

# Columbia Explorer

## Columbia District United Methodist Women Summer Edition 2019



### Calendar of Events 2019

- July 12 & 13** *Mission u* Bose, ID  
**July 19 & 20** *Mission u* Lake Oswego, OR  
**August 2 & 3** *Mission u* Roseburg, OR  
**August 9 & 10** *Mission u* Burley, ID
- 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

United Methodist Women Sisters:

I am writing this on the first day of summer! Although to look outside you many not know it – since it's a bit gray and cool in Portland. Of course, the good news is that the warm (hot) days will be upon us soon enough and we'll be longing for the coolness once again!

I'm looking forward to the somewhat slower summer days. I enjoy sitting on my deck, glass of iced tea at hand and a great book longing to be read. Of course, it is a book from the United Methodist Women's Reading Program! I have read several already and they have been interesting, eye-opening, enjoyable, educational, and even a bit annoying. I'm also planning a bit of travel, attending Mission u at Lake Oswego UMC and Roseburg UMC, and spending time with family,

As you plan your summer activities, I encourage you to attend Mission u, read some terrific books from our reading program, and enjoy the beautiful world God has created.

***This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it."***

May your summer days be filled with sunshine, rest, reinvigoration, joy, and blessings!

In Christ's Love,

Janice

(Ahhh, the sun is beginning to peak through the clouds!)



# 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

**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 2019;
  - Pledge Service
- Bring a salad for the potluck lunch
- The offering will go to United Methodist Women Missions.

Please contact President Janice Stevens with the names of members who have passed away in 2018. Also if you have any questions please contact Janice Stevens, [grandmamaj@comcast.net](mailto:grandmamaj@comcast.net), 503-860-1452, or Clarice Kruschwitz, [clarohn@msn.com](mailto:clarohn@msn.com), 503-309-4328.



Proposed Apartment Building at the  
Portsmouth Union Church in N Portland.

(Street Parking, carpooling encouraged)

*Churches Working Together to Address Affordable Housing*

**Julia Nielsen**

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A native Ohioan, devoted fan of British crime procedurals, and hedgehog enthusiast, Rev. Julia 'Jules' Nielsen serves the people of North Portland in a variety of ways. As 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 congregation 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 pursue the mission of ending the Portland housing crisis, and as a professional coach through the international Coaches Training Institute.

Jules will share with us about the apartments they are building, and also about how churches can work together for affordable housing when they do not have spaces in which they can build housing on their properties.

## United Nations Forum on the Question of Palestine

While meeting in New York City in early April, the Peace with Justice Coordinators from around the country were invited to attend the opening of a forum at the United Nations on the status of Palestine. The forum started with a panel of four men. Two of them were Palestinians, one was an Israeli and the fourth was UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine. Over all, all of the speakers were very pessimistic about there every being a restoration of a Palestinian state. There are many supporters of Palestinian rights in Israel and around the world who have struggled for this to happen for 70 years. It seems tragic that after all this time there has been no solution for the Palestinians who have lived there for thousands of years.

It was interesting to me that all of the Palestinian speakers and human rights activists supporting the Palestinians were saying that the possibility of a two-state solution has evaporated and the focus needs to be on obtaining rights for the Palestinians within the Israel controlled territory. But the United Nations and the World Court are still pushing for the two-state solution.

I was left with the impression that Palestinians are seeking to be accepted as human beings with rights that are being violated by the Israel government daily and ask that the World hold the Israel government accountable for their crimes. Unless this happens, they do not see any possibility for improvement in their plight.

By Claudia Roberts, OR-ID UMC Annual Conference.

### Columbia District Women Celebrating Our 150 Years!

- We watched videos of our 150 Years.
- We did programs on the History of our 150 Years.
- We provided a Worship Service for our Congregation.
- We had Cake! In our units, at Spiritual Retreat and Every Member Enrichment Event.
- We wore Hats!
- We made Donations to the Legacy Fund.



## Mission u

**Registration is OPEN!!**

### 2019 Dates and Locations are:

- Boise First UMC, Boise, ID—July 12-13
- Lake Oswego UMC, Lake Oswego, OR  
July 19-20
- Roseburg UMC, Roseburg, OR — Aug. 2-3
- Burley UMC, Burley, ID Aug. 9-10

### Studies offered this year:

- **Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission** By Ellen Blue Leader: Lory Nesor
- Spiritual Growth Study: **Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship** By Janet Wolf Leaders: Evelyn Erbele in Oregon & Carol Sullivan in Idaho
- **What about Our Money? A Faith Response** By Susan K. Taylor Leader: Rochelle Killett

**This last study will only be offered at the Boise First UMC and Lake Oswego UMC Mission u's.**

You will find on-line registration at :

<https://www.umoi.org/umwmissionu>

You can also download a printed paper copy from this website.

**Registration fee is \$80.00.** You will need to order your study books ahead of Mission u. No study books will be available for sale during Mission u. You may order Kindle versions through Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or paper versions through the Mission Resource Center.

**All Mission u schools begin at 12:30 pm Friday & end at 4:30 pm on Saturday.**

**We are still celebrating, 150 Years of United Methodist Women! There will be cake and ice cream!**



**WANTED!**

**United Methodist Women to fill these Officer positions in Columbia District.**

**Vice President**

**Education & Interpretation**

**Membership Nurture & Outreach**

**Nominations Chair**

**Nominations Committee Members**

Please let President Janice Stevens know if you would be willing to fill one of these positions or know of someone that would be a good possible person for these positions.

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