# COMMON THREAD

## **MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NEWSLETTER**

June 2019

# IT'S BEEN A Journalist

Jennifer Denlinger completed a Certificate in Spiritual Direction in 2018 and graduated this past May with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies. We asked her to share her path to and through Moravian Seminary.

#### Jennifer Denlinger '18 &'19

## Can you share a little bit about your life before coming to Moravian Seminary?

I stepped away from my career as an academic librarian when my husband, Kurt, and I embarked on our parenting journey of rearing five children. At about the same time, I began to get involved with my Unitarian Universalist faith community. I had the opportunity to volunteer in many roles through the years—from hospitality coordinator to Executive Board President, from religious education teacher to ministerial search committee chair—and I found my niche as a small group ministry facilitator and a pastoral care associate.

Why did you choose to come to Moravian Seminary? MTS had been on my radar for many years, but I hadn't seriously considered taking classes because my life was very full and busy. I had asked my UU minister for his thoughts about my becoming a chaplain, and he asked me if I had "received a call." I asked him if "that's a real thing." I had a lot of self-doubt and personal resistance.

Eventually my curiosity got the best of me. Attracted to the Crossroads lay leadership offerings, I enrolled in the introductory Compass class, which is publicized as a discernment process regarding one's personal call. In the fall of 2014, at the urging of Jill Peters, I took my first class at the Seminary, "Introduction to Spiritual Formation."

The spiritual formation class was a logical next step in my personal journey, back to a healthy way of thinking and finding contentment



after an "emotional hijacking" of my life. And I eventually realized that, yes, a call is a real thing!

## Have you been particularly surprised by anything or anyone at the Seminary?

I wondered what it would be like to enter a Moravian Seminary as a Unitarian Universalist. I quickly realized that I was not the first UU student to attend, and I almost immediately found other non-Christian students in my classes. So the first surprise was the welcome and true acceptance. The Seminary's Mission Statement states that "Rooted in the Moravian heritage of ecumenism and service, we welcome students preparing to serve in diverse socioeconomic, intercultural, and interfaith contexts," and its Core Values include "hospitality and open and affirming engagement with diverse people and cultures" and "nurturing each person's unique best self, including personal faith tradition." This meant a lot to me.

The second surprise was the affinity I quickly felt with so many people. I felt a belonging to a loving community unique from any other community I have experienced. I found I was able to share spiritual noticings that I had kept mostly to myself through the years. It was amazing to realize that I could share these thoughts with others in a meaningful and profound way.

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# CROSSROADS

#### Ten Years Of Lay Leadership Training

## "The Crossroad of Your Life and God's Ministry" – that's the tagline that surfaced ten years ago as we ventured into this new program called Crossroads. During the first year we also referred to it as "The Great Experiment."

We really weren't sure if it would fly. One person told us that we had about two or three good years ahead of us picking "the low hanging fruit" before we would run out of people interested in taking courses. That hasn't happened. New participants have appeared every year and, in some cases, every semester, and they continue to more than populate the program. Each new person has contributed greatly to the vitality of Crossroads.



 Jill Peters, Crossroads, Missional Leadership Developer

First, a few statistics: All 16 courses of the Crossroads program run on a two year rotation and are offered in person and by video conference. Instructors have at least a Master's degree and practical experience coupled with a deep love for their subject. Over the ten years we have been running, almost 200 people from about a dozen denominations and independent churches have taken courses and 28 participants have completed the program. The real-time distance learning option has allowed participants from 8 states and Canada to engage in Crossroads classes.

After the third year, we started seeing ordained pastors enrolling in Crossroads for refresher courses or to gain knowledge that was not part of their seminary experience. Soon after that local judicatories started talking to us about training their lay pastors. We have worked closely with at least five denominations for lay pastor training. Six graduates have been licensed or ordained and an additional five work on a church staff. About 12 of our participants have gone on to seminary, most of them to Moravian Theological Seminary.

