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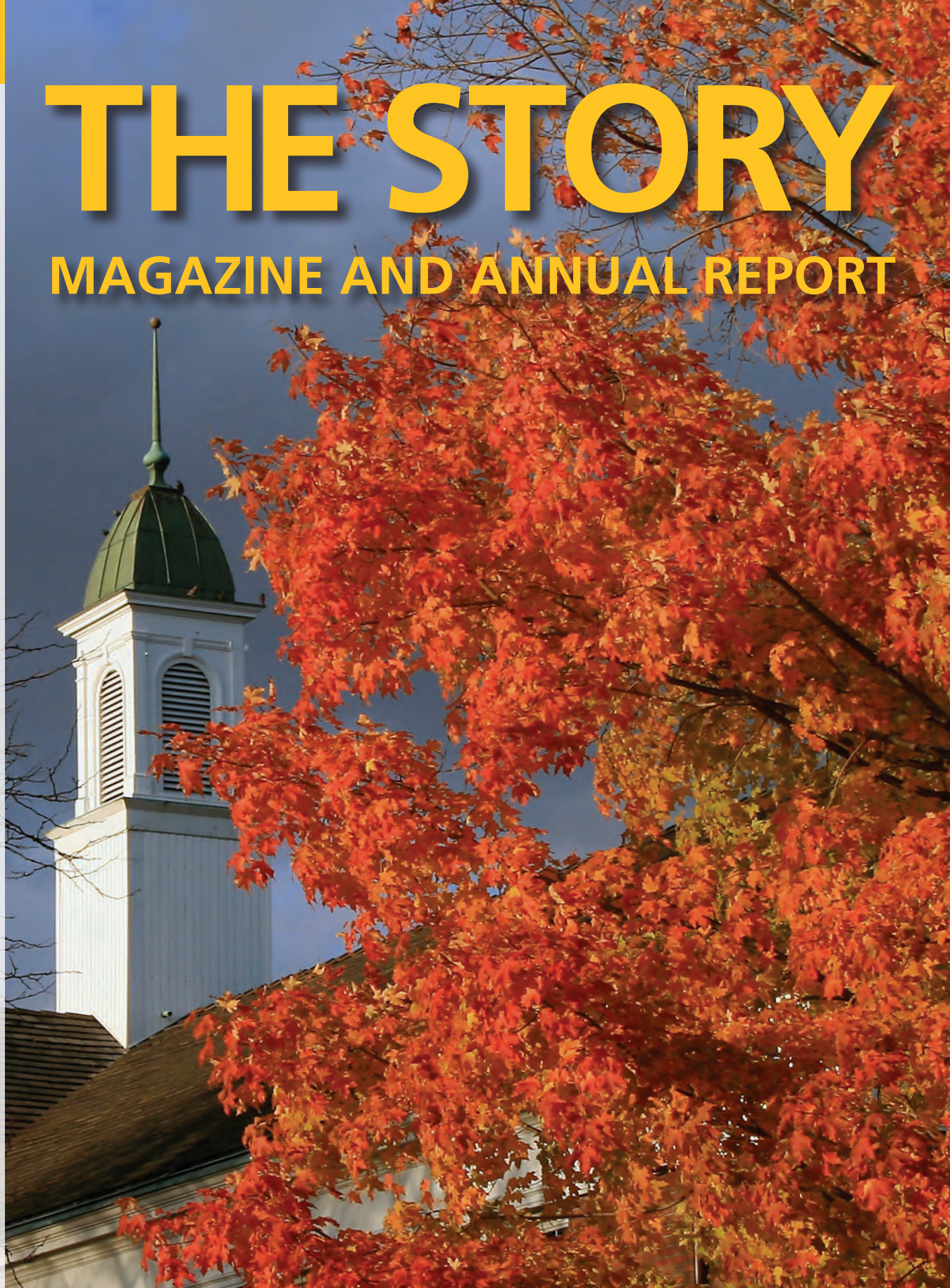
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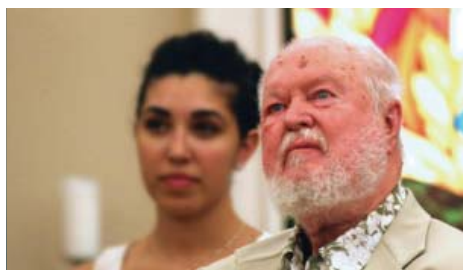
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**A night to remember ✱** *The MTSO community gathered in the Alford Centrum Sept. 18 to celebrate the careers of two distinguished former professors. The 2011 Tribute to Emeritus Faculty honored Roy A. Reed, emeritus professor of worship and music (top), and M. Edward Hunter, emeritus professor of theological bibliography.*

Founded in 1958, Methodist Theological School in Ohio is one of 13 seminaries formally affiliated with and funded in part by the United Methodist Church. Located on a 72-acre campus in Central Ohio, MTSO offers five graduate degree programs: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Practical Theology, Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries, Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry. It also offers graduate-level certificate programs in Basic Theological Education, United Methodist Deacon Studies, Engaging in Ministry with the Poor and the Advanced Course of Study in the United Methodist Church.

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# Crafting an uncommon Commons

**By Rev. Jay Rundell  
President**

How is the world around us changing, and what does that mean for religious and spiritual leaders? More specifically, what does it mean for those who engage them in learning and formation?

We at MTSO regularly wrestle with those two questions, which leads us to more questions. How do we bridge the theory-vs.-practice debates that arise in conversations about the future of the church – and of Christianity itself? How can theological education continue to integrate our important historical disciplines with current faith practices?

What kind of technology best prepares students and non-traditional learners for a highly connected technological world where the church and community ministries need to be present? What technologies best help MTSO connect to a wider variety of constituents?

These are questions that we must ask again and again – even if we think we’ve already answered them – because our responses don’t necessarily have a long and stable shelf-life. The attendant, if fleeting, answers influence much of what we do.

At MTSO we are striding ahead of many peer schools in some areas, while intentionally taking it slower in others. Today I want to tell you about a case where we’re defining the cutting edge by taking a bold new step.

I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Theological Commons at MTSO. While it is loosely based on a “knowledge commons” model developing in a number of colleges and universities, it will

be the first of its kind in a seminary.

The Theological Commons is not a specific geographical place or program as much as it is a forum for innovation and development of new educational practices and technologies. It is our response to significant changes in church leadership and higher education, evidence of our recognition that seminaries are being asked to provide more than our traditional educational programs. Simply put, we’re seizing an opportunity to lead amidst change.

The Commons will encompass our current and emerging information technology hardware, software, staff and efforts. It will also be the incubator for several new endeavors, including the creation of Communities of Inquiry and

Practice. CIPs are small groups consisting of seminary students, professionals in active ministry, leading experts, faculty members and other interested constituencies, with each group formed around an area of common interest.

These groups share in dialogue, collaborative learning, knowledge construction and leadership development. At the hub is the Theological Commons, providing a network of relationships, pedagogy that includes up-to-the-minute technology, and outcomes assessment.

The first CIP was launched following the recent Schooler Institute lectures. Thirteen



people with various connections to MTSO are participating in a discussion with lecturer Tex Sample, building on his theme, “Human Nature, Self-Interest and Power.” Sample, working with our faculty members Lisa Withrow and Yvonne Zimmerman, has already met in person and online with this collection of alumni, trustees and current students. The process will continue over several months, probing the depths of Sample’s lecture and discovering how this content matters for active ministry and leadership. Face-to-face and virtual meetings will be accompanied by online discussion threads.

Our second CIP will involve a new partnership with the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving at Indiana University’s Center on Philanthropy, and will bring students, active pastors and non-profit leaders together in dialogue around faith-related giving. A third CIP will be focused on rural ministry. As you might imagine, the list of potential communities is growing quickly.

Initial efforts to fund the Theological Commons have been successful, and I hope you might consider how you could support this effort. Just as important, please think about how you can take advantage of this new phase of lifelong learning.

I believe the Theological Commons will help us prepare current students and active Christian leaders to work collectively for the common good – and to tap new human and technological resources – as they prepare to adapt and lead amidst emerging realities we cannot now foresee. As you watch and participate in the evolution of the Theological Commons, I hope you’ll agree that we have created a new educational model that is vital for ministry in our time.

