

Things are happening at EMS! We are excited that Sarah Bixler, doctoral candidate at Princeton Theological Seminary, has joined our faculty, leading our Formation curriculum. The Seminary is now embedded in EMU's School of Theology, Humanities and the Performing Arts. This move maintains Seminary identity as we offer a full range of graduate theological programs, while strengthening connections to the undergraduate Bible, Religion and Theology department as well as undergraduate programs in music, language and literature, and history. The Seminary Dean, Sue Cockley, as well as Associate Dean, Nancy Heisey continue to lead the Seminary.

2020 School for Leadership Training: January 13-15

January 13-15 marked the 51st annual SLT. The keynote speakers were Shannan Martin, author and speaker from Goshen Indiana; Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber, Director of Innovation for Engaged Church Greater NW Area of United Methodists Church and Co-Founder Voices Project; Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig with guests from Faith in Action; and Dr. Kenton Derstine with Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Alumni. The theme was “*Shalom in the Streets: Recapturing God’s Vision in Ordinary Places*” and provided participants with a worshipful and renewing encounter and to reimagine ministry in our communities from God’s desire. Jeremiah 29:7 was the focus scripture.

Visit <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/> for more information

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 20th Anniversary Celebration

The CPE Celebration was held on Tuesday, January 14. Following the celebration dinner attendees enjoyed honoring the Lena and Norman Yutzy family for the CPE Program Endowment, sharing memories and stories from ministry and the keynote address by former EMS associate dean, Dr. Sara Wenger Shenk.

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EMS Graduation 2020

Our spring semester was like no other. Due to COVID-19 our classes were all moved to online via Zoom for the rest of the spring semester and for summer. In May, we celebrated the accomplishments of the seminary graduating class of 2020. They chose the theme, “Hope Born of Renewal: On to the Next Season!” and the scriptures Lamentations 3:21-24 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Plans are to award eight Master of Divinity and five Master of Christian Leadership degrees to the graduating class of 2020. We hope to join the University in the Fall for a Commencement ceremony, ideally during Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 17-18, 2020. Class officers include president, Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler, (MDiv); Vice President, John David Kenney, (MDiv); Secretary, Alanna McGuinn, (MACL); and Treasurer, David Gaylor, (MDiv).

Seminary Course Options

Consider pursuing seminary studies. We offer a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies, Master of Divinity, MA in Christian Leadership, and MA in Religion. Check out the course options on our website. <https://emu.edu/seminary/courses/>.

Statement of Purpose

Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares men and women to serve and lead in a global context. In response to God’s saving grace, we educate students to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God’s Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.

- ▶ **Susan Schultz Huxman**, president
- ▶ **Sue Cockley**, seminary dean
- ▶ **Nancy Heisey**, associate dean
- ▶ **Veva Mumaw**, seminary admissions, placement & church relations

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