More interesting than the satistics are the stories of the participants. Many people come for a specific course: some take the biblical studies course to broaden their knowledge of scripture; discipleship because they want to run small groups; congregational care because they are serving on a visitation team; or perhaps spiritual formation to deepen their own experience. We encourage participants to come for the course or courses which interest them the most or address the ways in which they are serving their congregation. Crossroads alumni are running small groups, caring for those in need, preaching within their congregations, designing events for their communities, developing deeper spiritual pathways, and more. Crossroads is here to serve people as they discover their call and then live into that call.

More than once, a person has come for one course, and they have ended up staying for much more, in some cases earning their certificate of completion from the program. Crossroads started as a lay leadership program and almost immediately we were training people for careers within the church. Our first class of graduates produced two lay church planters who worked alongside their denominational supports to help launch new communities of faith. Several graduates have been added to



Congratulations to this year's graduates:(I-r) Mark Wonsidler, Will Kratz, Blondel Jones Grant, Donna Lee, June Heyer.

church staffs while many others have become super volunteers within their congregations, returning with new insights and knowledge to help their home churches.

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"Crossroads is an amazing, diverse, and supportive community that helped open me to a range of possibilities and experiences I couldn't have anticipated. I'm so grateful for that."

- Mark Wonsidler '19

# **BUT THAT'S NOT THE END** OF HIS STORY AT THE SEMINARY

#### Rev. Dr. David DeRemer retires as the Director of Enrollment



My time as Director of Enrollment from January 2015 through May 2019 has been tremendously rewarding. I met and spoke with hundreds of students inquiring about and considering Moravian Seminary as a step on their journey. I witnessed growth in the Clinical Counseling program as its enrollment swelled to one third of the total student body. And as people are seeking training outside local church ministry, I had a hand in writing the degree proposal for our Master of Arts in Chaplaincy. In May 2018, the first students in the Chaplaincy degree program from Moravian Seminary graduated.

Overall, the most wonderful and rewarding part of this work has been the interaction with students. I met them as they were discerning their call. All graduate students wrestle with how these classes will fit into their life and how

they will pay for their education. Helping prospective students feel less anxious about those questions was a key part of the conversations that I had with many.

I worked with half of the student body (last names starting M-Z) as they registered for classes each semester. I listened with pride as they told me about professors with whom they wanted to take additional classes or excitedly describe internships in which they were about to engage. Often there is a tension between excitement and apprehension as students looked to the next semester. I was pleased and humbled when students told me they "felt better" after we reviewed the upcoming coursework and they were able to see a longer range picture.

Although I am retiring from the position of Director of Enrollment, I will continue to direct the Supervised Ministry program and teach a class or two each semester here at Moravian Seminary. With additional free time, I look forward to having more time on or by the waters of Monroe Lake in the Poconos, where my family has spent many weekends in the last four years.

I plan to do more digging around the DeRemer family genealogy that I started a decade ago, completing some projects around the house, and continuing the traveling and exploring that my wife, Kathy, and I enjoy.

In a variety of capacities, I have been hanging around Moravian Seminary for two decades. I have repeatedly said that I like being here because I like hanging out with smart people. Virtually everyone I have worked with around the Seminary and College has taught me something that I have taken with me. And for that, and many other things, I am very grateful.  $\Delta$ 

#### Crossroads Cont.

The impact of Crossroads is directly related to its participants as they work in their congregation or within the community. They have followed their sense of call and have served in homeless shelters, feeding programs, schools, assisted living facilities, refugee resettlement organizations and in numerous other ministries. Someone once described the Crossroads ministry effect as tentacles reaching into communities with well-trained people who really care about the ministries in which they participate. Those tentacles have stretched from New York to Florida and countless lives have been touched by these people.  $\Delta$ 

# **NEW BEGINNINGS**

#### 2019 Commencement Honors 14 Graduates

Our 212th academic year came to a close when 14 graduates received degrees and certificates at the Seminary Commencement Service on Saturday afternoon, May 11, 2019. The service was held at College Hill Moravian Church, providing an excellent space for intimacy, celebration, and acoustics.