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# Fresh perspectives

MTSO's newest students bring a wealth of experiences and viewpoints

By April Casperson  
Director of Admissions

As admissions counselors, MTSO recruiter Sally Murphy and I take unique satisfaction in welcoming new students to campus for fall orientation. These are men and women who have shared their aspirations for lives of Christian service with us over the course of months and, in some cases, years. Watching each of them take the next step on their journey is an inspiration.

The 55 new master's degree students beginning their studies at MTSO arrive with 55 unique personal stories. Some felt the call to ministry years ago, while others will tell you they just laughed the first time someone else saw that potential in them.

I'd like to introduce you to a few of the recent arrivals on our campus. It's been a privilege to assist in the discernment processes that led each of them here.

## KYLE BUCHOLZ

*Bringing a theatre background to the pulpit*

As a boy, Kyle Bucholz was always active in his church, yet it took him a while to give serious consideration to the predictions of those around him.

"As I grew up, I did many things in the church and many different pastors told me that I would be in their shoes preaching sermons," Bucholz said. "Like a common kid, I blew them off and made jokes about it. It wasn't until high school that they all fit together and God opened my eyes."

Bucholz received both a theatre and a religion degree from Adrian College, where he wrote and directed plays presented by the Department of Theatre. An M.Div. student pursuing ordination as an elder in the Detroit Annual Conference, he has earned scholarships from both MTSO and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.



## KAYLAN GUZMAN

*A calling to counsel "priceless" young people*

A graduate of Miami University, Kaylan Guzman has enrolled in the Pastoral and Professional Counseling Track of MTSO's Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries program. In her admissions essay, Guzman spoke of her desire to work with teens and young adults.

"I want to counsel and comfort them in the midst of trial and tribulation," she wrote. "I want to help carry their burdens when they have no one else to turn to or to lean on. I want to teach young people, especially young women, that they are priceless."

Guzman, a member of the First Church of God in Columbus, earned a business degree in human resources management from Miami University. MTSO has awarded her the Methesco Scholarship.



## GREGORY KENDRICK

*Inquisitive and concerned about the church*



As a religion major at Denison University, Gregory Kendrick completed a directed study project titled "Cashing in on the Pulpit: A Beginning Study of the Effect of Prosperity Preaching on the African American Community." Now he brings his sense of inquisitiveness and concern

for the church to MTSO, where he'll pursue an M.Div. degree.

Kendrick, who served as a student chaplain at Denison, is looking forward to "intense, concentrated studies" at MTSO, where he has been awarded recognition scholarships to pursue an M.Div. degree.

"It is my desire to further my research in black church studies with special regard to homiletics and pastoral leadership," Kendrick wrote in his admissions essay. "Additionally, I am excited to be part of a community of people with similar goals and exciting futures."



## CALEB PITKIN

*Drawing on experience as an immigrant minority*

After graduating Magna Cum Laude with an economics degree from East Tennessee State University, Caleb Pitkin spent three years teaching English in Japan. The immersion in

Japanese culture provided Pitkin and his wife, Samantha Wells, with a unique perspective.

"For about three years of my life, I lived as an immigrant and a minority," he said. "I know what it's like to stand out and have everyone stare at you because of how you look. I know how stressful it can be to not really understand what people are telling you. I know what it's like for people to refuse to sit next to you on a crowded bus or train. This experience has given me a desire to improve the lives of people who experience those feelings every day in America. What we do for the stranger and the immigrant, we do for God, and I want to be a part of that work."

Pitkin, an M.Div. student and United Methodist, has earned the Honors Scholarship and will pursue ordination as an elder in Tennessee's Holston Conference.

## KEN SCHOON

*Preparing to engage in urban ministry*



Ken Schoon earned a B.S. in urban studies with a minor in sociology at the University of Cincinnati and served as a Next Generations intern with the West Ohio Annual Conference in 2010. He was also a community outreach intern with the Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati.

An Alford Scholar pursuing an M.Div. degree, Schoon plans to seek ordination as an elder in West Ohio and engage in urban ministry.

"I feel a particular call in my vocation in ministry to lead the church in the heart of the city," he said. "Mainline churches have often focused their ministry near their membership in the suburbs, but if one were to examine Jesus' ministry at the margins of his society, it would appear that his followers should be most active in the modern city."

## CHRISTINA YOST

*A passion for engaging the heart and mind*

Last year, as she neared graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, Christina Yost was accepted by six seminaries, including Duke Divinity School and Yale Divinity School. She chose MTSO, accepting the Harding Scholarship.



In her admissions essay, Yost said she found that MTSO is "passionate about engaging the mind and the heart" and compels students "to understand the values of religious study and effectively translate those studies into the practical experience of ministry."

She graduated Summa Cum Laude from OWU, where she earned the Ralph W. Sockman Award for Academic Excellence in religion. Currently serving as student associate pastor at William Street UMC in Delaware, Yost is enrolled in the M.Div. program, pursuing ordination as an elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

# When a sponge finds her voice

How I ended up presenting a paper on developmental disability on the other side of the Atlantic

By Katherine Dickson  
M.Div. '12

Nervous in The Netherlands, I approached the podium and placed a postcard of a chick emerging from an egg where the audience could see it. It was July 1, and I was about to deliver a paper at the Third Biennial Conference of the European Society for the Study of Theology and Disability. This was easily the farthest-flung stop on a vocational journey that was inspired largely by my relationship with my beloved Aunt Debbie – and nurtured by the courses I've taken, the relationships I've formed and the resources I've tapped at MTSO.

This conference, in the Dutch village of Schoorl, brought together top scholars in the relatively young field of disability and theology. As the only master's-level student from the U.S. who spoke, I pointed out the picture of the hatching chick and told the group, "This is how I feel presenting this paper to this conference."

In the paper, "Vocation, Theological Anthropology, and Emerging Adults with a Developmental Disability," I consider disability through a lens of who and how we believe God is in relation to humans, and how that can shape the way we think about vocation. This view of vocation has particular applications for emerging adults with developmental disabilities, who often leave the support network of public accommodations at a certain age.

When I finished the presentation, one of the scholars approached me and said, "I like your little egg picture, but what do you think? That all of the rest of us are grown chickens? You have a voice."

That brief exchange is typical of the way I have been encouraged and challenged



Inspired by a special aunt \* Dickson in The Netherlands

as I delve deeper into this fascinating and blossoming area of study. Through my education, I've learned the disabilities field is experiencing a sort of "civil rights movement," a movement to which the church is something of a newcomer. In fact, places of worship were exempted from key requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. One leader in the field has pointedly noted that bars and Walmarts are more accessible to people with disabilities than most churches are.

The good news is that the past decade has produced a wealth of work in this field, across many faith traditions. Perhaps because I grew up in a Lutheran congregation, currently attend a Mennonite church and study at MTSO, I notice ecumenism. It's encouraging to see the way people in many denominations are working together to be the best body of

Christ we can be within a culture shaped predominately by ableist attitudes. Ableism, like racism or sexism, is not just attitudinal; it institutionalizes discriminatory practices against persons with disabilities.

MTSO is a fitting educational home base for a person engaged in this issue. Last winter, our campus hosted a four-part lecture series with the theme "Disabilities, Theology and the Church." And I personally have benefited from the encouragement and prodding of MTSO faculty, as well as the availability of academic and financial resources. Through courses in ethics, biblical studies, pastoral care, theology and practical theology, faculty members have encouraged me to dig deeper, use new tools and develop language in getting to some of the questions I have been asking for a long time.

Those questions began to develop early on for me. I would not be who I am without the presence of my mom's younger sister, my Aunt Debbie, in my life. She was my greatest teacher and a beacon of light into what it means to have an intellectual disability. Among all of the parts that made her who she was, she had Down syndrome. She was born in 1960, and even amidst much joy, she and my family experienced the kind of roadblocks that arise when little is known or understood about disability. Debbie died suddenly the year before I came to MTSO, and this raised new questions in my mind, mostly regarding end-of-life care, pastoral care and medical ethics as they apply to those with disabilities.

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The flexibility afforded me in my journey at MTSO gave space for a distance-learning course through the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. The course, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities and their Families, was taught in part by Bill Gaventa, director of community and congregational supports for the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities in New Jersey. He quickly became one of my top "disability mentors."

Under Bill's leadership, Gettysburg Seminary launched an annual Institute on Theology and Disability in 2010. I was able to attend both the first and second annual institutes at Gettysburg, as well as the conference in the Netherlands, thanks to an invaluable resource MTSO provides: the Student Enrichment Program. SEP grants are awarded throughout the year for approved student endeavors beyond our campus. Without this funding, I couldn't have attended these events.

