

Welcome to EMU Homecoming and Family Weekend!

We hope your weekend will be memorable as you reconnect with classmates, visit with friends and enjoy exciting activities.

Best wishes from the homecoming planning committee:
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Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 14

- 10 a.m.** **Homecoming Chapel assembly**
Lehman Auditorium
- Guest speakers are Leymah Gbowee MA '07, Doug Hostetter '66. Debut by Jericho Road, EMU men's a capella group. On stage is part of a display prepared for the opening ceremony at the United Nations First Decade for Indigenous Peoples. Designed by Phyllis Ressler '72, Pat Augsburg, and Dennis Maust '75.
- 1 - 4 p.m.** **Symposium: "Societies in Transition: From Instability to Peace"**
Seminary Martin Chapel, 1- 4 p.m.
- Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP) faculty and alumni will reflect on their experiences with societies in transition.
- 3 - 9 p.m.** **Registration and Welcome Center**
University Commons
- 5 - 6:30 p.m.** **Evening meal**
Meal is available in the dining hall pay at the door.
- 5:30 p.m.** **Donor appreciation banquet (by invitation)**
University Commons lower level

8 p.m. **EMU Theater: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde**
Mainstage Theater

8 p.m. **Film and Talk Back**
Yoder Arena, University Commons
A viewing of the award-winning documentary, *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, will be followed by a talk with Leymah Gbowee MA '07, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize awardee, and leader of the Women's Peace Movement in Liberia.

Saturday, October 15

7:30 a.m. - **Registration and Welcome Center**
2 p.m. *University Commons*

8 a.m. **Science center annual breakfast and program**
Suter Science Center
Guest speaker, Dr. Frank Shelp '80*

8 a.m. **Haverim and seminary alumni breakfast and program**
Seminary foyer
Guest speaker, President Loren Swartzendruber* '76, MDiv '79.

8 a.m. **Business and economics breakfast and program**
Discipleship Center
Guest speaker, Dr. Bruno Dyck* '82

8 a.m. **Nurses' breakfast**
Campus Center, 3rd floor nursing department

** Learn more about the speakers on page 8.*

- 8:30 a.m. Hall of Honor breakfast and awards**
University Commons Court C
 Danielle Conser Siembida* '99, Mike Gale* '01 and Sara Peifer Nissley* '01 will be inducted into the Hall of Honor.
- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Center for Justice and Peacebuilding breakfast & reunion**
Library, Jamar Room (12, enter from Park Road, across from the Science Center)
- 9 a.m. Jesse T. Byler Lecture Series**
Seminary building, room 123
 Steve Leaman, '79, Ed.D, Principal of Broadway High School, and Paul Leaman, '86, M.Ed., Head of School at Eastern Mennonite School, will speak on "2 what r u called?"
- 9 - 10 a.m. Language and Literature department presentation**
Campus Center Strite Conference Room, 105
 Dr. Lee Snyder* '63, will speak from her latest book, *At Powerline and Diamond Hill: Unexpected Intersections of Life and Work*.
- 11 a.m. Alumni softball game**
Gebman Field
 Followed by a picnic lunch for all participants and their families
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Celebration of Royals baseball**
Baseball field
 Current varsity team vs. alumni at 11, followed at 2 by cookout for alumni, current players and families
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Youth activities**
Homecoming registration table, University Commons
 Grades 6-12, EMU "Great Race," visit dorms, mini campus tour, pizza in Common Grounds, game room, all hosted by current EMU students.

10:30 a.m. -
2 p.m.

Children's activities

Campus Center Greeting Hall area

Grades 1-5, fun-filled activities organized and led by the EMU Student Education Association.

10:30 a.m. -
2 p.m.

Childcare

Campus Center Greeting Hall

Available for children ages 0-5 who have been registered.

10:30 -
11:15 a.m.

Festive Gathering

Lehman Auditorium Lawn

Everyone is invited! Join alumni, friends, faculty and administration for refreshments, carriage rides and music.

11:15 a.m.

Homecoming welcome program

Lehman Auditorium, 11:15 a.m.