Christy Potter-Kass '19 MDiv



Becky Sausser '19 MDiv

Commencement weekend began with the traditional Senior Banquet hosted by the Student Elders Council in the College Hill Fellowship Hall. The good food and fellowship were topped off with a visit by Billy Bob Zinzendorf, and an honoring of the seniors with a slideshow and gift giving.

For our Seminary graduates and faculty, the weekend included the unified, campus-wide Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday morning where graduates of all the schools of Moravian College were conferred degrees. Elected by her fellow graduates, **Christy Potter-Kass**, MDiv, presented the Graduate Address at the Unified Commencement Service.

During the Seminary Commencement Ceremony on Saturday afternoon, our 14 graduates received their hoods and diplomas, and chalice pins from the Alumni Board. **Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer, Enrollment Director**, who retired at the end of the school year, gave the Commencement address. **Becky Sausser**, MDiv, was elected by the seniors to deliver the Senior Address.

Three students received a Master of Arts in Theological Studies: **Jennifer Denlinger** (Bethlehem Township, NJ) with a concentration in Formative Spirituality, **James Jackson** (Baltimore, MD), and **Robert Yurvati** (Whitehall, PA).

Wanda Brothers (Easton, PA), who completed her degree in December, earned the Masters of Arts in Chaplaincy.

Graduating with a Masters of Arts in Clinical Counseling were **Michael Brown** (Coopersburg, PA), **Emily Klein** (Quakertown, PA), and **Christine Confer** (Phillipsburg, NJ) who completed the MACC-MSW dual degree program in partnership with Marywood University.

The Master of Divinity graduates included **Christy Potter-Kass** (Easton, PA) with a concentration in Formative Spirituality, **Ken McDowell** (Pittsburgh, PA), **Timothy Naisby** (Bethlehem, PA), **Becky Sausser** (Schuylkill Haven, PA), and **Nicole Vogel** (Easton, PA) who completed her degree in December.

Completing the Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies were **Florence Kimball** (Bethlehem, PA), Christy Potter-Kass, Timothy Naisby, and Nicole Vogel.

Degree candidates with a GPA of 3.9 and above received academic honors, *With Distinction*. The following individuals received distinction honors: Mike Brown, Emily Klein, Ken McDowell, Rebecca Sausser, and Nicole Vogel.

At the time of graduation, 100% of our graduates immediately embarked on career paths. Some have accepted calls to congregational leadership; others have accepted positions in counseling agencies; several will continue in their vocation, or will begin additional training and education. We look forward to their unfolding ministries. Please join us in congratulating the MTS Class of 2019!  $\Delta$ 



Mike Brown '19 MACC



James Jackson '19 MATS



Dean Crouch awards Christine Confer '19 MACC the Rochelle N. Pavlov Santiago MACC Prize

#### **2019 COMMENCEMENT PRIZES**

- The Cora Doster Moses Memorial Homiletics Prize is granted to a member of the graduating class of Moravian Theological Seminary for the best work done in preaching and practical pulpit work: Nicole Vogel MDiv.
- The J. Taylor Hamilton Biblical Language Prize is awarded for the best work in Greek: Ellyn Siftar.
- The Herman T. Frueauff Memorial Prize in Moravian History is awarded for outstanding class work and research in the field of Moravian history: Charlie McDonald MDiv.
- The Faculty Academic Prize recognizes high academic standing and superior creative scholarship: Nicole Vogel MDiv.
- The Rochelle N. Pavlov Santiago MACC Prize is awarded to an MACC candidate whose clinical practice led to the improvement of the mental health and well-being of the disenfranchised, the underserved, and the less privileged: Christine Confer MACC.
- The Henry Gerdsen Memorial Prize recognizes intellectual, personal, and professional growth, as well as a commitment to involvement in the MTS community: Christy Potter-Kass MDiv.
- The Rev. Elmer Bender Memorial Award recognizes a graduate preparing for ministry in the Moravian Church with exemplary qualities of leadership and integrity: Timothy Naisby MDiv
- The John David Bishop Memorial Prize awarded to an MDiv candidate with superior record in scholarship, development of personality suited to ministry, and effective participation in Seminary activities: Becky Sausser MDiv.