At Gettysburg's Institute on Theology and Disability, I've been able to interact with pastors, scholars and fellow students, including some of the most significant voices in this area. Many of the experts at the institute are people whose work

I have explored in depth through two independent-study courses I took with Professor Lisa Withrow at MTSO.

At the first Gettysburg institute and in other disability-focused settings, I chose to be a sponge, filling journals with personal reflections, conference notes, memories of my aunt and theological questions. But in advising my independent study, Dr. Withrow began prodding me to continue with these "inputs" while also producing "outputs"; it was time for me to stop simply observing and become active. And so it began, first with a talk at my church and then through work for the Anabaptist Disabilities Network, where I

am currently completing my MTSO Field Education.

This spring, my final project for Dr. Tim Van Meter's Ministry with Young Adults class explored the topic of young adults with developmental disabilities in relation to my work with college students at Bluffton University, where I am director of career development. Around the same time, I finished a theological anthropology paper within my independent study. I wouldn't realize until shortly before the Netherlands conference that those two projects could

come together. They formed the basis for the paper I presented in School.

Less than three weeks after July's School conference, I arrived in Gettysburg for the Second Annual Institute on Theology and Disability. My time between the two events had been hectic, and I planned to simply sit back and take things in. But my mentor had other ideas. When I arrived, Bill Gaventa greeted me with a big smile and a sign titled "Wednesday night presentations" – with my name on the list. "You're on tonight," he said. I hadn't even brought the paper I presented in The Netherlands, so I scrambled to cobble together remarks from old notes I happened to have on a thumb drive.

Later, after my presentation, I thanked Bill for adding me to the schedule, even if it took me out of my comfort zone. He responded, "Hopefully you understand a bit more about what is expected of you."

Encouraged and challenged yet again.

I hope to continue working on my "outputs" even as I keep filling my journals. I plan to graduate from MTSO with my M.Div. degree in the spring of 2012. Regardless of what comes after that, I understand my place within the body of Christ includes offering a voice in this vital field.

For continued support on this journey, I am grateful to MTSO. ✱

## *Ongoing commitment to SEP announced*

Over the past three years, MTSO's Student Enrichment Program has provided scores of students the financial resources to attend professional and academic conferences, engage in research, and participate in service initiatives around the globe. The Walter and Marian English Foundation has generously funded the program since 2008, approving annual requests from MTSO.

This year, the trustees of the English Foundation voted to provide annual funding of SEP indefinitely, ensuring MTSO's ability to offer this benefit to students on a continuing basis.

"This vote of confidence from our friends at the English Foundation is extremely gratifying," said MTSO President Jay Rundell. "We've very much appreciated the English Foundation's positive response to our annual requests in the past. To know we can now count on the availability of these funds on an ongoing basis is great news for our students."

# Fit for ministry

MTSO unveils new, healthier food alternatives throughout the campus

The topic set up an easy joke for MSNBC's headline writer: "Praise the lard? Religion linked to obesity in young adults." The accompanying story, published in March, summarized an 18-year study of more than 2,000 young men and women, conducted by researchers at Northwestern University.

"Our main finding," said the study's lead investigator, "was that people with a high frequency of religious participation in young adulthood were 50 percent more likely to become obese by middle age than those

with no religious participation in young adulthood."

The study raised eyebrows – and inspired wisecracks about potlucks – around the country. At MTSO, it raised questions about the proper role of a seminary in helping students become, literally, fit for lives of service and leadership. In fact, several factors converged in the spring to inspire a fresh look at the way meals, drinks and snacks are offered on campus.

MTSO Vice President for Administrative Services Jon Jump said word has spread

that some ordination boards have begun considering physical wellbeing as they assess candidates: "It's not a small matter that seminary graduates who are not in particularly good physical condition are seeing that become an issue as they pursue ordination."

Jump, who oversees MTSO's food services and vending-machine contracts, was learning of these concerns as he began working to address the fiscal health of Dunn Dining Hall. For years, the facility has offered buffet-style, all-you-can-eat

## Back to the future

The Coffee Shop gets an inviting update

When alumni from early MTSO classes reminisce about their most formative seminary experiences, the Coffee Shop in Werner Hall frequently comes up. It was a favorite gathering place, where students and professors could meet in an informal setting to extend classroom conversations, chew over theological and social issues, or just get better acquainted.

That spirit is being reborn this fall. Just in time for the new semester, the Coffee Shop has been transformed into a warm and welcoming space that facilitates both heart-to-heart talks and high-tech virtual meetings.

"We saw an opportunity, within a reasonable budget, to recapture the things our alumni most appreciated about

the Coffee Shop, but with a modern atmosphere and the 21st century tools our current students need," said President Jay Rundell. "There was synergy between the idea of needing to renovate a coffee shop space and using a new technology space."

The "Coffee Shop" now encompasses an expanded set of rooms and features.

- In the Coffee Shop's main room, new dark-wood furnishings include high-top bistro tables and stools. Deep brown laminate flooring and gold-hued hanging pendant lights contribute to the inviting atmosphere. In front of the large bay window is a carpeted sitting area with sofas, comfortable chairs and a flat-screen television.



**"A reminder of the importance of space" \* New lighting, flooring and fixtures are among the Coffee Shop enhancements**





**Bright, colorful and a la carte** ✧ *Inside the Café at Dunn Dining Hall*

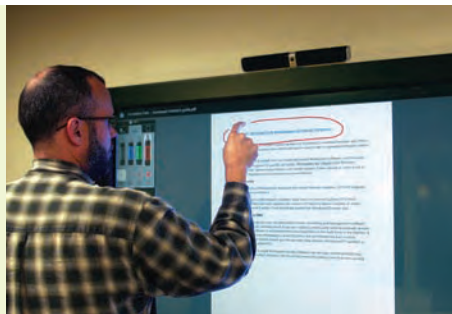
meals for a single price – a system that was both an inducement to overeat and a drain on the school’s finances. “We needed a more sustainable business model for Dunn Dining Hall,” he said. So Jump, President Jay Rundell and Director of Food Services Lola Music began discussing options for addressing all of these concerns.

The result was a dramatic overhaul in food offerings throughout the campus. “We contracted with a nutritionist to work with Lola through the summer and help her design a semester-long menu plan that hit certain health parameters,” Jump said. Students arrived for Fall Semester to discover a new concept: the Café at Dunn Dining Hall. Open continuously from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on class days, the café offers sandwiches, salads, soups and assorted side items a la carte, with combo meals available for \$6. Gone is the buffet line, where lunches and dinners sold for \$5.25 and \$6.25.

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- The patio received a substantial improvement when MTSO’s newest graduates presented the school with durable outdoor furniture as their class gift. Thanks to the new tables and chairs, plus wi-fi connectivity, students no longer have to choose between enjoying fresh air and catching up on their email and research.

- The mail room, which had adjoined the Coffee Shop in recent years, has been returned to its original home near the Cokesbury Bookstore. In its former space is one of two new campus Collaboration Rooms; the other will be in Gault Hall. Seats around a small conference table face the room’s Mondopad, a wall-mounted computer with a 55-inch touch screen. With Microsoft Windows and Office software installed – and a wireless mouse and keyboard available on the table – the Mondopad can function as a high-performance computer. But it also includes the tools for productive videoconferencing, including built-in microphones, speakers



**Yes, he’s drawing with his finger** ✧ *The Coffee Shop hosts one of two new high-tech Collaboration Rooms*

and a high-definition camera. Documents can be opened and annotated on the screen; a finger can function as a thick yellow highlighter or a fine-point pen. At the end of a meeting, all participants can download the whiteboard’s notes to their laptop computers. Translucent windows give the Collaboration Room an open, airy feel while ensuring privacy by obscuring the contents of the video screen.

As MTSO’s Theological Commons takes shape, the enhanced Coffee Shop

shows how seamlessly productivity, social interaction and community building can coexist. One day early in the semester, several people in the Collaboration Room participated in a five-site video conference while others enjoyed a snack break in the Coffee Shop. The space also has hosted a faculty-staff lunch and an ice-cream social during the Schooler Institute on Preaching.

These varied uses are the fulfillment of a vision for an area that helps any member of the MTSO community to easily interact with a classmate across the table or a colleague on the other side of the world.

