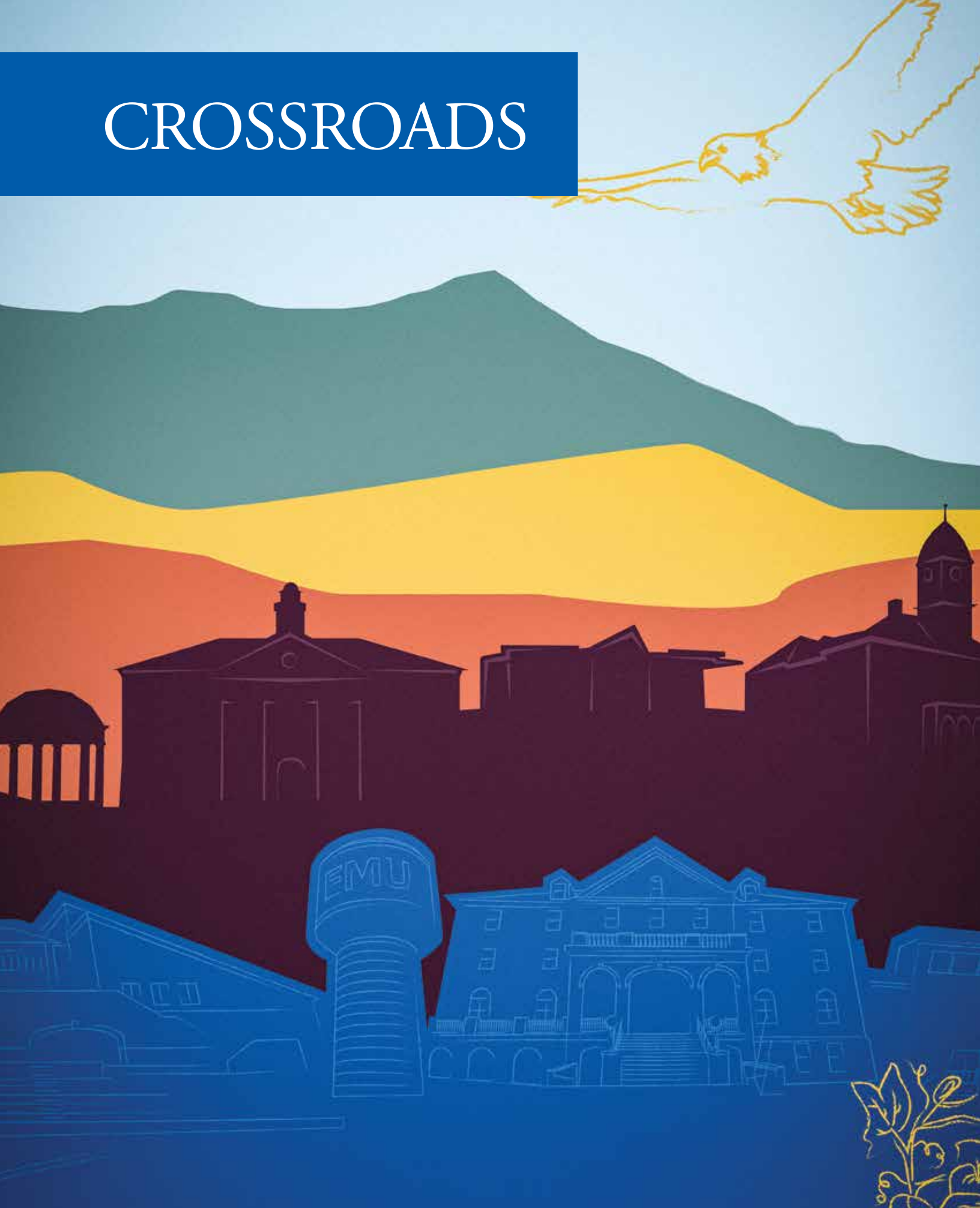


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE POWER OF PLACE

SUSAN SCHULTZ HUXMAN

ALL OF US can relate to times in our lives when place is especially valued. Those of you who have bought or sold a home know the real estate agent's adage: "Location, location, location!"

Selecting where to attend university is another important time. And even more significant – where to plant a school! For more than a decade in the first part of the 20th century, Mennonites in the east debated where to plant their church school. Denbeigh by the sea almost won out; then there was momentum for Alexandria close to our nation's capital. Bishop Daniel Kauffman opined that location was "too militaristic." Finally, perhaps as much out of weariness as inspiration, this idyllic spot in the Shenandoah Valley with its rich farmland and stunning vistas won out. And in October 1917 in the midst of World War I, Eastern Mennonite School opened.

In this issue of *Crossroads*, we introduce our newest conversation around the power of place – the exciting renovations of University Commons. Recently, academics and architects have renewed their attention to the power of place in facilitating communities of deep learning. Here are two points from recent research that relate to our latest project:

Learning communities outside the classroom can provide vital points to forge connection.

Informal learning spaces *outside* the classroom are especially equipped to facilitate learning by supporting social connectedness, community formation, and identity. Scholar Richard Detweiler cites research in *The Evidence that Liberal Arts Needs* (MIT Press, 2021) that 80% of all learning on college campuses happens outside the classroom.

Learning communities outside the classroom can also provide opportunities to experience authentic community and common ground.

A body of research suggests that in a polarized society, coffee shops are a special venue for bridging difference. They function as social magnets, attracting conflicting actors to put off their differences in lieu of community building. They are also safe, vibrant gathering places which allow students to converse and commune with "the other." These places give us a sense of belonging and shape our sensibilities as a civil society that prizes difference.

This research supports what we, and our students, already know here at EMU. Our Anabaptist theology pushes us to witness "shalom," that ancient word that means faith-inspired communities of peace and wholeness." Practicing shalom reminds us that church is not about individuals, but about the body. The body is one of the most commonly used metaphors for the church in the New Testament.

New digital spaces are impressive in their global reach, but they do not bind us to one another in ways that sustain shalom; in ways that ground us; in ways that privilege presence and closeness. Indeed, grounded places still matter above disembodied spaces in forging a community of Anabaptist learners.

In gratitude for 1200 Park Road and the EMU Student Union and Common Grounds,



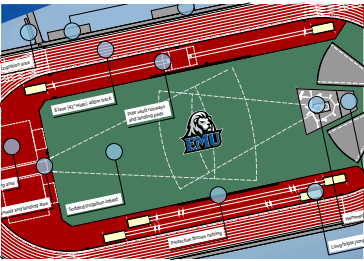
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2022**

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DERRICK CHIRINOS '19 AND
BRYAN LUNA '20



Facing page, clockwise from top: Girl Named Tom perform to a soldout crowd on the Front Lawn. // Herm greets guests. // Food trucks and tailgating are favorite activities on Saturday.

Clockwise, from top: Dr. Todd Weaver '87 speaks to the TenTalks audience. He was joined by fellow athletes Sue Blauch '86 and Jered Lyons '08. // Participants in the Chamber Singers reunion sing with current director Professor Benjamin Bergey '11 at the piano. // The Color Run and inflatables draw all ages of Royals. // EMU's field hockey team celebrates a 3-2 win over Bridgewater.

RENOVATION

UNIVERSITY COMMONS

NEW SPACES
DESIGNED
FOR STUDENTS



THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED RENOVATIONS OF THE 3,726-SQUARE-FOOT COMMON GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE AND STUDENT UNION WERE UNVEILED IN EARLY OCTOBER 2022. AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY IN FRONT OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM BLUELINE ARCHITECTS, HARMAN CONSTRUCTION, TRUMBO ELECTRIC AND MAST AND BRUNK, PRESIDENT SUSAN SCHULTZ HUXMAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR A PROJECT SHE CALLED “THE FASTEST RENOVATION IN THE HISTORY OF EMU.”

Students study in the new Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Student Union space.

PHOTO BY JON STYER '07

Open and welcoming, the coffee shop is in the heart of campus on prime real estate that once housed the bookstore. The 3,726-square-foot space features an adjacent stage, projector and sound system, comfortable seating options, bright decor and updated lighting. When EMU's contract with its bookstore vendor came to a natural end, campus planners were excited by the opportunity to envision a more student-centered

space aligned with community values.

“Our hope was to “enhance the spaces where gathering and community happen at EMU,” said Dean of Students **Shannon Dycus**. “In necessary and important ways, conversation and relationships are exchanged in informal spaces like this. Much like the living room in many homes, this new place invites students and staff to gather within and across existing academic and identity groups to

be, talk, work and share.”

Students say their new “living room” has surpassed expectations. **Briana Garcia-Sanchez**, one of four student managers for the coffee house, likes the “more modern look and feel.” Her prediction that the centralized location would bring more foot traffic has been confirmed by increased business.

“I love the new energy of this space,” said **Ella Brubaker**, Student Govern-

ment Association co-president. “It’s a good place for students to create connections and study. You will almost always run into someone you know.”

Now a campus hub, the student union has hosted several formal and informal events, including an end-of-semester dance, trivia night, and study sessions for finals. The group games of the 2022 FIFA World Cup provided the first opportunity to host watch parties of

important global and national events.

The \$2.2 million renovation also included two major works of art, upgrades to the President’s Reception Room, and a new admissions space on the first floor as well as an ongoing renovation to the hallway leading to EMU Athletics.

JOURNEY **TOGETHER**

'WE ARE ALL ON THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER' SPEAKS TO OUR VISION TO CREATE A SPACE FOR INCLUSIVITY, CONNECTION AND UNDERSTANDING.

– JON STYER '07, DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE SERVICES

Director of Creative Services Jon Styer '07 collaborated with his staff and campus stakeholders to design a six-panel mural for the indoor track wall adjacent to the Hall of Nations. The bold, colorful graphics are based on photos of EMU students involved in various aspects of campus life, from academic pursuits to residence life activities and athletics. Each panel holds one phrase ("Belong Together, Lead Together, Grow Together ...") with a culminating statement envisioning inclusivity and connection: "We are all on this journey together."

SEE THE PHOTOS THAT INSPIRED THIS MURAL



With appreciation for sophomore Mana Acosta and her Facebook post that inspired this spread.



A new community space with a living room feel for gathering, belonging, and welcoming



UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
 EMU's University Commons has always been a campus hub. Now the easy-to-find spacious admissions office on the ground floor positions Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment Luke Litwiller and his team to greet visitors and connect them quickly with other important campus services and staff in the Student Life, Athletics and Auxiliary Services suites. "This new space has been the perfect complement and a real boost to this team's ongoing work of reimagining EMU's recruitment strategies and our team culture," Litwiller said. At the front of the space, couches and a digital fireplace encourage more leisurely conversation with prospective students and parents, while the open, light-filled office space gives Litwiller's hard-working team of eight a place to mingle energies, collaborate, and be their authentic selves. The result is a more cohesive, relationship-centered and enjoyable experience for everyone involved, he said.

'OF THE VALLEY' MURAL
 A mural designed by Rachel Holderman '18 decorates the east wall outside the Student Life suite. Landmark buildings of Harrisonburg and the EMU campus are silhouetted against Massanutten Peak. Outlines of a soaring eagle and stalks of corn, beans, and squash, known as the "three sisters" acknowledge the original stewards and their forcible removal from the region. Central to Native American agricultural and culinary traditions, each plant provides support for the others to grow and thrive, "similar to our hope for the EMU community," Holderman said. She sketched in the outlines of the mural and then hosted painting sessions for first-years during Move-In Weekend.

COMMON GROUNDS
 EMU's new coffeehouse is a space for students to call their own. It's entirely student-run, flourishing under an eclectic group of leaders who join their talents and skills to create an ever-changing entrepreneurial enterprise. From keeping the books to training baristas and managing work schedules, Common Grounds managers do it all, gaining new skills and confidence. The coffeehouse provides a fun and relaxing location for a variety of activities throughout the school year and is open to the public as well.



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 AND DERRICK CHIRINOS '19

6 MONTHS & 2194.3 MILES

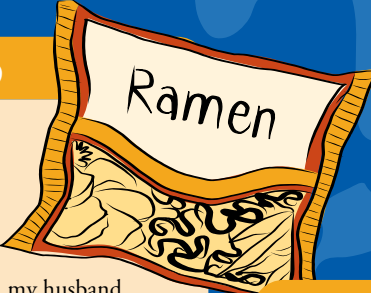
2 SISTERS ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

GEORGIA TO MAINE, FEB. 18-AUG. 29



MELISSA HORST KINMAN '03

Trail name: Relish
Favorite trail food: Ramen is cheap, light, quick and tasty with easy options for mix-ins.



I got hooked on my very first backpacking trip with my husband Matt - a 50-mile section of the Appalachian Trail (AT) from Rockfish Gap to Swift Run Gap in Shenandoah National Park. After that, I couldn't shake the "AT bug!" I read and learned more about it and knew that I had to thru-hike it one day!



MONICA HORST RHODES '03

Trail name: Play by Play
Favorite trail food: Little Debbie double decker oatmeal cream pies are 490 calories of yumminess!