Graduates and faculty who participated in the 2019 Seminary Commencement Service.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

#### Deborah Appler, Hebrew Bible

Deborah contributed to Scripturally Annotated Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Biblical Scripture Promoting Human Rights, The Carter Foundation, 2019. She contributed to a book review of David J. Shepherd and Christopher J. H. Wright's *The Two Horizons Old Testament* in 2018. At the Society for Biblical Literature conference in Denver in 2018, she presented '\ *May your allies be like the sun, rising in its strength, illuminating collusion in the context of the Song of Deborah (Judges 5) with* Sharon Brown. Deborah and Sharon Brown joined Terry Smith to present *Liminal Spaces: Foreign women as the Creators and Killers of Culture in Ezra 9, 10 and Nehemiah 13* at SBL in Denver.

#### Craig Atwood, Moravian Theology & History

Last July, Craig was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Chatauqua in July and gave a paper on the Moravian roots of the feminist poet H.D. at the Bethlehem Public Library. In August 2018, Craig presented a paper titled "You Have Nothing to Do but Be Happy: Moravians and Happiness in the 18th century" at the Fifth Pietism Congress at the Franckische Stiftungen in Halle, Germany. He also presented a paper at the German Studies Association meeting in Pittsburgh on Moravian millenarian multiculturalism and was the respondent at a panel on Pietism and politics. In October 2018, he gave the annual address for the Moravian Historical Society on the topic "The General Synod of 1957 and the Creation of the Modern Moravian Unity." The paper will appear in the Journal of Moravian History in a few months. Craig published a book chapter titled "The Moravian Threat to the Old



Bishop Sam Gray was Craig's translator

World Establishment" in Bethany Wiggins, ed. Babel of the Atlantic (Penn State, 2019). He also taught an intensive course in March 2019 on Moravian theology and history in Chiclayo, Peru for pastors in the Moravian Church in Peru. When he wasn't writing and presenting (or teaching), he and his wife Julie visited Iceland in August 2018, where they hiked up volcanoes and past geysers, and in January 2019, he and his daughter Sarah spent a week in Turkey that included sleeping in a cave followed by a balloon ride over snow-covered Cappadocia.

#### Riddick Weber, Pastoral Ministry

In October, 2018, Riddick presented a conference paper, "Little Sinners Praise the Little Lamb with Their Little Hymnal: A Linguistic Analysis of the Sarons Buchlein and Its Relevance for the Moravian Settlers in North Carolina" at the 2018 Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music. At the Fall meeting of the Moravian Historical Society, which met at the end of this conference, Riddick was elected to the Board of Managers for the Moravian Historical Society (MHS). Fall 2018 saw the publication of *Religious Traditions in North Carolina: Histories, Tenets and Leaders*, for which Riddick wrote the chapter on Moravians. Riddick also traveled to Cuba in January 2019 for a week of lectures on Moravian history, theology, and practice for Cuban Moravian pastors. This spring he began serving as the Chair for the Planning Committee for the 2020 Bethlehem Conference of Moravian History and Music. But it hasn't been all work and no play: Riddick was in the Bethlehem area enough to play with the Bethlehem Trombone Choir for several events, including the MHS's "Share the Heritage" banquet.

#### Nelson Rivera, Theology

Nelson made a three-week presentation on "Luther the Theologian" at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Emmaus in January of 2019. He contributed the article "Christian Worship" to the online journal *The Living Pulpit* (June 2019). And, perhaps most important, he attended all Seminary and Joint Board of Trustees meetings during the academic year 2018-2019 as Seminary faculty representative.