Celebrate the 2011 Alum of the Year and Distinguished Service Award recipients. View a homecoming video and enjoy Steve Sachs and EMU Jazz & Swing Sisters.

Class reunions, luncheons and photos will immediately follow the program.

Reunion locations:

1961 Northlawn, West Dining Room

1966 Northlawn, East Dining Room

1971 Library presidents' room 303

1976 University Commons room 211-212

1981 Campus Center room 301-302

1986 University Commons snack shop

1991 Northlawn Lounge

1996 Discipleship Center

2001 Campus Center room 226

2006 University Commons president's room

A more complete schedule for reunions and photos is available at the registration desk in the University Commons.

12:30 p.m.

EMU Jazz and Swing Sisters Reunion

The Gathering Place, Parkview Plaza, 12:30 p.m. (east of campus off Mt. Clinton Pike behind Everence building).

All-time reunion of Jazz Band & Swing Sisters, with Steve and Carolyn Sachs. Enjoy lunch together, followed by rehearsal time in Lehman Auditorium and an evening performance on Thomas Plaza.

Intercollegiate Games

12 p.m.

Women's volleyball – 12 p.m. vs. Mary Baldwin

4 p.m.

Field Hockey – 4 p.m. vs. Washington & Lee

7 p.m.

Men's soccer – 7 p.m. vs. Virginia Wesleyan

1:30 -

2:30 p.m

Booksigning

University Commons Bookstore

(bookstore open 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 10% discount)

Alumna of the Year and 2011 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Leymah Gbowee will greet alumni, parents, and friends of EMU. Copies of her newly released book, *Mighty be Our Powers*, available for purchase and signing.

2 – 3 p.m

Campus Tours and Carriage Rides

Carriage rides begin in 15-minute intervals at east entrance of University Commons

Walking tours of campus begin in 15-minute intervals at Campus Center's Brunk-Maust Lounge, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Enjoy a ride on a horse-drawn wagon from the Commons to the Campus Center, and then begin a guided walking tour of campus, highlighting the newly re-purposed spaces and concluding with a glimpse inside the newly renovated Maplewood and Elmwood residence halls, as well as Cedarwood, constructed in 2009. While at the Campus Center, take a few minutes to see new interpretive signage in the Anna Frey Memorial Garden, part of a series of interpretive markers around campus researched and written by professor emeritus John L. Horst. Then, watch a video created to commemorate the Ad Building (1920-1984), the January 1984 fire, and the Campus Center, now in its 25th year.

2 p.m

Encore! Dessert Reception and Program

Lehman Auditorium, Recital Hall

- 2 p.m** **History Department Reception**
Campus Center room 201
- 2 - 4 p.m** **Climbing wall open**
University Commons climbing wall area, Court C
All are welcome to come. There is an appropriate climb for all levels. Permission forms are required and can be filled out on location prior to climbing. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing.
- 2 p.m** **2007 Guatemala and Mexico
Cross-Cultural Reunion**
At the home of Don and Esther Clymer
- 2:30 - 4 p.m** **“The Woods” Open House**
Elmwood, Maplewood, and Cedarwood residence halls
Check out the newly renovated spaces of Maplewood and Elmwood, constructed in 1963 and beautifully renovate in 2010-11, and take a walk inside recently-built Cedarwood, first occupied in 2009. Cedarwood recently received gold-level LEED certification, the first in the state of Virginia!
- Art Exhibits**
- 4p.m.** *Margaret Martin Gehman Gallery, University Commons,
open Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 4 p.m. – 6p.m.
& 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.*
“Familial Colors”: The drawings and paintings of D.C. artists and sisters Jill Finsen and Susan Finsen. Opening Reception, Saturday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Artists’ talk, 4:30 p.m.
- 5:15 p.m.** *Hartzler Library Gallery, open during library hours*
“Macrocosmos.” Works by EMU senior photography major Susan Alexander. Artist’s talk, Saturday 5:15 p.m.
- 6 p.m.** *South Lawn of the Esther Kniss Augsburg Art Center, open
for viewing any time.*
“Roots.” EMU alum Mark Fenton’s outdoor wood, metal, and wire sculpture which began its life as a treasured piano. Artist’s talk, Saturday 6 p.m.