I trained for and ran my first half marathon during COVID in 2020. I realized how much I enjoyed having physical goals and how much satisfaction meeting each of those training milestones can bring. Melissa introduced me to a YouTube channel of a mother and her 7-year-old daughter who thru-hiked in 2021. As I watched their channel, I got the "AT bug" too and knew I HAD to do it!

RECORD LOW TEMPS

-26 °F **SMOKY MOUNTAIN**
TENNESSEE

Monica: In the Smokies, we started receiving alerts of record low temps (-26 with the wind chill), blustery wind, ice and snow. There are not many areas that you can "bail out" of the Smokies. When we were about two miles from the shelter we intended to hunker down in, we ran into a Ridge Runner. He gave us a map and highlighted a trail that would lead us out of the park. We had to walk an additional three miles, past the shelter on the AT, and then go an additional nine miles to safety (in addition to the eight miles we'd already walked that day). We decided this was our safest option. When we finally came off the mountain by headlamp, our shuttle driver came running up the trail to find us! He safely got us to a hotel where we waited out the bitter cold, ice, and snow for the next several days.

HAY ROCK, DALEVILLE, VA



FAVORITE SECTION

FRANCONIA RIDGE,
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Melissa: Walking along the ridge with the alpine environment and 360-degree views is breathtaking! It's a unique and stunning landscape that made me feel like I was hiking in another country. The weather was perfect the day that we hiked through that section, so we could see for miles in all directions!

LONGEST DAY

24 MILES **ANTLER'S CAMPSITE TO RAINBOW LAKE DAM**
MAINE

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LOVED PIECE OF GEAR

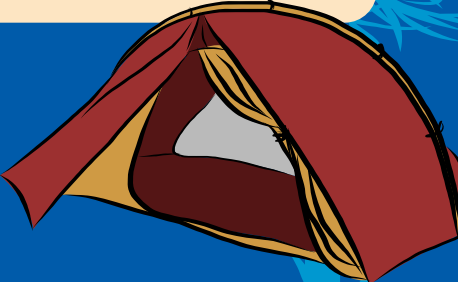
BLACK DIAMOND TREKKING POLES

Melissa: I don't think my knees would have been able to make the entire journey without them! They were a crucial piece of gear that I used every day for both hiking and for setting up my tent quickly and easily at the end of the day.

Monica: The poles became a second pair of legs. When climbing steep terrain, I used them to dig in with my arms to make the climbing easier and when we were going down steep terrain, they acted as "brakes" and helped to take a lot of strain off of my knees. I also really loved my **RAINBOW TARP TENT!** It truly felt like my home away from home (which it was)! And as odd as it sounds, I miss it sometimes!

THREE PIECES OF ADVICE

- 1.** Concentrate on each small step; they all lead to the greater goal.
- 2.** Don't wait for the perfect time to go after your dream. Make the time.
- 3.** Focus on what you can control and don't stress about the things you can't control.



HARTMAN FAMILY VENTURE

Reviving a Mennonite Tradition



Curt Hartman, Lee Hartman, RC Hartman and Jackie Hartman with Bluestone Vineyard's 1200 Park Cabernet Franc and Viognier.

PHOTO BY DERRICK CHIRINOS '19

LEE HARTMAN STANDS at sunset between rows he helped to plant at his family's vineyard south of Bridgewater. The award-winning Virginia vintner is about to celebrate the launch of two special wines under the 1200 Park label in honor of his alma mater. In a few moments he'll greet local alumni business owners and other members of the EMU community in Bluestone Vineyard's tasting room, joined by his father **Curt**, a former board member and adjunct business instructor, his mother **Jackie**, and

his brother **RC**, a 2015 MBA graduate and the company's operations manager.

While 1200 Park isn't the first small-batch, special-label wine Hartman has crafted, it holds a special place in his heart. He identifies as a Mennonite winemaker, just one of two he knows of in the United States.

"I was really tickled about making this wine for EMU. I hope it's something we do for a long time," he says, as the sun slips toward Reddish Knob. "I've really been looking forward to sharing more

about this place and seeing people connected to EMU celebrating what we do."

The confluence of events during that October evening inspires a pause, an accounting of Hartman's path and appreciation for his family and the team of employees at Bluestone Vineyard who share a vision of winemaking excellence and hospitality.

Since opening in 2011, the winery has steadily gained acclaim. The tasting room draws visitors from around the world, joining a loyal, growing local customer base. Bluestone won three gold medals in the 2022 Virginia Governor's Cup and a trove of awards in two prestigious national competitions in 2021, including two Best in Class awards and two double gold medals (meaning the judges are unanimous in their selection).

All of this, Hartman says with a laugh and a wave of his hand, was not in his plans when he returned to EMU and declared himself a history major after a year with the Intermento exchange program in Europe.

"But Mark Sawin, I took a lot of classes from him ... he would say that I am proof that you can do anything with a history degree," he adds.

When told of Hartman's comment, Professor **Mark Sawin** agreed: "While an EMU history degree doesn't specifically prepare you for a career in viticulture, it also does not NOT prepare you. The qualities that made Lee a strong history major are those that make him a great wine-maker: he is good at understanding complex scenarios, asking questions, and knowing how to research and find answers."

Sawin also sees the Hartman family vocation in a distinct cultural context. Mennonite opposition toward the consumption of alcohol is a relatively new and uniquely American disposition, he says: "Mennonites were historically excellent brewers and distillers, a tradition that really only came to an end with Prohibition in the 1920s. The Hartmans' venture is a renewal of an older tradition... they are going back to the roots of Mennonite culture."

The art of winemaking is rooted in hospitality and community-building, added President **Susan Schultz Huxman**. "Our peace-making friends at the

Center for Justice and Peacebuilding and around the globe have long recognized that the best way to forge friendships, create community, embrace difference, and celebrate is through music, sports and food," she said. "Hospitality and community-building – gathering around the table – are key values at EMU and here at Bluestone Vineyard with the Hartman family."

So perhaps winemaking is exactly what Lee Hartman is supposed to do: This lover of global cultures and exploration, waylaid in his early plan to work in the international travel industry, has instead planted his roots deep into this limestone-rich valley and intricate craft.

When prompted, though, he describes all that he loves about his work through a concept called terroir. "A bottle of our Chardonnay is just a bunch of dirt and water and sunlight, but it's something more: The grapes that come off of this vine are special because that vine is right there and nowhere else, and the soil there and the weather and the hands that take care of that vine are unique. And so because of that, our wines are unique and there's a commonality that gives them an identity. I love that. This is what keeps me here. We are literally sharing our home with our customers. They carry it with them, they drink it, and share it with others."

Home for the Hartmans is a landscape greatly changed from the first years of experimental vine plantings in 2008. What was at first a retirement project for Curt and Jackie expanded in both infrastructure and acreage after they sold their car dealership and were able to immerse themselves. Curt describes his learning experience as "an apprenticeship."

"I knew how to make wine before we started but if you're making commer-

cial wine, you can't just make pretty good homemade wine," he says. "You need to make really great wine. For a time, I was learning from a really outstanding consultant who essentially kept us moving forward towards that goal."

Bluestone Vineyard wine was first sold in 2009 with a tasting room opening two years later. This was the scene when Lee



1200 PARK

NOTES ON THE WINE
FROM WINEMAKER LEE HARTMAN

1200 PARK VIOGNIER: This wine has floral aromas, barrel-fermented without being dry, some density on the palate and pairs well with fresh southeast Asian cuisine.

1200 PARK CABERNET FRANC: This is grown in my front yard and is a great example of why I love that grape with fresh aromatics and a lighter side to the palate. It goes well with a wide variety of foods and straddles the line between a fun but serious wine.

HOSPITALITY AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING-GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE-GO HAND IN HAND AS KEY VALUES AT EMU AND HERE AT BLUESTONE VINEYARD WITH THE HARTMAN FAMILY.



Lee Hartman speaks to a group of EMU alumni during a business networking event that launched the new 1200 Park label.

PHOTO BY JON STYER '07

graduated from EMU. “While he was making plans to launch his career, we invited him to work for us and that was pretty much it,” Jackie remembers. “He started learning from Curt and our consultant and eventually took that over.”

Jackie says owning and operating a winery brings a special joy. While customers came to the dealership with a businesslike mindset, customers at the winery “always want to be here,” she adds. “And taking care of problems is simple. You can’t easily replace a car but you might be able to help make a customer happy with another bottle or glass of wine.”

Both she and Curt have enjoyed meeting and conversing with visitors, whether they come to unwind after work or for a wedding celebration. Sometimes those conversations lead to serendipitous co-incidences; for example, two New Jersey couples find out they live blocks apart or

the visitor from rural Pennsylvania who tells Curt that his mother and aunts were her babysitters.

The couple has also enjoyed watching their sons grow as people, as business owners, and in their particular niches. While Lee focuses on winemaking, his brother concentrates on operations.

With an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, strong tech skills and a “jack-of-all-trades” mentality, RC has long played the role of the intermittent on-call troubleshooter, “the person who handles small things before we call in the outside help.” One major early contribution was updating the winery’s point-of-sale system and training his mom on it. Earning his MBA degree from EMU also afforded practical opportunities to systematically analyze various aspects of the viticulture business. But other interests took most of his time and energy – he was involved in both

his parents’ dealership and in owning his own car dealership – until about 2019.

RC, who focuses mostly on IT, wholesale and marketing, has found a renewed purpose in preparing for a leadership transition and lessening his parents’ heavy workload.

“They’ve run nonstop for most of their lives and made a lot happen, so we’re really looking to help with that transition so they’re not always needing to be so involved, and they’re more comfortable with easing out and leaving things to us,” RC says. “It feels like a good place to be able to help with that.”

Visitors who stop in to purchase 1200 Park varietals will most likely see one of the Hartmans on the premises. “We so look forward to welcoming our EMU friends and sharing this gift from our home to yours,” Lee says.

– LAUREN JEFFERSON

VISIT US!



Learn more at
bluestonevineyard.com

or visit the tasting room at
4828 Spring Creek Rd., Bridgewater, Va.



COURTESY PHOTO



PHOTO BY RACHEL HOLDERMAN '18

WCSC WORKS!

Washington Community Scholars' Center is known for placing students in internships that later turn into job opportunities. Terry Jones '21 (left) is an IT analyst for Kapstone Technology Inc., a Reston, Virginia-based company that contracts for the Smithsonian OCIO. He helps users solve technical issues. Tessa Waidelich '21 (right) is an IT support specialist at Briya Public Charter School, a two-generation education site offering English classes for adults and early childhood education for their children.

MILEPOSTS

FACULTY AND STAFF

This list is a sampling of faculty and staff activities during summer and fall semester 2022.

Catherine Barnes, affiliate professor, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, facilitated a community dialogue initiative for the Rockingham County Public Schools. The 23-member group met from March-September 2022 with the goal of improving ways that county residents communicate with each other and school officials. The 34-page report can be found at www.rcps.net.

Benjamin Bergey, assistant professor of music, was the music coordinator for the 2022 Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia. He has been involved since 2019 on the event's program committee, with responsibilities of choosing the worship leader and members of the international choir. He also led the committee to select the international songbook, and worked on that project as the general editor.

Adam Posey, head baseball coach, led the EMU Royals to Academic Program of Excellence recognition from the American Baseball Coaches Association. The team was one of 420 collegiate programs with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.

Andrew Suderman, professor of Bible, religion and theology, spoke at the Global Youth Summit and offered or contributed to several workshops during the 2022 Mennonite World Conference (MWC) in Indonesia. Topics included peace, reconciliation and decolonialism, and a three-part series on the organization's Declaration of Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. Andrew has also served as the secretary of MWC's Peace Commission since 2015.

Don Tyson, professor of nursing, represented EMU at the Marpeck Deans Conference hosted by Bluffton College in May. Marpeck is a collaborative of eight Mennonite institutions.

Sessions focused on how productive teaching, learning and research emerge through interdisciplinary approaches and curricula. EMU will host the 2024 conference.

Anna Westfall, professor of art, exhibited “Bright Field” at the Spectra Gallery, The University of New Mexico. Westfall is a 2005 alumna of UNM's MFA program in sculpture and ceramics. Her work is a study of life both at its microscopic and macroscopic levels through ceramic forms.

Gaurav J. Pathania, professor of sociology and peacebuilding, presented at Yale University's conference on the civil sphere in India. His presentation extended previous research that was published as a book, The University as a Site of Resistance: Identity and Student Politics (Oxford University Press, 2018).

UNDERGRADUATE

1950-59

Nancy Lee '52, Madison, Wis., is a retired teacher and author of several books. She taught at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Goshen College, Northeastern University, University of Tennessee, University of Texas in Austin, Temple University's campus in Japan, and MeijiGahui University in Tokyo.

Luke Drescher '57, Harrisonburg, Va., is a retired life and health insurance agent. He is married to June Drescher '57.

Eunice Kraybill '57, Chapel Hill, N.C., is a research associate in pathology and a retired clinical instructor in nursing. She volunteers with a local retirement community.

Charles Longenecker '57, Lititz, Pa., taught biology for 48 years at Lancaster Mennonite School. He is active in Friends of the Woods and Wetlands at Landis Homes.

