

Columbia Explorer

Columbia District United Methodist Women Late Summer Edition 2019



Calendar of Events 2019

September 7 Deadline for getting names of deceased UMW members to
Janice Stevens

September 14 Columbia District Annual Meeting : Fremont UMW, Portland, OR

Speaker: Julia Nielson

Theme: *Churches Working Together for Affordable Housing*

October 18 OR/ID UMW Conference District Officer Training Event

October 19 OR/ID UMW Conference Annual Meeting—Both meetings are at the Newberg United Methodist Church, Newberg, OR

Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is:

- to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
- to develop a creative, supportive fellowship;
- and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.



President's Message

Sisters in Christ:

I hope that all of you are having a wonderful, fun-filled, relaxing summer!

I attended two Mission u events, and took both *Women United for Change* and *Practicing Resurrection*. They were excellent!

I also ticked one item off my “bucket list,” touring the Oregon Caves! What a magnificent experience – not for the claustrophobic or those who can’t climb a lot of stairs - and I went on a dune buggy ride outside of Florence.

Though there are a lot of warm summer days left we are beginning to think of Fall UMW events such as the Columbia District Annual Meeting and the OR/ID Conference UMW Annual meeting.

One of our responsibilities at district annual meetings is nominating and voting for executive team members – and we have room for more! Included in the program booklet will be an “Every Woman’s Leadership Potential” form. We will allow a few moments for you to complete the form and turn it in at the end of our time to together. I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider where you may feel led to serve.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at one or both of our upcoming events...and don’t forget to invite someone new to attend with you!

Love and Blessings,
Janice Stevens

The place God calls you to is the place
where your deep gladness
and the world’s deep hunger meet.

Frederick Buchner

Columbia District Annual Meeting

September 14, 2019

Fremont United Methodist Church

2620 NE Fremont St. Portland, OR



9:00—Registration

12:30— Lunch Break

1:45—Adjournment

(Street Parking, carpooling encouraged, Handicap Accessible)

Jules Nielsen



Jules is one of the pastors of Portsmouth Union Church, she is an ordained United Methodist deacon helping our inclusive urban United Methodist and Disciples of Christ congregations lean into the Spirit's calling to love our neighbors by creating radically inclusive community, building affordable housing on our property, and providing space for Disciples of Jesus to worship, practice, and live.

Jules also serves as the Leaven Community as the Faith Community Housing Developer by assisting congregations pursuing the mission of ending the Portland housing crisis.

Speaker: Jules Nielsen
Theme: *Churches Working Together to Address Affordable Housing.*

- Coffee and morning snacks provided.
- Business Meeting, including Election of Officers and Installation of Officers; Memorial for Women who have passed away in 2018-2019; Pledge Service; Book Review.
- Bring a salad for the potluck lunch
- The offering will go to United Methodist Women Missions.
- Reading Program Book Exchange—years from 2015 to 2019

Please contact President Janice Stevens by September 7th, with the names of members who have passed away from September 2018-2019.

An outside ramp goes to the Fellowship Hall. In the event of rain, we will have umbrella assistants to cover those who need to use the ramp.

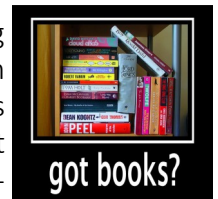


Proposed Apartment Building at the Portsmouth Union Church in North Portland, OR

* Resource Table—Reading Program *

National UMW is not providing books for the Reading Program any longer. Judi Hanson has several books for purchase that the District has purchased earlier.

- She will also have some books available to purchase that she will review.
- In addition, we will have a Book Exchange. Please bring any books that you have from the Reading Program from years 2015-2019, that you are willing pass on. Mark them on the inside with the year in the program and the category.
- Borrowed books will also be available to browse, but not for sale.
- Order forms will be available for any who wish to place an order.





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Columbia District United Methodist Women Nominated Slate of Officers for the 2019-2020 Year

PresidentJanice StevensMontavilla UMW
 SecretaryClarice KruschwitzMontavilla UMW
 Treasurer.....Suzanne Wardenaar.....Fremont UMW
 Communications Coordinator.....Clarice Kruschwitz.....Montavilla UMW
 Resource Room Manager.....Judi Hanson.....Christ UMW
 Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator.....Gloria MarpleGreat Spirit UMW
 Social Action Coordinator.....Claudia Roberts.....Fremont UMW
 Member, Committee on Nomination.....Loretta Milton.....Great Spirit UMW

Pledge to Mission

An individual member's Pledge to Mission is the amount a woman gives to her local unit to help fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women. The pledge goes to the District, and the District's pledge goes to the Conference.

The Conference United Methodist Women pledges a specific amount to United Methodist Women's national office for mission with women, children and youth and retains a designated percent to be used for district and conference administration and membership development expenses.

2020 Unit Pledge to Mission



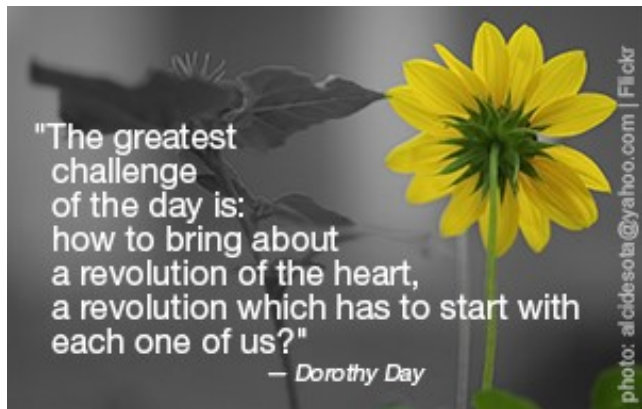
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Pledge Amount \$ _____

UMW Unit Name _____

 President's or Treasurer's Signature

Please return this form at the Columbia District UMW Annual District Meeting September 14, or mail to Suzanne Wardenaar, Columbia District Treasurer. (3114 NE 35th Pl., Portland, OR 97212, 503-287-3446, Wardenaar@msn.com)



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