#### Michelle Santiago, Clinical Counseling

Michelle is completing her fourth and last year as professional representative for American Psychological Association (APA) Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women). She continues to work on the Board of Directors for the Center for Humanistic Chair and as Vice Chair for Northampton County Department of Corrections Jail Advisory Committee. She finished her first year on the State Board of Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors and has been selected to represent PA at the American Association of State Counseling Boards.

#### Beth Toler, Clinical Counseling

Since her start at the Seminary last fall, Beth presented a workshop at the national ACPE Conference in Arizona in May 2019 entitled "It's All Personal: Engaging, Enduring, and Transforming the Experience of Micro-Aggressions in Pastoral Supervision." She also presented at the annual Society for Pastoral Theology conference in Denver, CO in June 2018 on a similar topic. She is continuing to work on a book chapter for Women with 2020 Vision: Theologians on the Vote (1920), Voice, and Vision of Women, (Snorton and Stevenson-Moessner, eds). In January, she traveled to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.

#### Elizabeth Miller, Seminary Liaison Librarian

Elizabeth was very busy at the ATLA conference in June 2019. She was on several panels including, "Envisioning Regional Library Groups," "Small and Thriving: A Follow-Up to 'The Future of the Small Theological Library," and "Connecting and Collaborating with Faculty through Curriculum Mapping," which was also published in the American Theological Library Association Summary of Proceedings (2018). She was also President of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA) (2018–2019). When she's not presenting, she's been baking in the kitchen with her daughter. Many students can attest to the wonderful treats she brings when she's offering help at the Seminary.

# **BOOK REVIEW** BY RACHEL STARMER '16 MACC

#### Braving the Wilderness

In Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone (2017, Random House), Brené Brown writes "The world feels high lonesome and heartbroken to me right now. We've sorted ourselves into factions based on our politics and ideology. We've turned away from one another and toward blame and rage. We're lonely and untethered. And scared. So damn scared." (p. 45) I agree. Fear, often disguised as "safety," seems to be our current cultural energizer. It underlies discussions about parenting, food, travel, immigration, nature, religion, politics (of course), and on and on.

Brown calls what the world is going through a "collective spiritual crisis" (p. 45); we are dividedfrom each other, from powers greater than ourselves, from ourselves. She argues that what is contributing to this spiritual crisis is our desire to fit in (which demands "us" and "them" factions) instead of a desire for true belonging.

At the root of true belonging is belonging to yourself, and she uses a quote from Dr. Maya Angelou as illustration: "You are only free when you realize that you belong to no place—you belong every place—no place at all. The price is high. The reward is great" (p. 26) Belonging to yourself can sound lonely, but Brown argues that true belonging is all about connection: "It's a practice that requires us to be vulnerable, get uncomfortable, and learn how to be present with people without sacrificing who we are" (p. 37).

Through the bulk of the book, which is a highly readable combination of research and personal stories, Brown examines the four elements of true belonging revealed by her research: (1) People Are Hard to Hate Close Up. Move In; (2) Speak Truth to Bullshit. Be Civil. (3) Hold Hands. With Strangers; (4) Strong Back. Soft Front. Wild Heart. While Brown shares her ideas and information in easy-to-understand language, she also shares that it is hard, important, work. Braving the Wilderness is important reading. Readers learn not just skills but also ways of being that are deeply rooted in connection and love.  $\Delta$ 



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#### Denlinger Cont.

A third surprise came to me as I completed my Spiritual Direction program. Throughout my studies at MTS, I cultivated sensitivity to the 'God language' of individuals, or the language individuals are most comfortable using when speaking about God. For instance, I thought about how I might introduce a traditional Christian spiritual practice to my UU faith community with non-Christian language. I also thought a lot about how so much of the spiritual practices I studied mirrored the practices of Twelve Step programs but with a different vocabulary. My surprise was the realization that not only could I bring back my learnings to share with others, but that I could share my own faith community with folks here at Seminary.

What has been your "most life" moment thus far in your Moravian journey?