Roland Yoder '58, Lititz, Pa., taught biology, chemistry and art at Dock Mennonite High School for 38 years. He spent two sabbatical years teaching in Ethiopia and Kenya, as well

as 12 winters with the Service Opportunities with Our Partners program in Phoenix. He enjoys volunteering in the gardens at Landis Homes.

1960-69

Carol van Donk '62, Harrisonburg, Va., is a retired elementary school teacher and reading tutor. She attends Park View Mennonite Church.

Naomi DuBlanca '62, Lansdale, Pa., is a retired physician and chaplain. She and husband Walter DuBlanca attend Plains Mennonite Church.

Sandra Erb '62, New Holland, Pa., is retired. She and her late husband, David, have three children and three grandchildren who attend or graduated from EMU.

Sara Ann Landis '62, Lititz, Pa., is a retired master teacher at the Janus School for students with a learning difference. She attends Neffsville Mennonite Church.

Mary Ellen Lehman '62, Boswell, Pa., is a retired educator, and volunteers for the Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop. She and spouse Paul Lehman '63 attend Stahl Mennonite Church.

Myrna Neiswander '62, Sugarcreek, Ohio, is a retired bookkeeper for Russ Electric Inc., owned by her husband, Russell. She is a mother of five and grandmother of 20, and attends Beach City Bible Methodist.

Eunice Paul '62, Charlotte, N.C., is a retired registered nurse. She and her husband, Bill, attend Sonnenberg Mennonite Church.

Abner Schlabach '62, South Royalton, Vt., retired from his position as a research scientist at Merck. He attends Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Church.

Donald Showalter '62, Broadway, Va., earned his 16th consecutive Best Lawyer in America distinction. He has also been a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, nominated by his peers, since 2008. Don was the first EMU graduate to go to law school in 1962 at the University of Virginia. He has practiced in the same law firm in Harrisonburg for 57 years, and taught business law and investments for 33 years at EMU. He thanks his “excellent professors Hubert Pellman, I.B. Horst, Grant Stoltzfus, John Lapp, and others” for encouraging his pursuit of a legal career.

Millard Showalter '62, Harrisonburg, Va., is a professor emeritus of mathematics at EMU. He attends Park View Mennonite Church with his spouse, Mary Kratz '74.

Robert Weaver '62, Chamblee, Ga., is the CEO of Families First. He attends North Decatur Presbyterian Church with his spouse, Karen.

Lillian Weber '62, Mohnton, Pa., is retired. She volunteers at the Mennonite Central Committee ReUzit Shoppe and teaches a Bible Adventure course at Gehman Mennonite Church.

Dr. Daniel Wert '62, has been involved professionally with the local, regional, national and international efforts of Planned Parenthood for many years. He was recently honored by the naming of a new facility, the Dr. Daniel D. Wert Health Center at Lancaster, supported by Planned Parenthood Keystone. (Crossroads staff learned about this news from the Lancaster Online newspaper, published on Sept. 14, Dr. Wert's 84th birthday.)

Carroll Yoder '62, Harrisonburg Va., is a language and literature professor emeritus at Eastern Mennonite University. He is married to Nancy Myers Yoder '66, and they attend Shalom Mennonite Church.



SERVING HIS PEERS

Donatine Afful MA '20 (biomedicine), Dothan, Ala., in his third year of studies at Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine, was recently appointed education subcommittee co-chair for the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. In summer 2021, Don participated in an externship for first-year students at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab where he contributed to a top-placing research project in genetic expression profiles and biomarkers of pain in individuals with a spinal cord injury. Shirley Ryan is a nationally-ranked rehabilitation center in Chicago, Illinois. (Contributed photo)



55+1 ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Thirteen alumni couples, most of whom married in 1965 after graduation from EMC, gathered for three days in fall 2021 at Blackwater Falls State Park in West Virginia. The group met to observe their 25th and 40th anniversary years, and had planned to meet in 2020 for their 55th, but postponed it one more year because of the pandemic. They will meet again in 2025. Seated: Wesley Mast '68, Elsie Mack Mast '66, Susan Weaver Godshall '65, Emma Longenecker Frederick '64, Lois Myer Hess '65. Middle: Herb Myers '66, Stan Godshall '65, Sara Kolb, Noah Kolb '68, Dorothy Godshall Beidler '65, Sarah Bucher Myers, class of '66, Dorothy Umble Leatherman '64, Andy Leatherman '62, Elaine Wenger Good '66, Lucy Mumaw Shank '65. Back: Rod Houser '65, Luke Beidler '66, Mary Lou Weaver Houser class of '64, Judy Shenk Ranck, class of '65, Elizabeth Landis Nissley, class of '67, MDiv '02, Ken Nissley '66, Jim Ranck '65, J. Mark Frederick '66, Leon Good '66, Ernie Hess '65, Norman Shank '65. (Contributed photo)

Lowell Bender '67, Accident, Md., is a retired dean of continuing education and workforce development at Garrett College. He serves on various community and church boards.

Marianne Classen '67, Walnut Hill, Fla., is a retired English language teacher, librarian and counselor. She volunteers for numerous organizations.

Esther Mack King '67, Pottstown, Pa., is a retired certified nurse and midwife, and has volunteered with TriCounty Hospice for the past 15 years.

Sarah Bucher Myers '67, Keezletown Va., is retired from health services work. She attends Shalom Mennonite Church and has three children with her spouse, Herb Myers '66.

Larry Nolt '67, Key West, Fla., was elected to the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys Board of Governors. The board manages more than 150 charitable funds totaling over \$25 million, making grants over \$1.5 million annually to support Florida Keys nonprofits. Larry has three children and seven grandchildren residing in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Henry Rosenberger '67, Blooming Glen, Pa., is the CEO and owner of Rosenberger Cold Storage and Transport Inc. He attends Plains Mennonite Church with his spouse, Charlotte Graber Rosenberger '65.

Benjamin Wenger '67, Strasburg, Pa., is retired after being self-employed most of his life. He is on the board at Lancaster Mennonite High School.

Connie Heatwole Westfall '67, Harrisonburg, Va., is an elementary school teacher. She is married to Hugh, and they attend Covenant Presbyterian Church.

1970-79

Donald Bomberger '72, Harrisonburg, Va., is a retired project manager for Jenzabar. He and his spouse, Judy Keener Bomberger '73, attend Park View Mennonite Church.

Herman Bontrager '72, Lititz, Pa., is president and CEO emeritus of Goodville Mutual. He volunteers with the Clinic for Special Children, Lancaster Farmland Trust, and National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom. He and his spouse, Jeanette Noll Bontrager '73, attend Akron Mennonite Church.

Earl Burkholder '72, Las Cruces, N.M., is an emeritus faculty member of survey engineering at New Mexico State University.

Ethel Caldwell '72, Lancaster, Pa., is a retired registered nurse and health assistant. She worked at Landis Homes for 35 years and now volunteers for Meals on Wheels.

Robert Eberly '72, Leola, Pa., is the president and owner of EMY Technologies, Inc.

Lee Gingerich '72, Portland, Ore., is a bus operator for Trimet. He attends Portland Mennonite Church with his spouse, Mary Nice Gingerich '73.

Grace Helmuth '72, Pryor, Okla., is retired and volunteers in jail ministry.

Wayne Hershberger '72, Tyrone, Pa., is a retired veterinarian and owner of Town & Country Animal Hospital. He attends Church of the Good Shepherd with his spouse, Elaine Beyeler Hershberger '71. They have three children.

Larry Martin '72, Rockingham, Va., is a technical education instructor for Rockingham County Public Schools.

Robert Maust '72, Keezletown, Va., is a retired database programmer for Shenan-

doah Valley Organic. He attends Park View Mennonite Church with his spouse, Gretchen Hostetter Maust '73.

Barbara Cullers Miller '72, Rockingham, Va., is a retired director and teacher at EMU's Early Learning Center. She attends Park View Mennonite Church with her spouse, John Miller '72.

Roland England '72, Boonsboro, Md., retired in October 2022 as pastor of Christian Community Church (UCC) in Purcellville, Va.

Clara Gehman Seaman '72, Sarasota, Fla., is a retired teacher after 40 years in elementary education. She has one daughter and two granddaughters.

Virginia Mummau Siegrist '72, Brownfield, Maine, and husband Raymond raise bedding plants, flowers, and vegetables in greenhouses, and then sell them in two farmers markets in New Hampshire.

Ronald Zimmerman '72, Woodlawn, Va., is retired from transportation logistics. He is now a children's Sunday school teacher at Blue Ridge Fellowship.

Kenneth Zook '72, Dallas, Texas, is a senior technical support engineer for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

William E. Yoder '73, Ladushkin, Kaliningrad Oblast, Russia, is a retired church journalist. He lived in Germany from 1974-87 and 1994-2001, and in Russia since 2002 with his wife.

Aaron Kolb '74 and Mary Hoover Kolb '74, Montoursville, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22, 2022. They met at EMC.

Ethan Zook '76, Harrisonburg, Va., was recognized by Eastern Mennonite School during their annual celebration of alumni for Homecoming Weekend. He is a retired school psychologist.

Maureen Martin Barr '77, Lititz, Pa., is a retired nurse anesthetist.

James Flory '77, Dayton, Va., is a stonemason.

David Greiser '77, Harleysville, Pa., is the lead pastor at Salford Mennonite Church. He is married to Anita Nussbaum Greiser '77.

Donald Hooley '77, Bluffton, Ohio, is a professor emeritus of mathematics at Bluffton University. He is married to Mary Ina Flisher Hooley '77, a retired nurse and Christian education teacher who volunteers at the Mennonite Central Committee used bookstore.

Colette Nafziger Hostetler '77, Harrisonburg, Va., is a retired family practice physician.

Virginia A. Swartzentruber Hostetler '77, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, retired in November 2022 after five years as executive editor of Canadian Mennonite magazine.

Deb Glick King '77, Harrisonburg, Va., is the National Thrift Shop Development Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee.

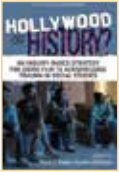
Michael Kurtz '77, Warrensville, N.C., is a part-time minister with Warrensville United Methodist Charge.

Dolores Clymer Myers '77, Columbia, Va., is a retired medical technologist and medical assistant.

Pamela Rohrer Rutt '77, Lancaster, Pa., is a substitute teacher for Lancaster Lebanon schools. She and her spouse, Roger Turr '76, have three children and attend Stumptown Mennonite Church.

Donna Mack Shenk '77, Lititz, Pa., retired from Landis Homes in April 2022 where she worked as director of pastoral services.

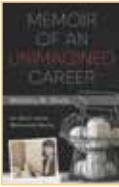
CREATIVE WORKS



Paul Yoder, professor of education, co-edited *Hollywood or History? An Inquiry-Based Strategy for Using Film to Acknowledge Trauma in Social Studies* (Information Age Publishing, 2022). The book provides resources for teachers aiming to acknowledge trauma in their social studies instruction.



Michael Miller '82 published *My Visit with Mama in Heaven* (Covenant Books, 2021), a children's book in which a young girl, while dreaming, celebrates a short reunion with her mother in heaven.



Melodie Davis '75 published *Memoir of an Unimagined Career: 43 Years Inside Mennonite Media* (Masthoff Press, 2022), with goals of providing an updated history of MennoMedia and to share about her experience as a woman in the industry.



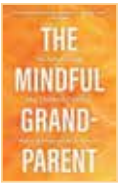
Kyle Remnant, director of bands, released an album, "First Impressions," available on most streaming services.



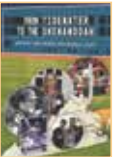
Bestselling author and op-ed contributor **Merle Good '69** has published *Christine's Turn* (Walnut Street Books, 2022), a love story with coming-of-age themes. He co-produced the movie "Hazel's People," based on his first novel, *Happy as the Grass Was Green*, starring Academy Award-winning actor Geraldine Page.



Dr. Joseph Gascho has published *Heart and Soul: A Cardiologist's Life in Verse* (Resource Publications, 2022). He is EMU's Distinguished Service honoree in 2022.



Shirley Showalter '70 and co-author Marilyn McEntyre published *The Mindful Grandparent: The Art of Loving Our Children's Children* (Broadleaf Books, 2022), an exploration of how grandparents can cultivate strong, meaningful relationships.



From Tidewater to the Shenandoah: Snapshots from Virginia's Rich Baseball Legacy (The Walker Press, 2022) is the latest from sports journalist **David Driver '85** and Lacy Lusk.



Former James Madison University Dean of Student Life **Josh Bacon**, now a coach in EMU's CoachLink program offering support to students, published his first book *I Screwed Up? Now What?* (Walnut Street Books, 2022). He shares "seven practices to make things right and conquer adversity," based on 21 years of working with young adults in a framework of restorative principles Bacon first explored in a course at EMU.