“I think the uniqueness is in the fact that it has a traditional coffee-shop feel and yet it’s connected seamlessly with the collaboration room,” Rundell said. “At a time when we’re enhancing our ability to work virtually, it’s a reminder of the importance of space. We want to assure people that we still value face-to-face interaction.” ✧

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The best bargain in the café is fresh fruit; a diner can pick up a free apple, pear or banana with any purchase. And the best service is Music's standing offer to fill her customers' special orders for salads or sandwiches. "They can call and say, 'I want a salad with spinach, bacon, egg and tomato,' and if I have the ingredients, I'll make it," said Music, who's also willing to prepare a grilled-cheese on the spot.

MACM student Rebecca Guthrie said she was "thrilled" to hear about changes in campus food service. "Having healthier choices is always a good thing," she said, "and having the option to purchase individual offerings was an added bonus for me. I seldom purchased meals last year because I didn't want to waste money on things I knew wouldn't get eaten."

The Café at Dunn Dining Hall is a colorful place, dotted with helpful signs. "I've started listing calories, fat grams and carbs," Music said. "My goal is to never have a salad, sandwich or soup over 500 calories and 30 fat grams." The old soft-drink fountain has been replaced by a selection of juices and bottled water. "We



**Farewell to sodapop and sweets** \* Campus vending machines now offer more juices and healthier snacks

initially got rid of pop altogether," Jump said. "That led to a little bit of negative feedback. Now there are some diet soft-drink selections available by the bottle."

Otherwise, the MTSO campus has gone BYOSSD – bring your own sugary

kitchen, and the selection includes water, juices, sports drinks and healthy snacks. No Cokes or Milky Ways. Instead, bowls of free fruit are restocked each morning on tables throughout the Coffee Shop, with fresh bagels and single-cup coffee available for sale.

Jump said the school's goal is to strike a balance between offering choices and encouraging healthier diets. "Some people smoke, but I'm certainly not going to be the one to sell them cigarettes," he said. "And it's the same thing for the candy and the sugary drinks." \*

**The best bargain in the café is fresh fruit with any purchase. And the best service is Lola Music's standing offer to fill her customers' special orders for salads or sandwiches.**

soft drinks. Vending machines, once a dominating presence in the Coffee Shop, were relegated to a nook in the adjoining

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# After a life cut short, a lasting legacy

## The Allen Ingram Scholarship honors a highly respected 2008 graduate

The decision to move to Ohio wasn't an easy one for Allen and Anita Ingram. They and their young daughters, Erin and Ann Marie, had a good life and deep roots in North Carolina. Allen had been an attorney for 19 years, and the Ingrams were active members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory, where Allen was a lay leader.

But Allen felt called to full-time ministry, and he chose to prepare for that calling at MTSO. He enrolled in 2004, with the Ingram family taking up residence on campus.

Allen quickly earned the admiration and respect of his peers and professors. As he prepared to graduate with a Master of Divinity degree in 2008, Allen was instrumental in the senior class project, which raised more than \$5,000 for a family center administered by the Concerned Citizens Against Homelessness of Delaware.

"Theological school makes a very real difference in a student's life, and in the best cases it's reciprocal," said MTSO President Jay Rundell. "A student can have a real impact on the seminary community. Allen was one of those students."

Allen, Anita and their daughters cherished their time as part of the MTSO community. And they developed a lasting sense of gratitude for the scholarships and other financial support that eased their financial burden.

"Allen and I talked about how thankful we were," Anita recalled recently. "And we said if we could ever afford it, we would like to provide a scholarship."

After graduation, the Ingrams returned to North Carolina, where Allen became the pastor of Clarksbury United Methodist Church in the town of Harmony. "He showed the heart of Christ in a deep concern for injustice, the underdog and the less fortunate," said Dr. Mary John Dye, Statesville District superintendent in the

That gratitude manifested itself just weeks after he was laid to rest, with an act of generosity that speaks to Allen's lasting legacy and his family's undying loyalty to the place where he prepared for ministry. In June, Anita, Erin and Ann Marie Ingram visited Ohio and presented a substantial gift to MTSO for the creation of the Allen Ingram Scholarship.

The Ingram family's gift struck a chord with Allen's friends, colleagues and parishioners in North Carolina. Other

donations have followed, and the members of Clarksbury UMC organized a particularly fitting tribute: On Oct. 8, the first annual Allen Ingram Memorial Golf Tournament drew more than 100 golfers to Lake Louise Golf Club near Harmony, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the scholarship fund.

"I can't think of a better example of the sustaining faith and generosity of the MTSO community than the

Allen Ingram Scholarship," Rundell said. "Seven years ago, the generosity of others enabled Allen to prepare for exemplary service to his church and community. Now, thanks to the generosity of Anita, Erin, Ann Marie and many others who are investing in this scholarship, future Christian leaders and their families will find a smoother path to ministry."

Each gift to the Allen Ingram Scholarship Fund will help the scholarship provide a more substantial benefit to a deserving MTSO student. To add your gift, visit [www.mtso.edu/ingramscholarship](http://www.mtso.edu/ingramscholarship). ✱



*"Allen and I talked about how grateful we were" ✱ Anita Ingram, with daughters Ann Marie and Erin, moved quickly to establish a fitting memorial to Allen at MTSO*

Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In May 2011, shortly before he was to be ordained as a full elder, Allen died suddenly of a heart attack while returning home from a round of golf. At the conference ordination ceremony, his seat was left empty, and his stole was presented to his family.

"Allen was one of our brightest and best," Dye said. "I am so grateful for all that MTSO contributed to his life. We had many important conversations about his seminary formation. He was very grateful."

# Three alums receive Mount Awards

**Bright, Dickhaut and Diehl were honored in September for distinguished service**

For more than 20 years, MTSO has celebrated the contributions of exceptional graduates through the John and Ruth Mount Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service. The awards, first presented in 1990, are made possible by the generosity of MTSO Emeritus Trustee John Mount and his late wife Ruth.

Mount Awards are presented in three areas: parish ministry, specialized ministry and service to MTSO. Three outstanding alumni, one from each of those categories, were honored at a Sept. 19 luncheon in Dunn Dining Hall.

## **Rev. Neil J. Bright** Specialized Ministry



Rev. Neil J. Bright has distinguished himself as a caring and innovative leader in the field of health care. Since 2006, he has

served as vice president and administrator of health care at Elyria's Wesleyan Village, a continuing-care retirement community affiliated with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Before joining Wesleyan Village, Bright was administrator at another retirement community, Kendal at Oberlin, and night administrator for Riverside Methodist Hospital. He also served as associate minister at Gay Street UMC in Mount Vernon for seven years – a position he accepted the same year that MTSO was awarding him with his second and third master's degrees. In fact, in addition to his graduate degrees in Divinity, Religious Education and Church Music from this school, he holds a Master of Health Administration degree from Ohio State.

Bright puts his rich educational and pastoral background to good use. He knows Wesleyan Village residents by name, and it's not uncommon to find him serving as the preacher or piano player for worship services.

Bright has served his community and the world in a number of ways. He is an advisory board member for the Elyria Salvation Army Board and is a past board member of the Lorain County Red Cross. At Riverside, he established a system for donating the hospital's used medical supplies and equipment to hospitals in Third World countries.

One of those who nominated Bright offered this unique perspective: "He is an asset to the Annual Conference, to the Methesco family and – perhaps most importantly – to those of us here at Wesleyan Senior Living."

## **Rev. Dr. Walter R. Dickhaut Jr.** Service to MTSO



When Walter Dickhaut Jr. first climbed the front steps of Werner Hall on the newly built campus of Methodist Theological School in Ohio, the mortar holding the building's cornerstone in place was barely cured. The stone's inscription, "To Preach the Word," would underlie every classroom experience and the very ethos of the fledgling seminary. It was the purpose for which MTSO had been created. And with Dickhaut it stuck.

After several years of local church ministry in the West Ohio Annual Conference as well as the completion of his D.Min. degree, Dickhaut served the school in an adjunct faculty role while he pastored the Summit Avenue Church and led Metropolitan Ministries, the Southside Settlement, and Methodists for Church Renewal. In 1980 he joined the faculty of Bangor Theological Seminary, working first

in field education, then teaching homiletics, and then finally serving as academic dean. He retired in 1998 as the Fogg Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Oratory.

In recent years, Dickhaut has been instrumental in two important development efforts that helped MTSO bridge its past and future. He was one of the architects of the Everett and Mary Tilson Social Justice Award and one of the leading promoters and fundraisers for the award. And in conjunction with the seminary's 50th anniversary, a campaign was held to finally and fully fund the Van Bogard Dunn Chair in Biblical Interpretation. Dickhaut was a pivotal figure in this highly successful campaign amongst the school's early graduates.

