

October's Centennial Homecoming celebrates EMU!

Eastern Mennonite University's Homecoming and Family Weekend is fast approaching. This fall is a special opportunity to celebrate EMU's Centennial ... 100 years of dynamic, countercultural, Anabaptist education.

The week of Oct. 8-15 includes a bike ride, campus fun run, TenTalks with EMU alumni, an art exhibit, affinity drop-in reunions, a theatrical production titled "What we bring. What we take. What we leave," by Ingrid De Sanctis '88 and Ted Swartz '89, MACL '92, the Steel Wheels concert and the Fall Festival on the lawn. Alumni awards will be given to Chester '36 and Sara Jane '42 Wenger, Leonard Dow '87, Laura Rosenberger '03, Anxo Perez '97, and Michael J. Sharp '05.

EMU's centennial history by Don Kraybill '67, titled *Eastern Mennonite University: A Century of Countercultural Education*, will be available. Kraybill will host a presidents' forum, a book talk, and several signing events. The book is also available through the Penn State Press website.

EMS alumna leads Charlottesville clergy protest

As news of the Aug. 12 Unite the Right rally reverberated out of Charlottesville, EMU—located 60 miles over Afton Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley—and its widespread community watched in dismay and anger. Because of the close proximity and many connections, numerous EMU community members were also part of events that day.

Brittany Caine-Conley, a United Church of Christ pastor-in-training, and 2014 Eastern Mennonite Seminary graduate was one of them. As lead organizer for Congregate Charlottesville, Caine-Conley called for 1,000 clergy and faith leaders of all denominations to counter protest the gathered white supremacists. Leading prayers and hugging participants, sometimes with a baseball cap on and in black ministerial robes, Caine-Conley was featured in the Washington Post and the New York Times.

"At EMU, we yearn, pray, and act for peace, restorative justice, healthy communities and the day when 'we will be judged by the content of our character, not the color of our skin,'" said President Susan Schultz Huxman later that week. The Charlottesville events provides opportunity for processing, discussion and action, she notes.

How can EMU be of service to your congregation and conference?

Contact the church relations office to schedule the president, dean or a faculty guest speaker at 540-432-4597 or ChurchRelations@emu.edu.

Franconia/Eastern District Conferences Connections to EMU

Trustees

Charlotte Hunsberger '91, Evon Bergey '79, Chad Lacher '97

Franconia Constituent Conference Committee Representatives

John Stoltzfus '94

Undergraduate Students and Alumni

13 undergraduate students from Eastern District and Franconia Conferences were enrolled in the fall 2016 semester at EMU.

Giving

Eastern District and Franconia Conferences churches gave more than \$70,000 in matching grants to their students at EMU and annual fund support during the year ending June 2016.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, *president*
- ▶ **Kirk Shisler**, *vice president of advancement*
- ▶ **Les Horning**, *director of seminary admissions, associate director of church relations*
- ▶ **Tim Swartzendruber**, *associate director of development*
- ▶ **Maddie Gish**, *admissions counselor*

Our Vision

EMU envisions a learning community marked by academic excellence, creative expression, professional competence, and passionate Christian faith, offering healing and hope in our diverse world. To this end, we commit ourselves to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.