There have been countless meaningful moments for me at Moravian. For me, the "most life" moments have involved listening—deep listening—and connections. The connections include relationships with people, but also connections with my own Christian heritage and with my Higher Power. The 7th Principle of Unitarian Universalism is about the interconnectedness of all things, including us, and that came to life for me here in a new way. Wendell Berry wrote about finding God in all things, and I learned to articulate better—for myself—these types of connections I have experienced my whole life. My awareness of connections was cultivated as I learned and practiced deeper listening and being present. Being present to the presence probably sums it up best.



• Jen presenting her Thesis.

Do you have ideas about what you hope to do/gain as a Spiritual Director with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies? I currently work part-time as a Family Support Coordinator for a local prevention agency where I live in New Jersey. I provide support to family members of loved ones struggling with Substance Use Disorder. My colleagues and I offer support both one-on-one and in small groups. I will continue with this work because I absolutely love it! I'm also eager to more formally expand my Spiritual Direction practice and to reach out to the recovery community in new and creative ways.

#### Is there anything else you would like to share?

I feel that my Seminary experience has been unlike my other graduate school experiences in large part because it has been an intensely personal journey. It has been far more than completing assignments and fulfilling requirements. It has been about digging deeply into my own faith, sharing sacred stories with colleagues, seeking both questions and answers and more questions, allowing myself to be vulnerable, and remaining open to all possibilities. My time spent in the MTS community has been wonderful.

#### What do you see as your growing edge?

I am looking for ways to feel comfortable with earning money in this field, partly because this has been an intensely personal journey for me and originally I didn't understand that I would be called to bring my learning and skills to others. I do feel called to continue bringing spiritual direction to the recovery community, so I'm working on developing confidence in marketing myself for this task.  $\Delta$ 

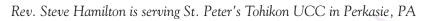
## COMMUNITY CLERGY TRAINING PROGRAM BY Rev. Steve Hamilton '07 MDiv

#### Attending to the Needs of Veterans in Their Congregations

For four Thursday mornings during March 2019, Rev. Dr. Chris Antal, Chaplain, Department of Veteran Affairs (VA); Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center; the Rev. Scott Hutchinson, Touchstone Veterans Ministry, St. Andrew's United Church of Christ; and the Rev. Dr. Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Professor, Moravian College nurtured a dynamic and challenging series of four workshops focused on helping clergy attend to the needs of veterans in their congregations. The series included four modules: Military Culture & Wounds of War, Spiritual Care with Veterans & their Families, Mental Health Services and Referrals, and Building Community Partnerships.

As a pastor and veteran, my ministry has included advocacy for community awareness of military veterans' needs and the healing of soul wounds and moral injuries. This series of workshops offered me the opportunity to grow in a deeper understanding of VA training available to the greater community. As I have been working with Scott Hutchinson to develop a retreat focused on veterans' needs, I wanted to grow in my knowledge and gain some ideas. The VA training presented at the Seminary encompassed a unique breadth of topics, including community awareness of military veterans' needs, community ministries centered on reconciliation and healing, and the unpacking of the war culture we live within, but the experience went far beyond what I initially expected! Each workshop included lectures, group activities, and time to process and reflect—both individually and as a group. The partnership that grew between the presenters and participants through sharing and reflection bore a richness of fruit often not seen in workshops. I have been to a number of workshops focused on veterans, and the series held at Moravian Seminary was beautifully held and transformed by the Divine into an organic/living/ healing community on many levels.

This Community Clergy Training Program was a deeply rich blessing, both for me and the veteran and community ministries I serve! Thank you!  $\Delta$ 



## ALUMNI & FRIENDS 2018-19 GIVING GOAL HAS REACHED 95%

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 Chris Antal presents Rachel Starmer and Kelly Denton-Borhaug with a certificate of appreciation.



# SCENES FROM THE SERVES FROM THE



 Timothy Naisby '19 MDiv led an arrangement of Cohen's Hallelujah at the final chapel service honoring our seniors. He was accompanied by Becky Sausser '19 MDiv and Prof. Riddick Weber.