### Rev. Fred A. Diehl Parish Ministry



In the 40 years since he earned his M.Div. degree from MTSO and was ordained in the United Church of Christ, Rev. Fred A. Diehl has crafted a vocation that is the embodiment of servant leadership. Serving urban and rural congregations in Ohio and Pennsylvania, he has shared his skills and compassion in both local and far-flung ministries.

He led mission teams to North Carolina after Hurricane Andrew, to Mississippi

after Katrina, to Tennessee after a massive tornado, to Iowa after a devastating flood, and to Haiti just this summer.

Closer to home, Diehl has met a vast array of needs in the communities he has served. At his current church, First UCC in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, he has led efforts to raise \$40,000 for the family of a young boy with cancer, and \$30,000 to help pay heating bills for those in need. Because food stamps can't be used for diapers, his church offers a free "Diaper Bank" each month. And the church maintains a Mission House, in which a family experiencing financial challenges can live rent-free for up to a year while Diehl and other members of his congregation assist with job placement, family counseling and other needs.

One of those who nominated Diehl wrote the following: "Fred Diehl embodies the very best qualities of pastoral ministry that MTSO envisions and teaches. While we can't claim him as a United Methodist, Fred certainly embodies Wesley's perspective on ministry, for the world is his parish."

The Mount Awards Luncheon was held in conjunction with the Schooler Institute on Preaching and Alumni Days. The institute was established in 1989 by a generous grant from the Schooler Family Foundation, in recognition of the importance of effective preaching in the life of the church. Tex Sample, the noted author, speaker and educator, presented three Schooler lectures on the theme "Human Nature, Self-Interest and Power."

Alumni Days began the evening of Sept. 18 with a Tribute to Emeritus Faculty, honoring Emeritus Professor of Theological Bibliography Edward Hunter and Emeritus Professor of Worship and Music Roy Reed.

*For more information about the Mount Awards, including a list of all past honorees and an opportunity to nominate future recipients, visit [www.mtso.edu/mount](http://www.mtso.edu/mount).*

## MTSO offers podcasts of Tex Sample's lectures



**Three recordings available \***  
*Sample at the Schooler Institute on Preaching*

More than 140 people visited the MTSO campus for the Schooler Institute on Preaching Sept. 19 and 20, where Tex Sample offered three lectures, one on each part of the institute's theme, "Human Nature, Self-Interest and Power." MTSO is now making those lectures available as free audio podcasts.

To access the lectures – as well as photos from the Schooler and Alumni Days events – visit [www.mtso.edu/schooler](http://www.mtso.edu/schooler).

# Alum news

If you're an alum or former faculty or staff member of MTSO and have news to share about your ministry or personal milestones, please submit it via the link at [www.mtso.edu/update](http://www.mtso.edu/update). Alum news also can be found online at [www.mtso.edu/alumni](http://www.mtso.edu/alumni).

## 1963

**John Lover**, a member of West Michigan Annual Conference, retired in 2000 after 41 years of service.

**Donald Webb**, who retired in 1991 from the presidency of Centenary College, has a new ministry – writing three books, the proceeds of which support ministries of service. “They’ve sold well, and life is good.”

## 1964

### In memoriam

Jenny Nicholson Byrd, widow of graduate **Stanley Byrd** and mother of alumna **Emily A. Byrd** ('80), died in April 2011.

## 1965

**Roy Nash** retired in 2010 and is an aspiring author. “For 32 years, I have been refining the concept of Spiritual Energy. Partially hindered by a very rare medical disorder, I hope to bring closure on the text before 2012.” See his work at [www.roynrash.com](http://www.roynrash.com). [roynash@springnet1.com](mailto:roynash@springnet1.com)

## 1967

### In memoriam

**John Medaugh**'s wife, Ruby, died in 2009. They were married 56 years.

## 1968

**William Kaster** has retired.

## 1970

**Wayne Albertson** recently retired and lives in Richfield, Minn.

[wfalbertson@gmail.com](mailto:wfalbertson@gmail.com)

**Karl Zeigler** retired in 2010, and now works part-time at a downtown congregation in Detroit. [karl.zeigler@yahoo.com](mailto:karl.zeigler@yahoo.com)

## 1974

**Brian Briggs** and his wife, Karin, are enjoying retirement in Vermilion, Ohio. Brian was diagnosed two years ago with the autoimmune disorder myasthenia gravis and is doing well with the support of an excellent neurologist. [bcbriggs@centurytel.net](mailto:bcbriggs@centurytel.net)

**Julia Corbett Hemeyer** was appointed community minister at Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie. This position integrates part-time hospital chaplaincy, writing and public speaking, her work through Many Paths Interfaith Ministries, and expanded work within the congregation. [Julia@ManyPathsInterfaithMinistries.net](mailto:Julia@ManyPathsInterfaithMinistries.net)

## 1975

**Leslie Peine**, Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, Retired, was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in November 2010. He retired from Massillon First UMC Dec. 31, 2010, and is currently serving part-time as the minister of membership care and visitation at Church of the Lakes UMC Jackson Township, near Canton. [lpeine@ssnet.com](mailto:lpeine@ssnet.com)

**Geoff Piper** was licensed recently as a marriage and family therapist in Washington State, and certified in Death, Dying and Bereavement through the Association for Death Education and Counseling. He is director of bereavement services at Mountain View Funeral Home in Lakewood, Wash., and operates a limited private counseling practice. In January, Geoff published his book *Stress Is an Option, Not a Requirement: Choose Stress-Free Living* for the Kindle. [gahpiper@gmail.com](mailto:gahpiper@gmail.com)

**Gwen Purushotham**, pastor of Main Street UMC, Nashua, N.H., was elected associate general secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's Division of Ordained Ministry, effective Nov. 1, 2011.

**John Roberson** is retired and living with his wife in Etowah, Tenn. They winter in Florida near Tampa.

**Fred Shaw** retired in 2010 and now teaches for the Native American Course of Study for Local Pastors. He co-chairs the North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries and is a member of the United Methodist Church Native American Comprehensive Plan. His stories are featured in the recently published *Storyteller's Companion to the Bible: The Book of Revelation*. [fashaw@juno.com](mailto:fashaw@juno.com)

**Daniel Walcott** is retired and plays trumpet in bands in Sarasota, Fla., and Fort Wayne, Ind. [dfrank@eagleoutdoor.com](mailto:dfrank@eagleoutdoor.com)

## 1976

**Donald Arter** is retired. [dsarter2@juno.com](mailto:dsarter2@juno.com)

## 1978

**Carol Seckel** received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Mission Evangelism, focusing on building bridges between migrant and receiving culture congregations. [carkseckel@aol.com](mailto:carkseckel@aol.com)

## 1979

**Fred Lewis**, senior minister/lead pastor at Ames First UMC in Ames, Iowa, was invited to serve as spiritual guide for the 2010 Iowa Annual Conference sessions. Fred is a past national president of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts and a former national vice president for the Christian Educators Fellowship of the United Methodist Church. He co-teaches the worship and music section of the Iowa School for Lay Ministry and has published articles in various church journals. He recently celebrated his 30th anniversary as an ordained elder in the Iowa Annual Conference.

