncheon. Helen Wilson on organ. After the potluck, Friends on the Path Adult Religious Education Group led by Rev. M’ellen.

**September 2 “Laboring and a Balanced Life”** with Laelia Tawnamaia

At this season preceding the end of the Jewish year and beginning of a new one, it's common to review one's life choices in the light of one's religious values. It's also Labor Day, when we reaffirm the worth of human efforts, of workers, and of people's needs for balance; work is important, but so are other aspects of life. Nora Zablow on piano.

# Impromptu Choir and Movement Troupe

## This Sunday at 9 Led by Rev. M'ellen

Hello Everyone,

I'm pulling together an impromptu choir to give some extra pizzazz to the worship service this Sunday. You're invited! Please arrive by 9 sharp if at all possible. Helen Wilson will accompany us on organ. Here's what I have in mind. I've never conducted a choir except when I was at Rowe Conference Center taking a workshop with Nick Page a few years back. So this will be an adventure for me. Steve Finner has graciously agreed to be a backup if I'm struggling.

For the anthem, I think we'll have a great time singing # 327 "Joy, Thou Goddess." It's a familiar tune by Beethoven - same as #29, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee -- Ode to Joy from one of his symphonies. Most likely you know it. It's wonderful!!!

In addition to the anthem, we'll practice the hymns. For the middle hymn, I'm leaning towards # 309 "Earth Is Our Homeland" or #330 "The Arching of the Morning Glows." (If you have a preference, let me know). For the closing hymn, we'll sing #368 "Now Let Us Sing!" I love this one and with strong male and female voices, it really zings!! I think we can have a blast with it. We definitely need some low voices to make it work.

For the Opening Hymn, we'll sing #188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are." Those who want to are invited to serve as a troupe, dancing or processing into the church as we sing. If you want to participate in just this part, please arrive by 9:30. The words are simple from a poem by the Persian

mystic, Rumi. Since we'll be walking (if not dancing) if You can memorize the lines, that would make it easier. So here they are: "Come, come, whoever You are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again, come."

You're welcome to participate in both the impromptu choir and the processional troupe or in just one if You prefer. Please let me know if You plan to be there. Email me at [mellenken@aol.com](mailto:mellenken@aol.com) or give me a call at 802-453-5469. Looking forward to it. ~ M'ellen

## **Soul and Cinema Documentary Series**

Tuesday evening Potluck at 5:30. Film starts at 6:15.

We had more than a dozen folks at potluck and documentary last week "Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama." It was really an enjoyable evening. And before hand, some of us went to George Plumb's for some drumming and mediation at his sacred stone circle outside. A lovely evening. Hope You'll join us next week for the next film.

**August 21** "Playing for Change: Peace Through Music" in conjunction with the service on 8/18

Playing for Change is a multimedia movement created to inspire, connect, and bring peace to the world through music. The idea for this project arose from a common belief that music has the power to break down boundaries and overcome distances between people. No matter whether people come from different geographic, political, economic, spiritual or ideological backgrounds, music has the universal power to transcend and unite us as one human race. And with this truth firmly fixed in their minds, the crew of this film set out to share it with the world. Mark Johnson, co-founder of PFC, traveled with his crew recording musicians in far flung corners of the globe. This is a fun and uplifting film that leaves you smiling and singing!