5 p.m. Jubilee alumni dinner program

Seminary building; Martin Chapel

The doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner begins at 5 p.m. This event is for alumni who attended EMU 50 years ago or more. The class of 1961 will be honored and inducted into the Jubilee Alumni Association. There will be designated tables for reunion year classes. General seating is available for other guests.

5 - 6:30 p.m. Picnic Dinner

Front campus lawn; Rain location, University Commons

Limited tickets available at buffet line entrance

8 p.m.

EMU Theater: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Mainstage Theater

Sunday, October 16

10 a.m.

Homecoming worship service

Lehman Auditorium (Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m. with Steve and Carolyn Sachs)

Worship celebration. Alumna of the Year Leymah Gbowee will be recognized and participate in the service. Distinguished Service Award recipient Glen Lapp will be recognized posthumously. Child care is available if pre-registered.

11:30 a.m. -

Lunch

1 p.m.

Main dining room, Northlawn lower level

Pay at the door.

12 p.m.

Award recipient dinner (by invitation)

Martin Chapel

3 p.m.

EMU Theater: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Mainstage Theater

Monday, October 17

8 a.m.

Alumni Association annual council meeting

Homecoming speaker bios

Bruno Dyck '82, studied business at EMU, has a PhD in business from the University of Alberta. He has been a professor at the University of Manitoba for over 20 years, where he teaches management and organization theory. His research, which looks at the role of values on how organizations learn and change, has been published in leading scholarly journals. Dyck has researched church and related organizations -- including studies on MEDA, MCC, and church conflict -- and is currently working on a book *Luke on Management*. A management textbook he co-authored, which describes both a mainstream and a more holistic multi-stream approach to management, is currently being used at EMU.

Doug Hostetter '66, attended EMU during the Vietnam War years and did his alternative service with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Tam Ky, Vietnam. His life work has been devoted to seeking nonviolent alternatives to war and oppression in many war zones including North and South Vietnam, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. He has been heavily involved in reconciliation, citizen diplomacy, work camps and people-to-people exchanges with the citizens of the former Soviet Union, Cuba, Nicaragua, Bosnia, and Israel/Palestine. Doug has published broadly in both the secular and religious press on issues of war, peace, faith and nonviolence. In 2003 Doug was ordained as peace pastor at Evanston (Ill.) Mennonite Church. He is currently director of the MCC United Nations Liaison Office in New York City.

Stephen W. Sachs, DMA, professor of piano and music chair at Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss., has been active as a piano soloist, duo-pianist, chamber musician and accompanist in the eastern United States, Costa Rica and France. Sachs is a founding member of the Belhaven Piano Trio. He has appeared with many orchestras, most recently with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. He received his doctorate in piano performance from The Catholic University of America studying with Dr. Thomas Mastroianni. Sachs serves as director of music ministries at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Jackson and has served on the board of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. From 1978-2004, Sachs served on the faculty of EMU, teaching piano and music theory courses and directing big band jazz and wind ensembles. While in Harrisonburg, he was active as a soloist, chamber player, and orchestra member in EMU's annual Bach Festival and contributed to the music ministries at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, Harrisonburg Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church and Otterbein United Methodist Church. Steve is married to Carolyn Reed Sachs. They perform regularly as the Sachs Piano Duo. The Sachs have four grown children and four grandchildren.

Frank E. Shelp '80 MD, MPH is the current and first ever Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the State of Georgia, a cabinet level department created by the legislature in July 2009 to address systemic problems under investigation and active litigation by the U.S. Justice Department. In his first two years he has reached agreements with the Justice Department and put Georgia's hospital and community based disabilities programs well on their way toward a safe, effective recovery based model. Dr. Shelp's formal education includes both a BA and BS from Eastern Mennonite College, an M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia, internship, residency and fellowship training in psychiatry and geriatrics at Duke University Medical Center, and a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has worked clinically in academic, public, private and correctional settings and held administrative positions on national levels within corporate healthcare. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a nominee to the American College of Psychiatrists.