**1981**

**John Schlupe**, D.Min., and his wife, Beth, went on a Healing and Reconciliation Journey to Vietnam with five Vietnam combat veterans in October 2010. John is senior pastor of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, Ohio, and founder of Warriors Journey Home ministry. John has also written a book titled *Soul's Cry*, which outlines this ministry. [jschluepfcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jschluepfcc@sbcglobal.net)

**William "Bill" Pyatt** is celebrating his 32nd year in local church ministry. He is pastor of Mt. Zion UMC in Decatur, Ill. [bpyatt@adams.net](mailto:bpyatt@adams.net)

**1985**

**Cassandra Clancy** continues to write articles for *A New Day* magazine, a national publication for activity directors in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. [cclancy@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cclancy@columbus.rr.com)

**1986**

**David Schumacher** was ordained in 2011 as an elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was appointed to Zion UMC in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. [mrmacher@verizon.net](mailto:mrmacher@verizon.net)

**1989**

**Tim Dilley** is lead pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland, Ind. [pastortimdilley@aol.com](mailto:pastortimdilley@aol.com)

**Christine Woods-Henderson** has been a spiritual director for the past five years. In 2009, she completed the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation through the UMC's Upper Room. She offers programs through "Interwoven: Christian Spiritual Formation Ministry." She and her husband, fellow MTSO alum Ken, celebrated 40 years of marriage in September. [all4him13@verizon.net](mailto:all4him13@verizon.net)

**1990**

**Carol Poston** recently received her Doctor of Ministry degree in pastoral care and counseling from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

**1992**

**Jean Dumas** retired in 2009 to be a full-time caregiver for her mother, Katherine Winget. She, her mother and her husband, Stephen, have lived in Arizona for nine years. [jean7580@swiftwireless.com](mailto:jean7580@swiftwireless.com)

**1993**

**Barratt Banta** is a retired pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and living in Bristol Village, a retirement community in Waverly. [brbanta@roadrunner.com](mailto:brbanta@roadrunner.com)

**1995**

**Steven Lightner** retired in 2010 and lives in Morgantown, W.Va.

**1996**

**Van Stinson** is in his third year as senior minister of University UMC in Baton Rouge, La., adjacent to the LSU campus. He received a Doctor of Ministry degree with a concentration in preaching in 2010 from Wesley Theological Seminary. [van@universitymethodist.org](mailto:van@universitymethodist.org)

**1998**

**William Tardy** is in his second year in the Enfield Circuit of Greater London, England. He is responsible for three of the 11 churches in the circuit. Still an elder in the West Ohio Conference, he looks forward to returning within the next couple of years.

**1999**

**Ken Woods-Henderson** has been pastor of Northway Presbyterian Church in Williamsport, Pa., since 2003. He serves on the board of the United Churches of Lycoming County and was a commissioner to the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly in Minneapolis. He is also active in the prison visitation and support program at the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pa. He and his wife, fellow MTSO alum Christine, celebrated 40 years of marriage in September. [all4him13@verizon.net](mailto:all4him13@verizon.net)

**2000**

**Debra Ketcham** is serving Rainsboro and Marshall UMCs, 10 miles east of Hillsboro and 25 miles west of Chillicothe. "Dan and I are between Rocky Fork and Paint Creek state parks. It is absolutely beautiful down

here in southern Ohio. If you are in the area, let me know."

[mrevdsk@frontier.com](mailto:mrevdsk@frontier.com)

**Lynda McClanahan** had four paintings displayed in the 2011 Greater Columbus Arts Council Visual Arts Exhibition at the Columbus Museum of Art. Her painting "Flying Woman" was selected by the Art in Motion Exhibition in Grants Pass, Ore., to be exhibited on a public transit bus from March to September 2011. Lynda serves as a music minister at Unity East Church of Pickerington and performs with the In Spirit Band for First Saturday Chants at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus. [knepp4350@aol.com](mailto:knepp4350@aol.com)

**Sandra Spahr** is serving Monte Vista and Bowen Community United Methodist churches in the San Luis Valley as part of the Rocky Mountain Conference. [msspahr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msspahr@sbcglobal.net)

**2004**

**Chiyona Bourne** was ordained in 2011 as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in the Indiana Annual Conference. [chiyona.bourne@inumc.org](mailto:chiyona.bourne@inumc.org)

**2005**

**Pam Easterday** is pastor of St John's United Church of Christ in Tiffin. [revpameasterday@gmail.com](mailto:revpameasterday@gmail.com)

**Margie MacAskie** is retired and living in Cincinnati after serving five years in the Thanet Circuit of the British Methodist Church. [revmargie@mac.com](mailto:revmargie@mac.com)

**Mary Torok** is director of children's ministry at Hilliard UMC.

**Maureen Webber** is an associate minister for pastoral care at Bath Church UCC in Akron, Ohio. [revmowebber@gmail.com](mailto:revmowebber@gmail.com)

**2007**

**Kay Albright** was ordained in the United Church of Christ in September 2010 and relocated to West Virginia to plant the second UCC congregation in the state. Bridges of Grace UCC is located in Charleston, W.Va. [PastorKay2@gmail.com](mailto:PastorKay2@gmail.com)

# Beyond the classroom

## Faculty activities 2010-11



**Stephen  
Ahearne-Kroll**

Associate Professor of  
New Testament

### Publications

“Audience Inclusion and Exclusion as Rhetorical Technique in the Gospel of Mark,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* Vol. 129, Issue 4; 2010, pp. 714-33.

Review of *A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel* by Brendan Byrne; Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2008. *Theological Studies* Vol. 71, 2010, p. 251.

Review of *The Ancient Synagogue from Its Origins to 200 CE: A Source Book* by Anders Runesson, Donald D. Binder, and Birger Olsson; Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2008). *Biblical Theology Bulletin* Vol. 40, 2010, pp. 61-62.

“Women and Gender in Ancient Religions: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* 263. Co-edited with James A. Kelhoffer and Paul A. Holloway; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010.

### Academic lectures and presentations

“Memory as an Indicator of Belief in the Oracle of Trophonius,” presented to Greco-Roman Religions group at the Annual Society of Biblical Literature conference, Atlanta, November 2010.

### Meetings

Annual Society of Biblical Literature conference, Atlanta, November 2010.

### Church and popular lectures

“Catholic Sacramentality and the Environment” in “Abrahamic Faiths and

the Environment” series, Ohio State University St. Thomas More/Newman Center, April 5, 2011.



**Paul Burnam**

Director of the Dickhaut  
Library

### Academic lectures and presentations

Panelist for “Managing Serial Subscriptions” at 2010 American Theological Library Association Annual Conference, Louisville, Ky.

“When Fungi Take Up Residence,” paper delivered at 2011 American Theological Library Annual Conference, Chicago. It will also appear in the 65th ATLA Proceedings.



**Jeffrey Jaynes**

Professor in the Warner  
Chair of Church History

### Publications

“African Christians, Christians Visiting Africa: The Early Modern Narrative Cosmographies from Breydenbach to al-hassan Ibn Muhammad al-Wazzan [Leo Africanus],” in *Die Begegnung mit Fremden in ihrer Bedeutung für das Geschichtsbewusstsein*, Veröffentlichung des Instituts für Europäische Geschichte: Mainz, vol. 86, 2011.

### Meetings

Presentation on the Uniting General Conference of the World Communion

of Reformed Churches at Scioto Valley Presbytery meeting, November 2010.

### Church and popular lectures

“The Pilgrim's Way: Traditions of Travel and Faith,” sermon, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Columbus, November 2010.

“Thomas the Disciple and the Other Gospel Tradition,” sermon, Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, March 2011.



**John Kampen**

Professor in the  
Dunn Chair in Biblical  
Interpretation

### Publications

“Hasideans,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*, eds. John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010, pp. 704-05.

“Wisdom Literature,” *Eerdmans Commentaries on the Dead Sea Scrolls*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.

Review of *Text, Thought, and Practice in Qumran and Early Christianity: Proceedings of the Ninth International Symposium of the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature, Jointly Sponsored by the Hebrew University Center for the Study of Christianity, 11-13 January, 2004*, edited by Ruth A. Clements and Daniel R. Schwartz in *Review of Biblical Literature* (electronic), Sept. 16, 2010.

Review of *Women in the Damascus Document* by Cecilia Wassen in *Toronto Journal of Theology*, Vol. 26, Issue 2, fall 2010, pp. 237-38.



### Academic Lectures and Presentations

“‘Torah’ and Authority in the Major Sectarian Rules Texts from Qumran,” International Organization of Qumran Studies, Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 4, 2010.

### Awards and Appointments

Appointed Chair of Church Council, Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship, for 2010-2011.

### Church and popular lectures

“I Will Not Pass by the Truth,” sermon, Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship, Aug. 22, 2010.

“Living with the Text,” joint sermon with pastor, Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship, Aug. 29, 2010.



**Paul Kim**

Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Williams Chair of Biblical Studies

### Publications

*You Are My People: An Introduction to Prophetic Literature*, co-authored with Louis Stulman; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.

### Academic Lectures and Presentations

“Recent Trends in Old Testament Theology,” lecture, Presbyterian College & Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea, Oct. 11, 2010.

“Isaiah 22: A Crux or a Clue in Isaiah 13-23?” SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2010.

“OT and Ancient Near Eastern Roots for the Study of Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism,” lecture, Presbyterian College & Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea Nov. 8, 2010.

“Theology of the Psalms,” guest lecture, Hyupsung University, Bongdam, Kyungkido, Korea, Nov. 2, 2010.