Barry Hart, CJP professor emeritus, and co-writer Bena Mark worked on a year-long training project in South Sudan that resulted in the free online resource *Community Training Manual on Trauma Awareness and Psychosocial Support for Trauma Affected Communities in South Sudan* (UNDP, 2022; available for free download at undp.org/south-sudan). **Samuel Doe MA '98** hired Hart to work on the project, 30 years after Hart had hired him to do similar work in Liberia.



KNOLL ACRES WOODWORKING

Roman Miller, professor emeritus of biomedicine, and his Harrisonburg-based business Knoll Acres Woodworking was featured in a Daily News-Record article in June that was picked up by the Associated Press and published in newspapers around the world, from Seattle, Washington, to Tanzania. His intricate puzzles, children's toys and decorative boxes can be viewed at www.knollacreswoodworking.com. He also sets up a storefront at area craft shows, including at VMRC where he and his wife Elva, a retired optometrist, reside. (Photos by Derrick Chirinos '19)



DEATH BED AMBIGUITIES

Derrick Chirinos '19 was the featured artist in the Margaret Martin Gehman Gallery for Eastern Mennonite University's 2022 Homecoming celebration. His exhibition, titled "Death Bed Ambiguities," was an exploration into the idea that life as we perceive it in this very moment is actually a memory being recalled "by a future self living in our final days." (Photo by Bryan Luna '20)

Marvin Siegrist '77, Elizabethtown, Pa., volunteers at Mount Joy Gift & Thrift and attends Mount Joy Mennonite Church with his wife, Donna Rutt Siegrist '76.

Sara Wyse-Wenger '77, Arlington, Mass., is a retired personal care attendant. She was a member of the Cantata Singers in Boston for 29 years. Her husband, Rich Wenger '78, supports immigrants and volunteers at a local food program.

Rolando L. Santiago '79, Montgomery County, Md., presented at the 2022 Homecoming Suter Science Seminar on the opportunities and challenges of the behavioral health system in a time of crisis. Rolando is the chief of behavioral health and crisis services with Montgomery County.

1980-89

Tim Crawford '81, Staunton, Va., was inducted into the Staunton High School Hall of Fame. He coached two state championship and one state runner-up basketball teams, and was part of an 85-game win streak that is still a record in Virginia. He spent his entire teaching career with Staunton City Schools as a teacher, coach and administrator. He also coached at Mary Baldwin University for five years. Tim currently coaches basketball and works as a substitute administrator at Staunton High School. He was also inducted into the EMU Hall of Honor.

Diane Zaerr Brenneman '82, Wellman, Iowa, is a trainer for the Division of Child and Community Health, Stead Family Children's Hospital, University of Iowa.

Thomas Leonard Garlitz '82, Joliet, Ill., retired after 30 years with the Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Tom oversaw several ministries including Respect Life, justice and peace, care of creation, and missions. He is married to Jennifer Elizabeth Yoder Garlitz '82.

Dan Johnson '82, Omaha, Neb., is a hospital chaplain in the Methodist Health System and pastor at Wellman Mennonite Church. He maintains membership in the Mennonite denomination while attending Countryside Community Church (UCC), which holds space for three different faiths as part of a unique interfaith organization, the Tri-Faith Initiative.

Sandy Hershey Kauffman '82, Harrisonburg, Va., retired in 2020 from teaching mathematics in Harrisonburg City Schools. She is married to Glen Kauffman '82.

Joy Lapp '82, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, teaches at-risk students in Ottumwa Community Schools. She holds a doctorate in religion from the University of Denver and taught for 22 years in higher education. Joy worked for Mennonite Central Committee in Egypt from 1987-91. She was a founding member of Mennonite Palestine Israel Network, and led study tours to Israel and Palestine. From 2007-10, she worked in refugee resettlement in Denver.

Carol Burkhardt Spicher '82, Mountville, Pa., is an insulin pump trainer and diabetes educator with Penn Medicine-Lancaster General Health. She is married to Jim Spicher '82.

Carl Stauffer '85, Harrisonburg, Va., was recognized by Eastern Mennonite School during their annual celebration of alumni for Homecoming Weekend. He works with the reconciliation portfolio at the United States Institute for Peace in Washington D.C. Carl grew up in Vietnam and the Philippines, and attended EMS from 1980-82 for his junior and senior years, when his parents took a pastorate in the area.

Sue Blauch '86, Harrisonburg, Va., and Naples, Fla., senior director of WNBA referee performance and development, shared about

her work and life experiences at the athletics-themed 2022 Homecoming TenTalks.

Allison Kemp Collingwood '87, Salem, Ore., is a spiritual director.

Amy Reazer '87, Akron, Pa., is a preschool librarian. She volunteers as a book processor at Re-Uzit and with a food and clothing bank, Peter's Porch.

Elaine Hochstetler Shinsky '87, Ruckersville, Va., is team coordinator and assistant nurse manager at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital.

Todd Weaver '87, Lancaster, Pa., is an orthodontist and distance runner who spoke at the 2022 Homecoming TenTalks event. Todd owns two practices in southeast Pennsylvania. His spouse, Anne Kauffman '88, is director of pastoral services at Landis Homes. Their three children, Keri, Lara, and Seth, are all EMU alumni.

Robin Gingerich '87, Klaipeda, Lithuania, is the program director for the MA in Teaching English as a Second Language program at LCC International University.

Kent Widrich '87, Castorland, N.Y., is a sales manager for Gamble Distributors and the owner of Widnicks Woods, a fifth-generation sustainable organic farm preserve.

Jeanette Good Christophel '88, Reading, Pa., has joined the Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County team as administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator. Jeanette has worked with Reading School District, Reading Public Library, Berks Community Action Program, Berks County Intermediate Unit, and as an administrative assistant at her church, Zion Mennonite Church.

1990-99

John F. Myers '90, Wooster, Ohio, is a maintenance assistant at Rural King of Ohio. He attends Smithville Mennonite Church.

Timothy J. Schultz '90, Lyndonville, N.Y., began as pastor of the Lyndonville United Methodist Church in July 2022. This is the fourth denomination in which he has pastored.

Karla Strite Baer '92, North Lima, Ohio, is an instructional aide at South Range Elementary School.

Ken Beidler '92, Philadelphia, Pa., is a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He attends West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship with his spouse, Elaine Shenk '94.

David Hovde '92, Evanston, Ill., is a caregiver at New Age Elder Care. He is also on the leadership team at Reba Place Church, an intentional Christian Community.

Lisa Benner Kaczmarek '92, Ruckersville, Va., is the owner and manager of ZiPrint Printing & Signs.

June King Kauffman '92, Laurel, Md., is an English to Speakers of Other Languages teacher in Howard County Public Schools. She attends Capital Christian Fellowship with her spouse, Glenn Kauffman MDiv '92.

Tony Kauffman '92, Sheridan, Ore., is the co-director of Drift Creek Camp with his spouse, Brenda Hostetler Kauffman.

Sarah Thomas Krabill '92, Elkhart, Ind., is a family physician for Krabill Family Medicine.

Marilyn Metzler '92, North Chesterfield, Va., is a nursing coordinator for Crossover Healthcare Ministry.

Rene Miller '92, Homer, Ark., is a small business owner, U.S. Pony Club treasurer, children's ministry director, and a stage and costume designer.

Rick Miller '92, Dillsburg, Pa., is an accountant for the Post Acute Medical corporate office.

Tim Shenk '92, Lancaster, Pa., is a program director for Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, a social services organization. He attends Community Mennonite Church with his spouse, Christine Kauffman '91.

Debra Sumner '92, Churchville, Pa., is an RN case manager in home-based primary care for Salem VA Medical Center. She attends Bridge Church with her spouse, Michael Sumner MSN '15.

Margie Buser Tooley '92, Fuquay Varina, N.C., is a mother of seven and volunteers for Sts. Cyril and Methodius church, the Catholic Schoolhouse program, and 40 Days for Life.

Sheri Burkhardt Reed '92, Stephens City, Va., is a social service director for Rose Hill Health and Rehab.

Gina Campbell Troyer '93, Bridgewater, Va., was inducted into the Turner Ashby High School Hall of Fame in 2022. She retired in 2021 after a 28-year tenure as volleyball coach. Her 370 wins are the most in program history. She was named the district's Coach of the Year five times while coaching 62 all-district, 28 all-region and four all-state players. She also helped create the Unified Basketball League and spent several years as an assistant to the athletic director.

Ande Banks '97, Harrisonburg, Va., was named city manager of Harrisonburg. He had served as interim city manager since Jan. 1, 2022, and as deputy city manager since 2017.

Chad Hatter '97, Waynesboro, Va., is the president of Weaver Insurance and Financial Advisors, as well as a board member of the Waynesboro YMCA. He is chair of the church council at Mountain View Mennonite Church, where he attends with his spouse, Lori Hatter '98.

Jennifer Heishman Haviland '97, Crider, Va., is a registered nurse and massage therapist for her business, Daisescapes LLC.

Ronda Jimenez Histand '97, Wycombe, Pa., is the owner and operations manager of Histand's Supply LLC.

Ryan Kauffman '97, Lancaster, Pa., was the featured musician at the Homecoming Celebration Concert. The saxophonist, woodwind artist and teacher directs the jazz ensemble at Millersville University and leads several music projects, including The (717) Collective and Trilogy. He is a founding member of the Naked Eye Ensemble.

Kara Histand Kropf '97, Hubbard, Ore., is a registered nurse for Lake Oswego GYN.

Brian Myers '97, Woodstock, Ga., works for Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Sheila Bender Ours '97, Kalona, Iowa, is a registered nurse in the neonatal ICU at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is married to Jeremy Ours '98.

Kimberly Steiner '97, Claremont, Calif., is a licensed clinical social worker and certified case manager for Fresenius Medical Care.

Jamie Symons '97, Springfield, Va., is a librarian for Manassas City Public Schools.

Daniel Zook '97, Harrisonburg, Va., is a network administrator at EMU. He is married to Jo Zook '96.

Kristina Blosser Blyer '98, Harrisonburg, Va., is James Madison University's new associate vice president for health and well-being. She supervises the counseling center, the university health care, and the recreation center. She

was previously director of the university's health center.

Valerie Marie Stevens '99, Lake Wylie, S.C., is in her second year as school nurse at Oakridge Elementary School.

2000-09

Laura Beatty Flint '00, Penn Laird, Va., became a board certified behavior analyst in May 2022 and is currently employed by People Places in Staunton, Virginia. She graduated with a master's in applied behavior analysis from Mary Baldwin University in December 2021.

Chris Longenecker '01, Cleveland, Ohio, is the inaugural program director of University of Washington's Global Cardiovascular Health Program. Chris will hold faculty appointments in both global health and cardiology. He is a practicing non-invasive cardiologist and associate professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland. Among other recognitions, he is the recipient of the 2020 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award.

Amy Burke Hess '02, Broadway, Va., is a cardiac-catheterization lab nurse and heart and vascular educator at Sentara RMH Medical Center.

Daniel Lapp '02, Simpsonville, S.C., is a pediatrician at Carolina Health Centers. Daniel is married to Lynley Culbertson Lapp '02.

Brian Miller '02 and Kari Yoder Miller '03 live in North Liberty, Iowa. He is the senior director of marketing automation for the College Board. She is a special education literacy consultant for Grant Wood Area Education Agency.

Rachel Nafziger Oswald '02, Centerville, Mich., is a loan processor for Sturgis Bank and Trust. She is married to Brian Oswald '01.

Sally Gardner Vogan '02, Penn Laird, Va., is a medical surgery registered nurse at Sentara RMH Medical Center.

Eloy Rodriguez '03, New Providence, Pa., is a fifth-grade teacher at Conestoga Elementary School in the Penn Manor School District. Eloy is married to Becky Lengacher Rodriguez '04.

Carolyn Weaver Swanson '03, Salt Lake City, Utah, is the chief of the division of urogynecology and pelvic reconstructive surgery at the University of Utah Health.

Chad Michael Herndon '04, Mechanicsville, Va., received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in May 2022. He is the lead pastor of New Song UMC in Mechanicsville.

Tamara Duncan Shoemaker '04, MA (education) '22, Rockingham, Va., teaches English, English language development, and creative writing at Harrisonburg High School. She attends Harrisonburg Mennonite Church with her husband, Timothy Shoemaker '03.

Caleb Stitley '04, Bealeton, Va., has been promoted to director of managed aircraft and charter at Chantilly Air, Inc, based at the Manassas Regional Airport. He oversees the department's operations, sales, product development and revenue management.

Richard Bryson '05, Hagerstown, Md., is a urologist for Meritus Health. He is a member of the American Urological Association and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dovanna Zehr Rosenberger '05, Stephens City, Va., founded Lavish Wellness LLC, where she offers massage therapy and energy sessions. Dovanna spent two years after graduation in Bolivia volunteering at an orphanage.