 Chapel services in the month of April are always extra special. Graduating MDiv students, as part of their Portfolio 2 class, have the opportunity to lead worship for the MTS Community.
Pictured above is senior Ken McDowell.



- Presenters at the 2019 Thesis Day: (I-r)
- James Jackson: *An Investigation into the Use of the Bible as a Reference Tool for Parenting Among Black Christian Males*
- Jennifer Denlinger: Group Spiritual Direction. A Healing Path Within the Recovery Community
- Robert Yurvati: Is Hesychia for all Orthodox Christians?

If you want to read any of our MATS theses they are in the Reference section of the Reeves library. Elizabeth Miller, the Seminary Library Liaison, can help if you have questions.



 At the closing chapel service worshipers were asked to share "just on thing" that was most meaningful about their time at MTS. More than 1/3 of the responses included "diversity" or "community."

Mugging it up at the end of the 2019 Senior Banquet: (I-r) Seniors Chrissy Confer MACC, Timothy Naisby MDiv, Robert Yurvati MATS, Nicole Vogel MDiv, Becky Sausser MDiv, Christy Potter-Kass MDiv, and retiring Director of Enrollment Dave DeRemer.





 There were many options for giving and fun during the 2019 Day of Giving. Senior Christy Potter-Kass, MDiv, shows her Seminary pride as she receives her exclusive purple MTS logo socks from Director of Seminary Advancement Jannette Saeger.



The 2019 Couillard Lectures were giving by Tyrone Wetz who advocates for prison reform and social justice for formerly incarcerated individuals. The lectures were given in conjunction with the Arts for Justice exhibition at the Banana Factory in partnership with the Moravian Church Eastern District, Church in Society Ministry team.





In April the MACC alumni committee hosted a Self Care Workshop. The workshop was designed to provide counselors, clergy, psychologists, and other professional care providers with creative restoration to address burnout and stress as well as self-care tools for use with clients. As part of the program, Dr. Jane Williams lead Guided Meditation and Gwen Blake lead Zen Meditative Doodling.

## SAVE THE DATE

Additional information and registration details can be found at moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed

- **CROSSROADS** (Real-Time Distance Learning Available)
- LECTURES
- FORMATIVE SPIRITUALITY
- ALUMNI GATHERINGS

JUL. 23 SUMMER BOOK CLUB—*THE OLD TESTAMENT IS DYING* Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm, \$10 Instructor: Rev. Dr. Steve Simmons

JUL. 28–AUG. 2 WISDOM SCHOOL: THE DIVINE EXCHANGE (5 DAY RETREAT), \$725

JUL. 30 WISDOM SCHOOL–OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY All are welcome to come "taste & see" a part of Wisdom School Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm, Free will offering

AUG. 20 SUMMER BOOK CLUB–*SHAMELESS* Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm, \$10 Instructors: Rev. Teresa A. Hughes-Martin and Mark Wonsidler

SEPT. 5–OCT. 24 COMPASS Thursdays, 6:00-9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220) Instructor: Linda Wisser and Dr. Jill Peters

**SEPT. 9–OCT. 28 TRADITIONS** Mondays, 6:00-9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220) Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bill Falla

SEPT. 13, OCT. 4, NOV. 8 WISDOM WAY OF KNOWING GATHERING 3:00-5:00pm, Free will offering

**OCT. 25 MOSES LECTURES** Dr. Jenna Gibbs, Topic: *Conversion and Conflict: Christian Latrobe Visits South Africa, 1807- 1816*, 9:30am-Noon, FREE

OCT. 25 ALL ALUMNI REUNION We are doing something new! Look for your "SAVE THE DATE" mailer coming soon!

OCT. 31–NOV. 25 ROAD HAZARDS Mondays & Thursdays, 6:00-9:00pm, \$240 (early reg. \$220) Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jill Peters

NOV. 15 MACC/PC ALUMNI WINE & CHEESE GATHERING 4:00-7:00pm, FREE



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