“Relationship as a Key Theme of Genesis for the Diaspora Immigrants,” lecture, Korean Biblical Colloquium Symposium, Atlanta, Nov. 19, 2010.

“Recent Trends in Reading the Psalms,” guest lecture, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Nov. 1, 2010.

“Fun in the Pun, in Deciphering Isaiah,” Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society (SBL Regional) Meeting, Richfield, March 31-April 1, 2011.

Response to Justo Gonzalez’s keynote address titled “Hearing the Word: Lutherans Read the Bible with the Ecumenical World,” Hein-Fry Lecture Series, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, May 3, 2011.

### Meetings

Attended joint seminars of Namdaemoon Presbyterian Church at First Presbyterian Church of Delaware, Ohio, Feb. 19, 2011.

### Church and popular lectures

Sermons, the chapel at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, Oct. 13-14, 2010.

“Thanksgiving,” Habakkuk 3:17-19, sermon, Yonsei University English Chapel, Seoul, Korea, Nov. 26, 2010.

Lecture to undergraduate students retreat at Yonsei University, Nov. 12-13, 2010.

“The Good Sheep,” sermon on Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Columbus, May 15, 2011.

“Ministers of Our God,” sermon on Psalm 66 and John 14:15-21, at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington, May 29, 2011.



**Sarah Lancaster**

Professor in the Werner Chair of Theology

### Publications

*Pursuit of Happiness: Blessing and Fulfillment in Christian Faith*, Wipf & Stock, 2010.

### Academic lectures and presentations

“The Dangers of Triumphalism: Ecclesiology and Empire,” Wesley Theological Society, Dallas, March 5, 2011.

The Staley Lecture: “Women and Original Sin in the Wesleyan Tradition,” Columbia College, Columbia, S.C., March 30, 2011.

### Meetings

Co-moderator of Ecclesiology Drafting Group, Geneva, Switzerland, Oct. 20-23, 2010.

Anglican-Methodist International Commission for Unity in Mission, Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 11-18, 2011.

Host and co-moderator of Ecclesiology Working Group of the World Council of Churches’ Faith and Order standing commission, MTSO, March 16-21.

Logos Workshop, “Divine Revelation: Meaning, Authority, and Canon” at University of Notre Dame, June 2-4, 2011.

### Church and popular lectures

Moderator of Church Leadership Institute, Bay View, Mich., Aug. 1-5, 2010.

Lectures for Berlin Seminar for International UMC Congregations in Europe, Berlin, Germany, Jan. 23-27, 2011.



**Vergel Lattimore**

Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Beeghly Chair of Pastoral Care

### Awards and appointments

Examiner on the third and fourth year Conference Studies Committee and chair of the State of the Country Committee, Ohio Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church meeting, Price Memorial A.M.E. Zion, Youngstown, June 16-19, 2011.

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Appointed co-convenor for pre-conference gathering for people of color at the 2012 annual meeting of American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC).

**Meetings**

Planning Meeting of the Columbus-Cincinnati District, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion, Dayton, July 10, 2010.

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, July 28, Aug. 25, and Sept. 27, 2010.

“How to Develop Treatment Plans that Make Sense to Clients,” workshop, Ohio State University, Aug. 19, 2010.

“Sex and Addiction: A Clinical Perspective,” workshop, Ohio State University, Aug. 20, 2010.

“The Addiction Trauma Connection: Spirals of Recovery and Healing,” presentation, Ohio State University, Aug. 20, 2010.

118th Anniversary of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Church, Dayton, Sept. 19, 2010.

American Association of Pastoral Counselors regional conference and workshop: “Supervision: Attending to the Unattended,” Columbus, Ind., Sept. 26, 2010.

Participated in Black History Program featuring the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (Ohio Memorial Chapter) and sponsored by the Office of Student Services, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Feb. 22, 2011.

Annual Conference and Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Phoenix, March 29-April 2, 2011. Attended “Day of Emerson” and workshops “Forgiveness as a Resource,” “Mercy Triumphs over Justice,” and “Exploring Institutional Dynamics of Power & Reactivity.”

Third Check-Up Meeting of the Ohio Annual Conference at Ruth A.M.E. Zion Church in Sharon, Pa., April 10, 2011.

**Church and popular lectures**

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: Spiritual Hospitality,” sermon, First A.M.E. Zion, July 25, 2010.

“Get Up and Turn on the Lights,” sermon, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion, Aug. 22, 2010.

“A Little Lesson on Love: ABIDE,” sermon, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion, Sept. 12, 2010.



**Linda Mercadante**  
Professor of Theology  
in the Straker Chair of  
Historical Theology

**Publications**

“Helping Addicts Move Beyond the Spiritual Wading Pool: A New Approach to Religion and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions,” in *International Journal of Existential Psychology and Psychotherapy*, fall 2010.

“Theology of Trauma,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2011.

“Unfettered Belief, Untethered Practice: Thinking Theologically about ‘Spiritual but not Religious,’” Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology, 2010-11.

**Academic lectures and presentations**

“The Challenge of Spirituality in the New Millennium,” four keynotes, Great Lakes Theological Academy, Traverse City, Mich., July 26-30, 2010.

“Victims & Sinners,” Oberlin College, October 2010.

“Themes in Religious Conversion,” respondent, American Academy of Religion, Religious Conversion Consultation, November 2010.

Co-chair, American Academy of Religion Religious Conversion Consultation, November 2010.

**Awards and appointments**

Chair, Coordinating Committee, Religious Conversions Program Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2008-present.

Theologian-in-Residence, First UMC, Boulder, Colo., August to November 2010.

**Meetings**

Pride Day, First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Sept. 11, 2010.

Spiritual but Not Religious Project, Ghost Ranch, N.M., Oct. 25, 2010.

American Academy of Religion, November 2010.

Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology Award Winners Symposium, Pittsburgh, Nov. 11-14, 2010.

Theologies of Religious Pluralism, Cohort II, Nov. 29, 2010.

**Church and popular lectures**

“Spirituality or Religion?” Interview and call-in, *All Sides with Ann Fisher*, WOSU 820 AM, August 2010.

“Theological Perspectives on Trauma and Victimization,” First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Sept. 19, 2010.

“Unfettered Belief, Untethered Practice: The Spiritual but Not Religious Movement,” First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Oct. 4, 2010.

“Spirituality and Addiction Recovery,” First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Oct. 17, 2010.

“Getting in Touch with the Spirit: Spiritual Memoir Writing Workshops” First UMC, Boulder, Colo., Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 2010.

“A Non-Violent Atonement,” Columbus Mennonite Church, Nov. 21, 2010.

“The Church and Contemporary Spirituality,” Worthington Presbyterian Church, Nov. 28, 2010.

“Meeting the Spiritual but Not Religious,” Worthington Presbyterian Church, Dec. 5, 2010.



## Fulgence Nyengele

Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Chryst Chair in Pastoral Theology

### Publications

Review of *Listen My Son: Wisdom to Help African American Fathers* by Lee H. Butler; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010. In *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 21, No. 1.

### Academic lectures and presentations

Workshop on "Pastoral Care in Contexts of Postcolonial Trauma," American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference, Phoenix, March 31–April 2, 2011.

"Practical Psychology for Pastors: Pastoral Care in a Changing Congolese Society," seminar and workshop focused on providing knowledge, skills and tools needed for effective pastoral care and leadership in a socially changing Congolese context. South Congo Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, June 13, 2011.

### Meetings

Consultation on Global United Methodist Theological Education, Atlanta, March 23–25, 2011.

American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference, Phoenix, March 31–April 2, 2011.

Professional consultation meetings at Riverside Methodist Hospital Pastoral Care Department, including interviewing candidates for a chaplain position, February and April 2011.

Committee on Faith and Order of the United Methodist Church, July 14–16, 2011, Chicago.

### Church and popular lectures

"Forgiveness and Transformation" Lenten Bible study, Asbury North UMC,

Columbus, February–April 2011.

"Love Your Enemies and Pray for Your Persecutors," sermon, Asbury North UMC, Columbus, Feb. 20, 2011.

"Healing and Transformation," sermon, Asbury North UMC, Columbus, March 29, 2011.

Presided at Holy Communion, Asbury North UMC, Columbus, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, and March 6, 2011.

"Following Jesus in the Context of Violence," sermon, Annual Conference of the Lubumbashi District of the United Methodist Church, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, May 29, 2011.