SPIRIT OF MISSION

Kirstin Rothrock De Mello and Merwyn De Mello, both 2005 graduates of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, were honored in October with the 2022 Bishop John E. McCarthy Spirit of Mission Award from Maryknoll Lay Missioners (MLM). The award is conferred annually for continued justice and mission service after missionaries have returned to the United States. The couple has served with MLM as well as other faith-based U.S. and international organizations. They were honored for their untiring compassionate and transformative service, accompaniment and activism with marginalized people in Africa, Asia and the United States. Merwyn assists with refugees and provides training in community organizing and capacity building to the leadership of the tenants association at the Cider Mill housing project. Kirstin serves as the program and communications coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries. They live in an intentional Franciscan community committed to nonviolent living. (Photo by Susan Gunn/Maryknoll Lay Missioners)



ROOFTOP GARDEN PROJECT

Lauren Hartzler Arbogast, class of '04, (left) and Lisa Deavers Heatwole '96 stand next to their vertical wall garden on the roof of the Elon Rhodes Early Learning Center in Harrisonburg. Lauren and Lisa were selected by the Harrisonburg Education Foundation for the first annual EMU Teacher Grant for their outdoor rooftop classroom project. (Photo by Bob Adamek)



RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel Grimes '78, Elkhart, Ind., retired in June 2022 as vice president for advancement and enrollment at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart. He is the first BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) individual to serve as a vice president at AMBS. He was also director of enrollment and financial aid at AMBS; clinical manager for Fresenius Medical Care in Mishawaka, Indiana; and in two directors roles at Everence in Goshen, Indiana. Daniel was the first BIPOC individual elected to the Eastern Mennonite College student senate in 1974. He and his wife, **Brenda Grimes '79**, reside in Goshen and are members of Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. They have four adult children and one grandchild. (Photo courtesy of AMBS)

She is a graduate of Onondaga School of Therapeutic Massage in Syracuse, New York.

Laura Arendt '07, Concord, Calif., is an administrative assistant at the University of California's Orthopedic Trauma Institute.

Scott DeVoe '07, Rockingham, Va., is a prep operator for Merck.

Phyllis Peachey Friesen '07, Harrisonburg, Va., is the director of marketing for Design Concrete Builders, owned and operated with her husband, Eugene Friesen, and their two sons, Tim Friesen and Joseph Friesen '04.

Maria Hoover Holsopple '07, Arlington, Va., is the senior manager of corporate communications for Plan International USA. She is married to Dirk Holsopple '10.

Mallory Plank '07, North Charleston, N.C., is a nurse practitioner at Proteus, Inc.

Jennifer Ruth '07, Pittsburgh, Pa., is a clinical research manager for the Hillman Cancer Center at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Tiffany Horst Showalter '07, Harrisonburg, Va., is a self-employed photographer.

Mallory Watson '07, Manassas, Va., is a pick-up network specialist for DHL eCommerce and volunteers with therapeutic horse riding.

Curtis Yoder '07, Reedsville, Pa., is an insurance agent for the Stewardship Group after nine years as a farm worker. He is married to Amanda Yoder '09.

Jered Christopher Lyons '08, Silver Spring, Md., was named director of athletics and head coach of women's basketball at Washington Adventist University. Lyons also spoke at the 2022 Homecoming TenTalks event at Eastern Mennonite University. He is married to Shari Lyons '08.

Kristen Swartley '08, Cedar Falls, Iowa, earned an MDiv from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2022, with a major in theological studies; peace studies. She also received the award for excellence in theological studies. She is seeking a pastoral ministry assignment within Mennonite Church USA.

John Tyson '09, Des Moines, Iowa, is pastor at Des Moines Mennonite Church.

Regina Wenger '09, Harleysville, Pa., is an educational curator at the Mennonite Heritage Center. She is a PhD candidate in history at Baylor University with an expected graduation date of August 2023.

2010-19

Heidi Muller Hoover '10, Dayton, Va., has been promoted to senior manager of operations at CT Assist LLC, a healthcare staffing company specializing in cardiac surgery providers.

Basil Marin '10, Atlanta, Ga., is an assistant principal at Chamblee Charter High School. He earned a PhD in educational leadership from Old Dominion University of Virginia in 2020.

Bernice Louis '11, Jacksonville, Fla., is in his third year of medical school at Saint James School of Medicine, Anguilla, Florida.

Maria Zehr '11, Kidron, Ohio, is a second-grade teacher at Central Christian School in Kidron. Maria taught as a third grade teacher for nine years in Virginia and as an adjunct professor at James Madison University. This past year she was an Itinerant Early Childhood Intervention specialist through Tri-County ESC in the Kidron area.

Larisa Zehr '11, Arlington, Va., is a Skadden Legal Fellow at Legal Aid Justice Center.

Laura Beidler '12, White River Junction, Vt., is a research project manager for Dartmouth College's Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice.

Rebecca E. Martin '12, Grand Rapids, Mich., earned two master's degrees from the University of Illinois in 2020, one in urban planning and the other in agricultural and applied economics.

Valerie Metzler '12, Souderton, Pa., is a high school science teacher at Dock Mennonite Academy.

Brook Musselman '12, Mountville, Pa., is the conference coordinator for the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Colt Duttweiler '14, Harrisonburg, Va., is a shelter coordinator at Open Doors.

Nicole Rochelle Groff '14, Lancaster, Pa., graduated with a dual-degree in master of public health and master of medical science-physician assistant, from Emory University in December 2021. She is a physician's assistant at Esperanza Health Center in Philadelphia.

Rachel Richard Henschel '15, Harrisonburg, Va., earned a master of education degree from James Madison University in May 2022. She is married to Ryan Henschel '15, who finished the same degree in 2021.

Dr. Mark Mast '15, Ephrata, Pa., joined Nolt Dental Associates in September 2022.

Rebecca Longenecker '15, is a manager for Google Cloud's global partner marketing team. She collaborates with colleagues in Europe, India, Japan and Latin America to create programs for partner companies. She recruited **Brooke Lacock-Nisly '16** and says she would "love to keep bringing EMU alumni to the team." She is married to **Jake Bontrager-Singer, class of '15**, who transferred from EMU's pre-engineering program to complete his undergraduate degree and two master's degrees at Purdue University. He works at Blue Origin as a propulsion design engineer.

Claudia Andes '17, Rockingham, Va., is a substitute school nurse for Harrisonburg City Public Schools.

Elora Cook '17, Lancaster, Pa., earned a MSW in 2021 and her LSW in 2022. She works for hospice and community care.

Terianne Rineer '17, Lancaster, Pa., is a certified nurse practitioner for the Lancaster Emergency Associates' emergency department. She graduated in 2021 from Millersville University with a MS in nursing.

Sarah Marie Longenecker '18, Souderton, Pa., is a digital media specialist at the Rodale Institute, a nonprofit that was instrumental in creating the national organic standard and the USDA certified organic label. The institute is an agricultural research farm that studies the negative health and environmental impacts of chemical farming. Sarah and her husband, **Jordan Luther '15**, attend Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton.

Maisie Kirkley Matthews '18, Harrisonburg, Va., is Sentara RMH Medical Center's new bereavement services coordinator. She holds a master's in clinical mental health counseling from Liberty University.

DeVantae Dews '19, Harrisonburg, Va., is the truancy specialist at Harrisonburg City Public Schools, specializing in therapeutic case management and prevention services.

Erik Peachey '19, Lancaster, Pa., is a senior staff accountant at Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz. Erik has a master's degree in accounting from James Madison University.

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Karen Valdez '22, Rockingham County, Va., is the Harrisonburg/Rockingham organizer for Virginia Organizing, a non-partisan statewide grassroots organization dedicated to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives.

GRADUATE

Patricia Patton MA '00 (conflict transformation), Boonsboro, Md., writes romance novels after a 25-year career of representing children in abuse and neglect legal proceedings.

Susan Peacock MA '02 (conflict transformation), Minneapolis, Minn., is the manager of customized programs at the Center for Global Education and Experience at Augsburg University. The center operates study centers with programming on social justice and community engagement in Africa, Europe and Latin America.

Shyamika Jayasundara-Smiths MA '04 (conflict transformation), Bleiswijk, South Holland, Netherlands, is an assistant professor of conflict and peace studies at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Lam Oryem Cosmas MA '04 (conflict transformation), Kampala, Uganda, is the peacebuilding and recovery specialist at Tearfund South Sudan. He supports the program's humanitarian response and development initiatives, and is a member of the advocacy team that works with other stakeholders under the State Ministry of Peacebuilding. Prior to this, he was an independent consultant, working with the International Labor Organization on technical vocational education training and with local organizations in refugee response.

Paulus Rahmat MA '07 (conflict transformation), Sunnyside, N.Y., is the co-executive director and main representative at the United Nations for VIVAT International. The NGO has a membership of more than 25,000 sisters, brothers and priests from 12 Catholic congregations. VIVAT International works in 120 countries and focuses on four areas of concern: eradication of poverty, women's empowerment, biodiversity and culture of peace.

Nilofar Sakhi MA '07 (conflict transformation), Fredericksburg, Va., is a visiting research fellow at the Kroc Institute, advancing research in regional security with a case study of Afghanistan and the South and Central Asia region. She also explores the domestic and external incongruencies that impact regional peace diplomacy. Nilofar is a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and a professorial lecturer of international affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

Farishta Sakhi MA'10 (conflict transformation), Washington D.C., is the senior program manager for Freedom House, an organization providing research, programming, and advocacy for political rights and civil liberties. Farishta is a PhD candidate in the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. She is also a fellow at the International Center for Transitional Justice and the Rumsfeld Foundation.

Nathaniel B. Walker MA '10 (conflict transformation), Orlando, Fla., is a political advisor and early warning focal point for the Economic Community of West African States, working mainly in Liberia. He is also a PhD candidate in humanitarian and social services at Walden University.

Joe Hackman MDiv '11, Harrisonburg, Va., is the foundation manager at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community.

Barbie Fischer MA '12 (conflict transformation), Philadelphia, Pa., is the executive director of Restorative Encounters, a nonprofit association of restorative justice professionals and organizations offering resources and training in restorative practices.

Deborah Smith MBA '16, Harrisonburg, Va., is a registered architect with The Gaines Group. She is president of the Harrisonburg Women's Service League, which is committed to supporting women and children in the community through volunteering time and fundraising for local nonprofits. She also graduated from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

Leda Werner MA '12 (conflict transformation), Harrisonburg, Va., works for Elizabethtown College's Center for Community and Civic Engagement. She was previously director of Safer Together, EMU's sexual and relationship violence prevention program, and grant manager of funds awarded by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

Joanne Lauterjung MA '13 (conflict transformation), Chiang Mai, Thailand, is the director of SonicBloom, helping organizations and individuals use culture and dialogue as a tool for building resilience and deepening a commitment to lasting, positive change. Joanne works mainly in faith communities in Thailand and Myanmar.

Charles Kwuelum MA '14 (conflict transformation), Washington D.C., presented research at the spring 2022 Peace Week Conference hosted by the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution of George Mason University, where he is a doctoral student. Charles is a senior legislative associate for international affairs at the Mennonite Central Committee.

Cynthia Nassif MA '14 (conflict transformation), Springfield, Va., is the director of civil society partnerships for the Project on Middle East Democracy. She has worked with the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington and several UN agencies and international organizations. Cynthia earned a PhD in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University in 2021.

Janine Aberg MA '15 (conflict transformation), Keezletown, Va., is a fine artist, muralist and dancer. She and her husband, Simon, own River Mountain Farm And Life Center, and have three daughters.

Shiphrah Mutungi Akandiinda GC '15 (conflict transformation), Kampala, Uganda, earned a PhD in leadership and change from Antioch University in 2022. She is a trauma healing expert for DT Global, working mainly in Sudan.

Aaron Erb MA '15 (conflict transformation), Pittsburgh, Pa., is co-founder and executive director of Just Mediation Pittsburgh, a community mediation program dedicated to helping landlords and tenants find solutions to housing disputes. Previously, he spent five years coordinating restorative justice and victim offender dialogue programs, first with the Center for Victims in the Allegheny County Juvenile Court system and later through the University of Pittsburgh's Just Discipline Project.

Bridget Mullins MA '15 (conflict transformation), Pittsburgh, Pa., is a process designer, facilitator, artist, and independent consultant for justice and equity-focused nonprofit organizations, community groups, and higher ed institutions. Before founding her own consulting practice, she worked for more than eight years facilitating experiential



Former and current leaders of YPCA/Y-Serve stand in front of a quilt made from t-shirts: Wilmer Lehman '57, David Mininger '74, Marian Leaman Mininger '74, Ken L. Nafziger '79, Rebecca Good Charles '07, Rachel Sims Farrell '07, Adesola Johnson. (Photo by Rachel Holderman '18)

YPCA CENTENNIAL

This fall, three special events commemorated the centennial of YPCA on campus. The organization, now known as Y-Serve, is EMU's longest-serving and most influential student organization. Fittingly, two of these events were chapel services and one replicated an historic and sacred ritual.

In 1972, when the organization commemorated its 50th anniversary at then-EMC, YPCA's first president **J. Paul Sauder '24** returned to celebrate the occasion. At that worship service, he passed a pitcher – symbolizing anointing of God's blessing (Joel 2:28-29) for the continued ministry/service of YPCA – to current student-president **Jim Musser**.