Lee Snyder '63, was born in born on a farm at Harrisburg, Oregon, and raised in a Mennonite community. Lee's life and work follow a trajectory that she herself would never have imagined. From West Africa to Nigeria, the west coast of the U.S. and Virginia, her journey led her into administrative leadership with Mennonite higher ed and the denomination. Lee served as the first female president of Bluffton University (Ohio). She continues a variety of assignments with educational organizations, boards of trustees and the church. She and Del divide their time between Virginia and Oregon, where they maintain a residence in Salem, Ore.

Loren Swartzendruber '76, MDiv '79, DMin, president of EMU, grew up in Kalona, Iowa. After graduating from Iowa Mennonite School, he came to EMU for one year and then transferred to the University of Iowa School of Pharmacy. Loren and his wife, Pat Swartzendruber, returned to EMU in 1973 where Loren finished a BS and earned an MDiv. He later earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. From 1978 to 1983 Loren pastored the Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, Pa. He was associate executive secretary of the former Mennonite Board of Education from 1983 to 1993. For the next 10 years, he was president of Hesston College in Kansas. In January 2004, he became president of EMU. In 2009-10, Loren served as chair of the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia. He is in much demand as a speaker at conferences and churches, known for interweaving serious messages with jokes and storytelling.

Alumni Award Winners

Alumna of the Year

Leymah Gbowee, MA '07, received the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 7, 2011, for her work of mobilizing women to prayerfully protest and end the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. Leymah earned a diploma in social work at a Liberian university. In 2007, she completed her MA in conflict transformation at EMU. The mother of six, Leymah has been a leader in the Lutheran



Church of Liberia and, while studying at EMU, was active in Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg. During the period of beginning her master's studies, Leymah joined with two other women – one of whom had studied at EMU's Summer Peacebuilding Institute and the other previously employed at the West African Network for Peacebuilding (founded by two CJP alumni) – to launch the organization she now leads, Women, Peace and Security Network Africa, based in Ghana. Leymah credits EMU/CJP with giving her the ability to understand and articulate her work, and many more skills for continued peacebuilding across Africa. Leymah's eldest son, Joshua "Nuku" Mensah, entered EMU as a freshman in the fall of 2010.

Distinguished Service Award

Glen Lapp '91, life was cut short on August 5, 2010, when he and other aid workers with International Assistance Mission, a Christian charity, were gunned down in northern Afghanistan. Glen was a volunteer with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), assigned to IAM, where he was an executive assistant and manager of its provincial ophthalmic program. The medical team – six Americans, three Afghans, a German, and a Briton – were returning to Kabul from an arduous service trip to northern Afghanistan, when the team was ambushed and robbed. All except for one Afghan were left riddled with bullets in a remote wooded area of Badakhshan Province. Glen was 40 years old. Glen graduated from EMU as a math major. Four years later, in 1995, he earned a BS in nursing at Johns Hopkins University in the school's second degree accelerated program. "His life exemplified selfless service," said Duane Ringer, Glen's former colleague at Lancaster Regional Medical Center. Glen's parents and brothers are present at Homecoming to accept the award on his behalf.



Hall of honor awardees:

Mike Gale '01, was a strong defensive first baseman who also made his mark at the plate. Gale accumulated 165 hits, 106 runs and a batting average of .360 in his four-year career. An All-ODAC First Team award winner in 2001, his 102 RBI ranked him seventh in the ODAC record books.

Sara Peifer Nissley '01, capped her field hockey career with a stellar senior season, leading the nation in scoring with 29 goals. Sara was named ODAC Player of the Year and All-ODAC, All-Region and All-America First Team. She left EMU second in career goals (74), fourth in points (175) and tied for seventh in assists (27).

Danielle Conser Siembida '99, spent most of her volleyball career at EMU as a setter, leaving with four career records (including assists and digs), one season record and a single match mark. She led the ODAC in assists twice and was named All-ODAC First Team as a senior in 1998 when she split her time between setter and hitter.