"The Faith of Thomas and Our Faith," sermon, Kigoma UMC, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, June 2011.

"The Spirituality of Courage, Engagement, and Determination," sermon, Mulungwishi UMC, Mulungwishi, Democratic Republic of Congo, June 5, 2011.

"Transforming the Stranger into a Guest," opening reflection for the summer meeting of the Committee on Faith and Order of the United Methodist Church, July 14, 2011, Chicago.



## Joon-Sik Park

Professor in the E. Stanley Jones Chair of World Evangelism

### Publications

"Ecclesiologies in Creative Tension: The Church as Ethical and Missional Reality in H. Richard Niebuhr and John H. Yoder." *The Center Letter: Cultivating Missional Communities* Vol. 40, Issue 3, 2010, pp. 1–3.

### Meetings

Study Committee on the Worldwide Nature of the United Methodist Church, Monrovia, Liberia and Abidjan, Côte

d'Ivoire, Aug. 13–23, 2010.

European Methodist Council Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, Sept. 10–15, 2010.

### Church and popular lectures

"People of Vision," sermon, Georgia Patten Memorial UMC, Monrovia, Liberia, Aug. 15, 2010.



## Timothy Van Meter

Assistant Professor in the Alford Chair of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

### Academic lectures and presentations

"Christian Witness in Contemporary Culture," Consortium Dinner Presentation, Jan. 18, 2011.

"Holy Listening," Trinity Ministry Conference, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Feb. 7–8, 2011.

### Meetings

American Academy for the Advancement of Science meeting for seminary faculty, Aug. 10–11, 2010.

American Academy for the Advancement of Science Annual Conference, invited as guest of the Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion project, Feb. 16–18, 2011.

### Church and popular lectures

Youth minister consulting, Trinity UMC, Lima, Aug. 30, 2010.



## Robin Knowles Wallace

Professor in the Taylor Chair of Church Worship and Music

### Publications

*The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching*, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011.

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Review of *Colours of Grace: Gesangbuch der Gemeinschaft Evangelischer Kirchen in Europa/Hymnbook of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe/Livre de Cantiques de la Communion d'Églises Protestantes en Europe*, edited by Peter Bukowski, Thomas Flügge, Dorothea Monninger, Christine-Ruth Müller, Andreas Marti, Franz Karl Praßl and Ilsabe Seibt. München/Munich: Strube Verlag GmbH, 2006. In *The Hymn* Vol. 61, Issue 4, Autumn 2010, p. 63.

Review of *Commentary, Notes, and Introductions to the 1858 Sabbath Hymn Book: The Musicalized Theology of Popular Belief Just Before the Civil War*, edited, with notes, by Samuel J. Rogal, Lewiston, New York, and Queenston, Ontario: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2009. In *The Hymn* Vol. 61, Issue 4, Autumn 2010, p. 64.

Review of *Walking in the Light of Christ* by Janis Dunson Wilson, Colfax, N.C.: Wayne Leupold Editions, 2007. In *The Hymn* Vol. 61, Issue 4, Autumn 2010.

Review of *Worshipping with the Church Fathers*, by Christopher A. Hall, Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2009. In *Doxology*, 2010.

“Jesus, United by Thy Grace’: Wesleyan Hymn Singing as a Communal Spiritual Practice,” *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* 13 (2009), published in fall 2010.

Review of *Hymns for Today* by Brian Wren; Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009. In *The Hymn* Vol. 61, Issue 3, summer 2010, p. 51.

Review of *Music and the Wesleys*, ed. Nicholas Temperley and Stephen Banfield, Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 2010, and *The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley: A Reader*, S.T. Kimbrough, Eugene, Ore.: Cascade Books/Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011. In *Methodist History* Vol. 49, Issue 3, April 2011, p. 181-182.

**Academic lectures and presentations**

With Diane Lobody, three presentations on hybrid courses, MTSO 50th Anniversary Celebration, September 2010.

**Meetings**

Ohio Conference Annual Gathering of the United Church of Christ, led Taizé service and assisted with other worship/served on Annual Gathering Planning Committee, June 11-12, 2010.

Hymn Society of the U.S. and Canada, Birmingham, Ala., July 11-15, 2010.

Spring Meeting of Central Southeast Ohio Association, United Church of Christ, May 7, 2011.

Charles Wesley Society, led two worship services and served on executive board, Duke Divinity School, June 22-24, 2011.

**Church and popular lectures**

Directed choir for Cordelia Burpee’s ordination, Mt. Vernon UCC, Aug. 28, 2010.

Planned two worship services for Central SouthEast Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ, Fall Meeting, Dublin Community Church, Dublin, Oct. 30, 2010.

“The Hymns of Advent,” adult Christian education, Trinity UMC, Columbus, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 2010.

“Passionate Worship in Small Membership Churches,” Three Rivers District, East Ohio Annual Conference, Mulberry Street UMC, Mt. Vernon, Jan. 30, 2011.

**Lisa Withrow**

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Leadership

**Publications**

*Immersion Bible Studies: Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians*; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011.

Review of *Globalization, Spirituality and Justice* by Daniel G. Groody, Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2008. In *Spiritus* Vol. 11, Issue 1, Spring 2011

**Academic lectures and presentations**

Presentation with research team on Wabash cross-cultural research findings, Association of Theological Field Educators, January 2011.

Presentation and analysis of data, Wabash grant-sponsored research group on cross-cultural programs in ATS schools, May 13-15, 2011.

**Meetings**

Wabash colloquy – The Art of Teaching, January 2011.

Wabash Mid-Career Colloquy, June 13-18, 2011.

**Awards and appointments**

Appointed to Academy of Religious Leadership, April 2011.

Appointed to the editorial board of *Journal of Religious Leadership*.

Named guest editor of *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 2011-2012.

Appointed external reviewer for *Harvard Theology Review*.

**Church and popular lectures**

“Leadership for the Future,” sermon, Northcoast Leadership Academy, Cleveland, February 2011.

“Conflict Management and Creating the Future,” consultation, Attica UMC, February–April 2011.

“Conflict Transformation,” Mid-Ohio District Leadership Event, Sunbury, October 2010. ✱

# Financial information

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, Methodist Theological School in Ohio had revenues of \$6,201,264 and expenditures of \$6,200,212. If you have questions about this information, please contact our business office at 740-363-1146.

## Operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11

### Revenues

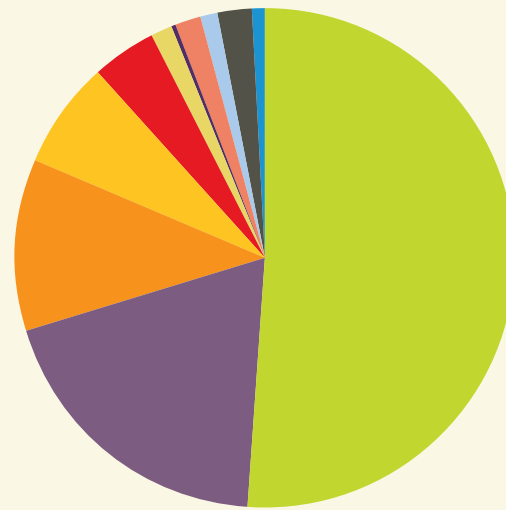
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	Revenues	Percent of total
Tuition and fees	\$2,376,130	38.3%
Federal work study	\$42,762	0.7%
Auxiliary	\$770,108	12.4%
Ministerial Education Fund	\$997,900	16.1%
Endowment	\$1,467,832	23.7%
Restricted gifts	\$227,136	3.7%
Methesco Fund gifts	\$248,626	4.0%
Student aid gifts	\$70,770	1.1%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$6,201,264</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenditures

Compensation of faculty and staff accounted for 51.2 percent of the MTSO operating budget, followed by financial aid (19.1 percent) and auxiliary enterprises, which consists of programs such as the Course of Study School of Ohio and services such as the Dunn Dining Hall (11.3 percent).



	Expenditures	Percent of total
Compensation	\$3,174,371	51.2%
Financial aid	\$1,186,634	19.1%
Auxiliary enterprises	\$698,786	11.3%
Plant maintenance	\$426,500	6.9%
General administration	\$253,091	4.1%
Business administration	\$80,594	1.3%
Institutional advancement	\$31,792	0.5%
Information systems	\$106,611	1.7%
Instruction	\$55,407	0.9%
Academic support	\$146,994	2.4%
Enrollment	\$39,432	0.6%
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,200,212</b>	<b>100%</b>

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