In 2022, during EMU's Homecoming worship service in front of guests and alumni honorees, Musser returned to reenact the ritual with current co-presidents **Halie Mast** and **Kara Kornhaus** (see photo below at right). [After graduation in 1975, Musser went on to earn a degree from the seminary in 1983 and pastor in the Mennonite Church.]

A storytelling time in Common Grounds over Homecoming Weekend with former members, leadership and current students helped to amplify the impact of YPCA. Service trips during their college years helped to chart the destiny of **Cheryl Heatwole Sherk '07** and her husband **Tim '07**, EMU's 2021 Distinguished Service Award recipients, now living and serving in New Jersey, and present at the storytelling. Other alumni also shared memorable experiences of ministry, such as visiting rural churches to lead Sunday School classes or singing with small groups in venues around the county.

Though the organization has a different name, former president **Dave Detrow '77**, speaking at a chapel service, pointed out that a descriptor from the 1974-75 yearbook still holds true today: How does one describe the YPCA?... To the commissioners, and the large number of students that are involved, it provides practical ways to express caring and concern in the community around them.

Y-Serve today works to positively impact the campus community and hosts fall and spring term service trips. This year's focus is food insecurity among campus community members. The organization also hosted a gift-box-packing event for Operation Christmas Child and a Christmas carol singing at VMRC.

– Lauren Jefferson





EMC BLEACHERS STILL SERVING IN KENYA

A piece of EMC/EMU history in Kenya is truly a gift that keeps on giving. In 2001, thanks to enterprising efforts by two alumni, the university donated three sets of wooden folding bleachers for a newly-built gymnasium at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. For nearly 21 years, the bleachers provided seating for indoor sporting events, special full school assemblies, pep rallies, and more recently, church services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now Rosslyn has upgraded and the bleachers were donated to a new sports and recreation facility in the city, says **Dan King '82**, director of Rosslyn Academy International.

“These photos brought back some memories,” said **Dave King '76**, Dan’s brother and newly-retired director of athletics at EMU. “There were likely many first dates on those bleachers along with other memorable events, like the men’s basketball win over James Madison University, men’s volleyball competing against Penn State, Glenn Metzler’s perfect wrestling record, and the men’s basketball game against Liberty with both **Jerry Falwell** and **Myron Augsburg** '55 in attendance.”

How did the bleachers get to Kenya? With the help of former director of facilities **Eldon Kurtz '76** and his still-extant email files, *Crossroads* learned that **Jim Leaman '86**, professor of business and leadership, and the late **Chris Mast '89** were the primary instigators of the gift. In summer 2000, Leaman, then superintendent of Rosslyn Academy and leading a fundraiser to build a gymnasium on the campus, returned to Harrisonburg on furlough. Leaman had worked with Mast at Brunk Mechanical before taking the job in Kenya, and so when he returned, it was a natural step to tour one of the company’s major projects under construction – what is now University Commons. In the gym, Leaman noticed several desirable pieces of equipment. One set of bleachers, dating from 1929, were most likely in the college’s first gym, known as the Guild, and were moved into the second gym when it was built in 1957. The other two sets date from the mid-60s.

Leaman didn’t mind the age of the equipment, and proposed a donation of the equipment to then President **Joseph Lapp**.

“Even though they were used and we’d have to pay to ship them to East Africa, that would save us quite a bit of money over ordering new bleachers from Europe or Asia,” Leaman recalled. “I’m not surprised they are still there and am pleased they are going on to a new home in support of community athletics.”

– Lauren Jefferson



learning programs for youth and young adults in partnership with U.S. and internationally-based NGOs.

Jordan Detwiler-Michelson MA '16 (conflict transformation), Gorham, Maine, is the associate project director at the Education Development Center. He also co-leads the center’s task team on societal resilience and peacebuilding. He has over 10 years of experience in delivering and managing international and US education programs in contexts of basic education, youth workforce development, accelerated education, tertiary education, and adult education.

Jodie Geddes MA '16 (conflict transformation), San Leandro, Calif., is an International Center for Transitional Justice Fellow supporting US-based civil society truth-telling and repair processes. She also developed a study guide to support communities and individuals seeking guidance on designing and implementing commissions and processes for truth-telling. Jodie is co-manager of Coming to the Table and healing services manager at Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY). She served as commissioner for the Elaine Arkansas Truth-Seeking Commission in 2019 and now continues this work as a co-leader with the Grassroots Reparations Campaign.

Darsheel Kaur MA '17 (conflict transformation), Dayton, Ohio, is a cultural educator, healing artist and wellness coach. For the last three years, she has been building intentional community through the House of Healing Arts (HeArt), which has hosted residents, artist-activist meetings and healing circles, game nights, pop-up meals, and other events.

Gregory Winship MA '17 (restorative justice), Kansas City, Mo., is a restorative justice strategist with the Center for Conflict Resolution. He has over 30 years of experience in the criminal justice field, practicing restorative justice with currently and formerly incarcerated individuals. Greg works in correctional facilities in Missouri and Kansas, as well as in many US states and in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He is also president emeritus of Reaching Out From Within, a nonprofit in three states which helps people in prison find the “courage to change.”

Quntashea Lewis MA '18 (organizational leadership), Virginia Beach, Va., is the head women’s basketball coach at Virginia Wesleyan University. Quntashea was previously the head basketball coach at Salem College for three seasons, an assistant coach at Mount Saint Mary College for a season, and an assistant coach at EMU from 2016-18.

Rhoda Miller MA '20 (restorative justice), Keezletown, Va., owns The Frame Factory & Gallery, a custom framing shop and art gallery in Harrisonburg. She also does graphic and web design, photography, jewelry, and visual art as a freelancer. Rhoda continues her work on a part-time basis with the Collins Center as a forensic interviewer, hotline supervisor and graphic designer.

Drick Boyd GC '22 (restorative justice), Broomall, Pa., is a professor emeritus at Eastern University. He retired in 2019 after 22 years as a professor of urban studies, and is currently involved in antiracism and community development work in West Philadelphia with the Restorative City Initiative and POWER Interfaith. He has written three books and several articles on racism, critical pedagogy, and the life and writings of Brazilian educator Paulo Freire.

Gabrielle Bradshaw MA '22 (restorative justice), South Bend, Ind., is a restorative justice intern for the South Bend Community School Corporation.

MARRIAGES

Bethany Miller '11 to Richard Gipson, Wichita, Kan., Sept. 12, 2021.

Travis Duerksen '12 to **Erica Stoltzfus '13**, North Newton, Kan., April 30, 2022.

Molly Kraybill '13 to **Taylor Weidman '13**, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 30, 2022.

Roberto Wingfield '15 to Emily Grimes, Lancaster, Pa., July 31, 2021.

Courtney Unruh '16 to **Austin Goering '16**, Moundridge, Kan., June 4, 2022.

Sarah Longenecker '18 to **Jordan Luther '15**, Souderton, Pa., Nov. 27, 2020.

Abbi Hawkins '20 to **Ian Bomberger '20**, Middlebury, Ind., May 8, 2021.

Jenna Lile '20 to Seth Peters, Staunton, Va., April 10, 2021.

Laura Troyer '22 to **Jonas Beachy '22**, Grants Pass, Ore., July 30, 2022.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Michelle and **Brinton Domanque**, lab technician, biology and chemistry program, Bergton, Va., Asher James, May 18, 2022.

Timothy Schmell and **Joanna Friesen**, assistant women’s triathlon, cross country, and track and field coach, Harrisonburg, Va., Lucy Friesen-Schmell, Aug. 5, 2022.

Mary Beth Lichty '86 and Roger Wagoner, Huntington, W.Va., Scarlett Elizabeth, July 6, 2020. Adopted Jan. 18, 2022.

Cory Mullet '01 and **Emi Oda '08**, Hillsboro, Ore., David Oda, July 9, 2022.

Emily Troyer '03 and Jon Mellet, Colts Neck, N.J., Mabel Deborah, July 25, 2022.

Jennifer Ruth '07 and Benjamin Gundy, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oscar Rich, Sept. 2, 2021.

Andrew Hershberger '07 and **Ellie Spaulding '07**, Charlottesville, Va., Zeke Spaulding, July 26, 2022.

Mitch '11 and **Jasmine Stutzman '11**, Hesston, Kan., Millie Crew, May 18, 2021.

Justin and **Sarah Beck Weirich '11**, Auburn, Ind., Oliver Gage, Aug. 10, 2022.

Ryan '15 and **Rachel Richard Henschel '15**, Harrisonburg, Va., Ruth Marie, Aug. 1, 2022.

Alex '16 and **Abby Miller '16**, Sarasota, Fla., Caden John, May 3, 2022.

Seth '16 and **Emily Myers Suttles '16**, Mount Sidney, Va., Cole Walker, July 27, 2022.

Matthew '18 and **Rachel Overacker '18**, Mount Crawford, Va., Jamie Alexander, Sept. 13, 2022.

Abbi Hawkins '20 and **Ian Bomberger '20**, Middlebury, Ind., Carson David, March 17, 2022.

DEATHS

Doris Allegra Good Bomberger '54, former home economics professor, Harrisonburg, Va., died May 14, 2022, at 90. Both she and her husband taught at Cuttington College, Liberia; Sichuan Normal School, China; and Hokusei Wakkanai Junior College, Japan. After retirement, she became a certified nurse assistant at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. Doris was a member of Park View Mennonite Church.

Geneva Frances Bowman, former custodial supervisor, Harrisonburg, Va., died April 19, 2022, at 95. Geneva retired after 30 years at EMU. She was a member of Gospel Hill Mennonite Church.

Calvin “Cal” Wall Redekop, former adjunct faculty, business and leadership, Harrisonburg, Va., died July 20, 2022, at 96. A graduate of Goshen College, he served as vice president of Tabor College and professor at Goshen and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He was also the co-founder of the PAX service program, the predecessor to the Peace Corps, and the founding chair of the Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society. He and his wife, Freda, began several endowed scholarships for EMU students. Cal helped inspire and fund many of the solar arrays at EMU, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, and around the valley. He was also involved with supporting and connecting VMRC’s Willow Run Farm with EMU’s Sustainable Food Initiative to grow and harvest vegetables. He and his family created the JustPax Fund and Redekop Family Endowment, charitable organizations devoted to economic, gender, and environmental justice.

Carol Rachel Bastacky Schikman, former copy supervisor, Harrisonburg, Va., died Aug. 25, 2022, at 68. Carol graduated from the Hebrew Academy of Miami High School and Miami-Dade Community College. She was employed with Franklin Blatt Law office and Hoover, Penrod & Davenport. She was a member of Beth El Congregation and Hadassah Women’s Zionist Organization of America.

David Stevens, adjunct instructor, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Wichita, Kan., died Sept. 4, 2022, at 64, after a bicycle accident. He was lead pastor at Hope Mennonite Church.

Monroe Edward Wood, groundskeeper emeritus, Rockingham County, Va., died July 27, 2022. He was head groundskeeper for 42 years from 1963 to 2005. Much of his life was spent in and around the adjacent neighborhood, where he was known affectionately as the “Mayor of Park View.” Many people remember Wood’s thriving garden just a block north of campus, and how they saw that same care and nurturing applied to the university grounds.

Phoebe Branner Brenneman '46, Harrisonburg, Va., died Oct. 12, 2022, at 96. Phoebe graduated from Broadway High School and attended Eastern Mennonite School. She served with Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, Pa., Washington DC, and Gulfport, Miss. She lived briefly in Kalona before moving to Broadway with her husband. The couple volunteered with Gift and Thrift and Booksavers after retirement.

Hilda Weber Carper '46, Evanston, Ill., died Dec. 22, 2021, at 94. She volunteered at Church of Hope in Chicago’s West Side Christian Parish as a teacher, choir director and eventual pastoral assistant. Later at Reba Place Fellowship, she was an elder and household leader.

Barbara Baer Hege Risser '52, Rockingham, Va., died June 7, 2022, at 93. She was an avid reader, writer, poet and published author. She was a former EMU board member (1976-80) and member of Zion Mennonite Church.

Kenneth James Weaver '52, Rockingham, Va., died July 19, 2022, at 91. He was the director of Mennonite broadcasts (now MennoMedia) for 35 years. He served on various institutional boards, including Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community and EMU (1969-88). He was a member of Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, where he served in many capacities, including chair of the building committee and church historian.

John Burnell Shenk '54, Lititz, Pa., died March 28, 2022, at 91. He attended Eastern Mennonite Seminary and was ordained in 1963. He served as a minister at East Peters-

burg Mennonite Church for 35 years, and as an administrator and counselor for the Sharing Programs of Lancaster Mennonite Conference for 36 years.

Carl James Rudy '54, Manheim, Pa., died on Oct. 4, 2022, at 94. He and spouse Ruth Mohler Rudy celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this past July. Carl was a pastor in Canada, Indiana, and Ohio, as well as a hospital chaplain in Colorado.

Kenneth Samuel Brunk '55, Newport News, Va., died Sept. 17, 2022, at 92. He married Twila Yoder in 1955. Together, they served for three years under Mennonite Central Committee at the Mennonite Vocational School in South Korea, where he mentored boys orphaned during the Korean war. In 1961, he was ordained as a minister and served with Virginia Mennonite Missions in Jamaica for 14 years and in Trinidad for seven years. He participated in organizing the Williamsburg Mennonite Church in 1976, and pastored there for 10 years. When later incapacitated with limited mobility, he found a calling to minister through prayer.

Marilyn Helmuth Voran '56, Goshen, Ind., died April 17, 2022, at 91. She taught at Aurora High School in Ohio and Bethany Christian High School in Indiana. Marilyn also worked with the Mennonite Central Committee Goshen office writing and teaching about world hunger issues. She also served with the archives of the Mennonite Church.

Nathan “Nate” Lehman '57, Bullhead City, Ariz., died Aug. 21, 2022, at 87. Nate married Anna Katherine Baer. They later moved to Florida where Nate worked as part of the Alternative Service Program as a conscientious objector. Nate authored the book The Magic of Listening and was a popular public speaker, leading seminars on communication skills for 45 years. He was an avid Toastmaster, competing at the national level in several speech contests with Toastmasters International.

David R. Helmuth '57, Goshen, Ind., died Sept. 26, 2020, at 85. He and his spouse, Naomi, served in Puerto Rico with Mennonite Board of Missions from 1961-73. David worked for the Mennonite Board of Congregational Ministries, and pastored at First Mennonite Church, East Goshen Mennonite Church and Faith Mennonite Church in Goshen. He served on several boards of organizations affiliated with the Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference.

June Elizabeth Shoemaker Sember '57, Scottsdale, Pa., died May 1, 2022, at 90. Elizabeth was a Connellsville Area School District elementary teacher, retiring at the age of 62.

David M. Weaver '57, Lititz, Pa., died Jan. 8, 2021, at 97. He served for 20 years as the bishop for the North Penn District of Lancaster Mennonite Conference. He also served on a rotating basis as the chaplain at Troy Hospital and with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

William “Billy” Donald Howard, class of '58, Rockingham, Va., died Aug. 27, 2022, at 90. He served in the US Army in Germany during the Korean conflict. He became a Christian on May 19, 1954, and after returning from Germany, attended EMC. While there, Billy befriended the Hubert Showalter family, who are still considered family. Billy owned and operated Castleguard Locksmith for over 50 years, retiring at 83. He was a member of Calvary Mennonite Church.

Lois M. Thiessen '59, Hesston, Kan., died Oct. 7, 2020, at 83. Lois worked for Hesston Elementary School as the librarian for 24 years, where she retired in 1996. During her retirement, Lois volunteered at Newton Medical



ANABAPTIST CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE

After six years, the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions is signaling several major changes with incorporation under the new name, **Anabaptist Climate Collaborative**. The organization is now an independent nonprofit (501c3), moving away from affiliation with Eastern Mennonite University and its other core partners. **Doug Graber Neufeld**, a biology professor at EMU, has led the organization since its beginning but plans to step down in early 2023. Several new board members lead the search for new leadership. New board members for the upcoming year of transition include several with ties to EMU: **Luke Gascho '74**, **Lorraine Stoltzfus '77**, **Harrison Horst '18** and **Deirdre Longacher Smetzler '87**, former faculty member and dean.



HALL OF FAME

Jesse Rodriguez '05 and **Kendal Swartzendruber '07**, MA '12 (education), based at James Madison University, are co-state coordinators of the Virginia Department of Education’s “I’m Determined” program, which was recognized as one of five U.S. honorees in the Susan M. Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame. The recognition came from the organization National Disability Mentoring Coalition, which makes the annual award. Jesse was also honored as Practitioner of the Year by Virginia’s Division on Career Development and Transition. (Courtesy photo)



ALUM RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE

Alexandra Nunez, '00, Apopka, Fla., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Finance degree from Wofford College. She is the president and CEO of Esperanza, a microfinance institution in the Dominican Republic that serves entrepreneurs, women, families and children. Seven years ago, Wofford College formed a 10-year partnership with Esperanza in which the James-Atkins Student-Managed Investment Fund provides \$7,000 annually to Esperanza for making microloans in the Dominican Republic. Esperanza provides local knowledge and expertise, while Wofford's student investors experience leveraging their wealth creation ability in the United States to have a significant impact abroad.

Pictured: Dr. Philip Swicegood (left), Wofford's R. Michael James Professor and chair of accounting, business and finance, stands alongside Alexandra Nunez (center), who received a Doctor of Finance, from Wofford's President Nayef Samhat. (Courtesy photo)



'22 ORISON PRIZE

Christine Benner Dixon '04, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the recipient of the 2022 Orison Fiction Prize for the novel *The Height of Land*, to be released by Orison Books. The prize was judged by novelist Tania James. She also has a co-authored collection of craft-of-writing essays forthcoming from the University of Michigan Press in 2023. (Courtesy photo)

Center in the surgery waiting area, and was in charge of fundraisers for the hospital auxiliary. Lois and husband Harvey were members of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge, where she served as the librarian and also taught Sunday school classes.

Earl G. Landis '60, Akron, Pa., died Aug. 24, 2022, at 86. Earl was a member of Ephrata Community Church from 2004-22. He worked in the maintenance department at Philhaven Hospital from 1974-2000.

Lois B. Wolgemuth '60, Lititz, Pa., died May 11, 2021, at 86. Lois taught elementary school in Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, and Bolivia, ending with 18 years at Kraybill Mennonite School. Lois also worked at Nurses Direct and enjoyed traveling around the world.

Fern E. Smucker Grace '61, Sarasota, Fla., died March 27, 2022, at 89. Fern was an elementary school teacher in Lancaster and Mifflin County school districts for over 30 years. She was a member of Maple Grove Mennonite Church.

David Harold Landis Sr., '61, Madison, Conn., died Sept. 25, 2022, at 87. He worked at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland; at the Illinois Psychiatric Institute; and in research at Yale University for the last 25 years of his career.

Ramona K. Wertz Mahler '61, Goshen, Ind., died Aug. 6, 2022, at 83. She worked for Everence and was a member of Beulah Missionary Church.

N. Floyd Beiler '62, Mogadore, Ohio, died Dec. 29, 2021, at 89. Floyd worked in construction before opening and operating Beiler's Penn Dutch Market for 38 years. He was a member of Hartville Conservative Mennonite Church.

Jerry Allen Miller '62, Goshen, Ind., died July 30, 2022, at 84. Jerry worked with Mennonite Board of Missions in voluntary service administration and as director of the Out-Spokin' Bicycling Program. He also served in admissions at EMU and was catering manager for Das Dutchman Essenhaus. He was a member of Eighth Street Mennonite Church.

Merle Glick Stoltzfus '62, MDiv '67, Elverson, Pa., died Aug. 1, 2022, at 92. He was involved in planting 15 churches.

Ralph C. Alderfer '63, Souderton, Pa., died June 29, 2022, at 82. Ralph was a music and math teacher at Iowa Mennonite High School and Christopher Dock Mennonite High School. He was a member of Ambler Mennonite Church. Ralph was the conductor of the Franconia Lancaster Choral Singers since 1995.

Dorcas Arlene Martin Good '63, Harrisonburg, Va., died Oct. 13, 2022, at 84. She taught kindergarten and first grade in public and private schools, retiring after more than 30 years. She then worked as a children's librarian for a public library in Henrico County.

Leslie E Maust '64, Plain City, Ohio, died Nov. 29, 2018, at 76. He was a missionary in Indonesia after graduation. He also spent 20 years as a dairy farmer and 15 years working for Ingredient Innovation International.

Darlis Carol Glick '65, Newburgh, N.Y., died April 9, 2022, at 79. She was a bookkeeper and a member of St. Gregory's Orthodox Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir.

H. Richard "Dick" Sauder, Jr., class of '65, Honey Brook, Pa., died July 10, 2021, at 78. He was a design engineer at Conestoga Wood Specialties, a printer for Weaver's Poultry and a chicken farmer. His friends and family knew him well for his many hobbies which he loved to share.

Paul John Shrock '65, Goshen, Ind., died Jan. 21, 2022, at 84. He was a medical technologist for 37 years at the University of Louisville-Jewish Hospital, retiring in 2002.

Glendon Lee Blosser '66, Rockingham, Va., died June 14, 2022, at 91. Glendon pastored Zion Hill Mennonite Church, served as overseer of the Central District of Virginia Mennonite Conference, and worked as moderator of the Mennonite Church. He was also a charter board member for the Gemeinschaft Home. After retirement, he and wife Dorothy helped start a congregation in Trinidad and for a number of years provided resources to local church leaders. He served three terms on the EMU Board of Trustees.

Karen Kropf Gingerich '66, Waynesboro, Va., died Jan. 25, 2022, at 76. Her greatest joy in life was her family and grandchildren. She served in the children's ministry and as a pastor's wife. She worked in retail services at Leggett's department store in Waynesboro, and retired from Peebles as an assistant manager.

Alta Mae Zimmerman Mellinger '67, New Holland, Pa., died April 11, 2022, at 86. She was a nurse at Lancaster General Hospital, Deder Hospital in Ethiopia under Eastern Mennonite Missions, and Ephrata Community Hospital. In retirement, she volunteered with MCC's Material Resource Center and with Life Line as a chaplain at Ephrata Community Hospital. She was a member of Akron Mennonite Church.

Herbert L. Van Horn '67, Morgantown, Pa., died Oct. 7, 2022, at 77. He was married to Dawn E. Wissler Van Horn '69.

Janet A. Zimmerman '69, Lititz, Pa., died Oct. 8, 2022, at 79. Through the Eastern Mennonite Missions, Janet taught at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. She also taught at Manheim Christian Day School and Linville Mennonite School. She was involved with Lancaster County's Head Start Program as well as the Community Action Program. She was a member of Pursuit Church and was involved in Healing Word Ministries.

Titus F. Kauffman '71, New Holland, Pa., died May 22, 2022, at 84. He served 23 years as lead pastor of Alden Mennonite Church in Buffalo, New York, after which he earned a master's degree in counseling. He spent two decades as a counselor and assistant pastor of care at Petra Church. He touched many lives as the visitation pastor, marriage enrichment team leader and, along with his wife, the grief share group leader. Titus also served as the chaplain for Garden Spot Fire Rescue. He was married for 61 years to Barbara Lapp Kauffman.

Kathleen F. Lehman '72, Chambersburg, Pa., died July 17, 2022, at 71. She had retired from the Chambersburg Hospital after 28 years working as an RN and manager of infectious control. She served at Cedar Street Mennonite Church in Chambersburg for many years and for the past five years, was a member of Overflow Community Church.

Rebecca Jean "Becky" May Shiflett '72, Elkton, Va., died October 13, 2022, at 75. She was employed as a nurse at various plants and with the Page County Health Department. In her final years, she worked for Dr. Charles Miller in Elkton. Becky was a member of Grove Hill United Methodist Church, where she was involved with teaching Bible school, and playing the piano and organ.

Duane Shank '73, Goshen, Ind., died April 20, 2022, at 70. He was the senior policy advisor and associate editor of Sojourners magazine. He was a longtime member of the

Community of Christ ecumenical congregation in Washington, and then Assembly Mennonite Church in Goshen.

Beverly Miller '74, Wauseon, Ohio, died Nov. 9, 2020. She was a teacher in Oregon until a mental breakdown ended that dream and forced her to return home to Ohio. That breakdown was not diagnosed as bipolar until many years later. She used that setback to help others, speaking to many groups to help create better understanding of mental health issues and to encourage those afflicted to remain on their medication. She was co-owner and vice president of the Miller Tire Company.

Francis E. Zehr '74, Ridgeway, Va., died July 29, 2022, at 70. Francis taught social studies in the Henry County Public Schools for 35 years. He served on the county's board of supervisors for 16 years, on the school board for 11 years, and also on the board of directors for the Ridgeway Rescue Squad.

Jonathan R. Byler '76, Goshen, Ind., died Oct. 9, 2022, at 67. He owned Cornerstone Carpenters, Inc. He was an avid Penn State football fan and enjoyed hobby farming and flower gardening.

Diane Lynn Ruhe '77, Benicia, Calif., died July 25, 2022, at 67. She was a nurse in surgery, oncology, neonatal intensive care, and later at a blood bank. After moving to California, she became a teacher and homeschooled her children.

Ralph Duane Arnold MDiv '78, Stuarts Draft, Va., died July 18, 2022, at 92. He was a Navy and Air Force veteran. Ralph married Evelyn French on Nov. 6, 1954, and they had three children. After his service, he was a chaplain in VA hospitals in four states for 15 years, ministering to thousands of servicemen and women scarred physically, mentally and spiritually by war.

Nancy Jeanette Erb '79, Castorland, N.Y., died Aug. 13, 2022, at 79. Nancy was a pastor's wife and homemaker, and had been employed as a Head Start Coordinator. She was a member of New Day Community Church, Lowville.

Loretta Chittum Deal '80, Saint Augustine, Fla., died April 26, 2022, at 85.

D. Dean Hunsberger '84, Hopkins Gap, Va., died Aug. 26, 2022, at 68. He worked as a truck driver, chimney sweep, construction worker, dorm parent, and investment banker, as well as at Mercy House, his most treasured job. Dean's recent endeavors involved building and remodeling projects for friends and family.

Joyce Moyer Miller '84, Sarasota, Fla., died June 1, 2022, at 59. Joyce taught 30 years in Baltimore County Public Schools. She served with her husband, Mark Miller '80, on many Project Serve Mission trips with Youth for Christ to the Philippines, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. After retiring in 2018, they enjoyed winters in Florida and moved there permanently in 2020.

Kimberly Dawn Biller Moomaw '89, Mount Jackson, Va., died June 25, 2022, at 54. She taught in Shenandoah County Public Schools for 30 years and was a member of Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church.

Gloria Jean Pittington Combs '90, MA '98 (education), Port Republic, Va., died May 26, 2022, at 77. She taught in the alternative education program at Dayton Learning Center for 21 years. Gloria shared her musical gifts by playing the piano and organ at several churches. She was a longtime member of Grace Covenant Church.

Sandra Faye Good-Wetsel '94, Timberville, Va., died May 19, 2022, at 68. She worked at Wetsel Seed Company before returning to EMC to earn a degree in education. She taught in the Rockingham County School system for many years. She had served on the board of the Plains District Memorial Museum and was recently honored with a lifetime membership.

Marian Phyllis Monestersky Aveson MA '98 (counseling), Harrisonburg, Va., died June 29, 2022, at 76. She was a mental health therapist with Sentara RMH Medical Center. She was an avid reader and jewelry collector. She loved fast sports cars, including her Austin-Healey, and enjoyed gardening, landscaping and vacationing in Duck, N.C.

Linn Ellen Whitmer Martin '98, Lancaster, Pa., died May 22, 2022, at 81. Linn was a founding member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Linn had a rare ability, rooted in genuine kindness and sincere unconditional love, to make others feel deeply cared about.

Anastacio Basil Marin MDiv '05, Harrisonburg, Va., died June 26, 2022, at 62. He was the lead pastor at New Song Anabaptist Fellowship Church, served on the Mennonite Board of Education, was a member of the N.E. Community Board, and served as a camp pastor for several youth camps. He drove a bus for Rockingham County for 12 years and was currently a bus driver for the city of Harrisonburg.

Carol V. May '08, Narvon, Pa., died July 7, 2022, at 75. She was a registered nurse at Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center for 24 years. Carol was a member of the Twin Valley Bible Chapel.

CORRECTIONS

Spring/Summer 2022 issue:

Merlin Swartz is from Bedford, Massachusetts not Bedford, Maine.

Rachel Ringenberg Miller's photo was mistakenly substituted with another person's photo. We apologize for the error.

Degree Key

CLASS OF - attended as part of the class of a given graduation year
GC - graduate certificate
MA - master of arts
MS - master of science
MDiv - master of divinity

Entries about alumni with both their undergraduate and graduate degrees from EMU are listed in the undergraduate section.

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'10 UNDER 40'

Braydon Hoover '11, MA '21 (organizational leadership), associate vice president for advancement, is among the *Shenandoah Valley Business Journal's* "10 Under 40" honorees. The annual awards recognize young professionals in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area.

Hoover names community and service among his deeply rooted values. He enjoys listening to people's stories and connecting them with students in need. Hoover had planned to attend medical school after graduation but embarked on a full-time position with advancement instead. "I didn't grow up thinking 'I want to be a fundraiser!' Nobody does. But serving EMU, making it more accessible for more students, is the most meaningful work in my life," Hoover said.

In 2017, he joined the board of directors at United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, and currently serves as its resource development committee chair. Hoover is also past president of Harrisonburg Rotary Club and a member since 2015. In 2019, he helped establish the university's first Rotaract Club, the collegiate wing of Rotary.

"It is an honor to serve alongside our local leaders who recognize Rotary as a changemaker in addressing community needs," Hoover said. "We may not all be at the same place along the political, theological, or social spectrum, but we know how to roll up our sleeves to help others."

Current president Wayne Witmer '87, president and CEO of Harman Construction, praised Hoover's leadership during the pandemic: "I am fortunate that Braydon preceded me in this role. He has been a true professional who shows a lot of emotional intelligence and strives to treat everyone with respect and consideration."

"I'm grateful to be surrounded by incredible people dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of others, here at EMU, at United Way, at Rotary, and throughout our community. I derive a lot of hope from that," Hoover said.

— Lauren Jefferson

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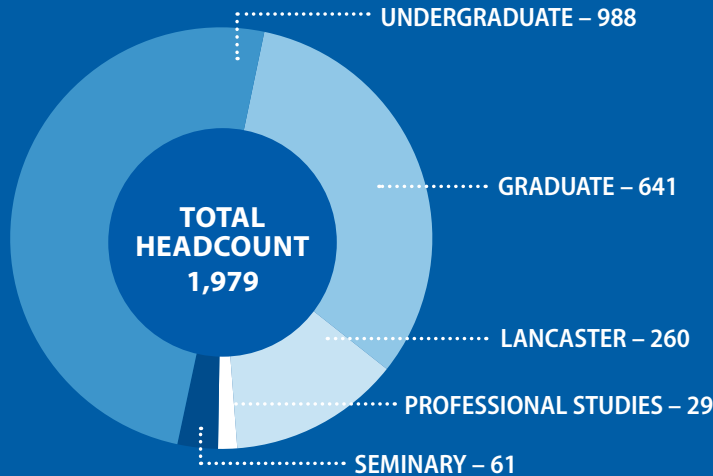
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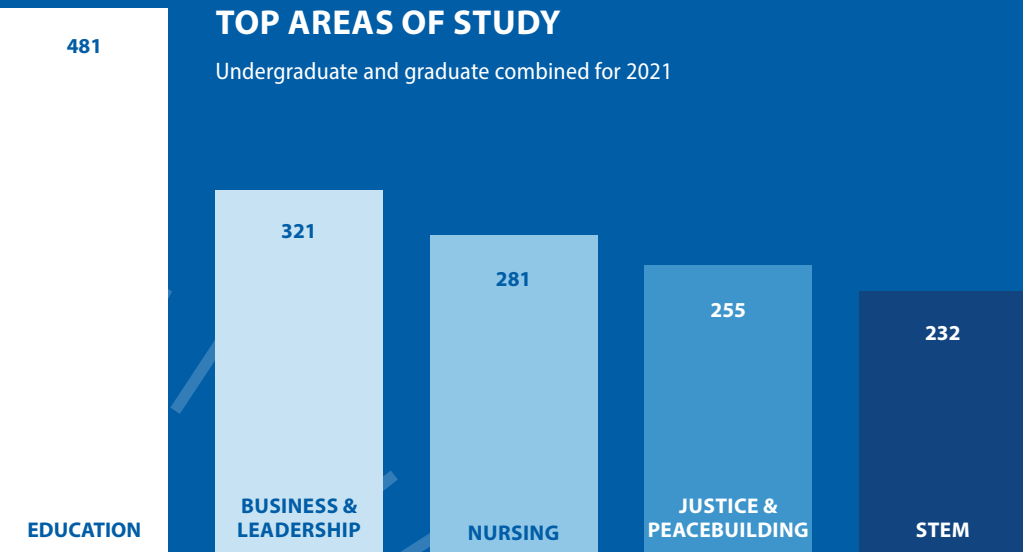


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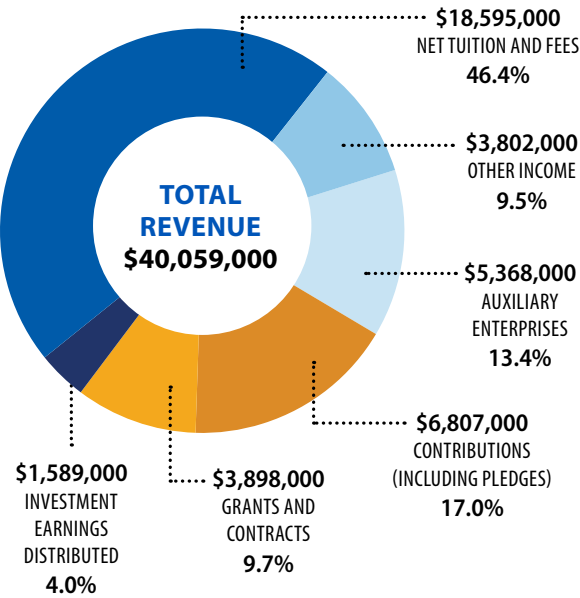
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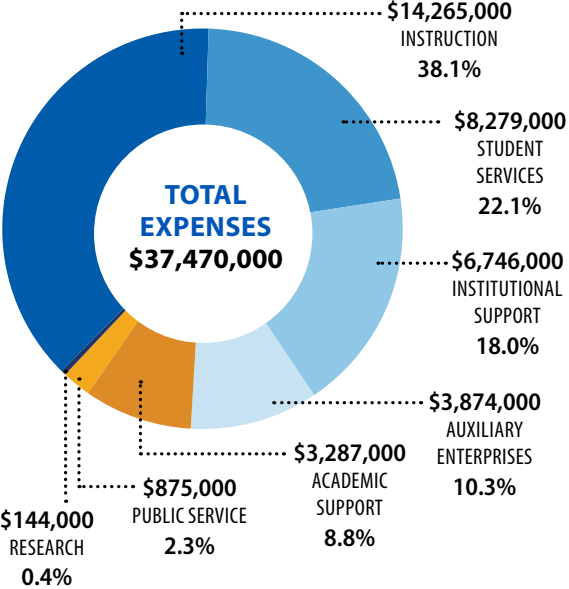


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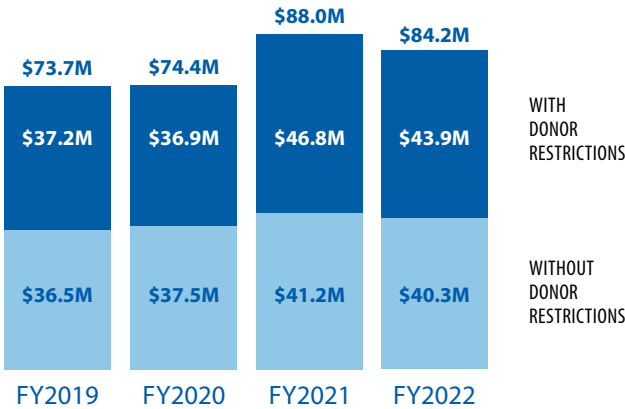
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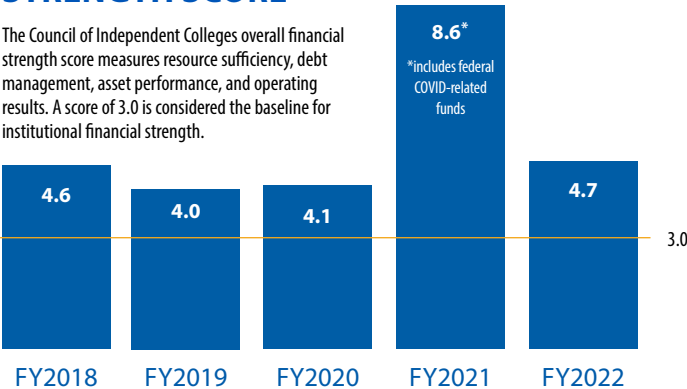


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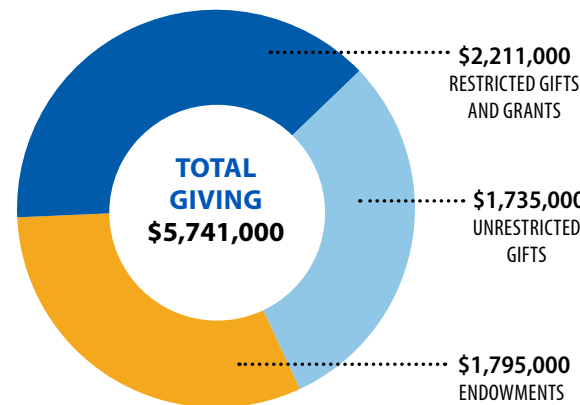


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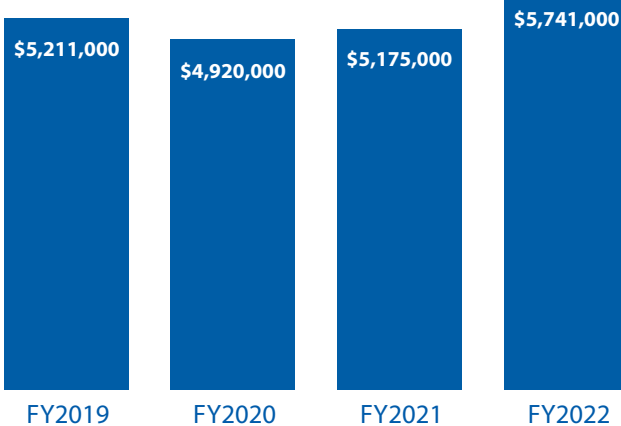
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