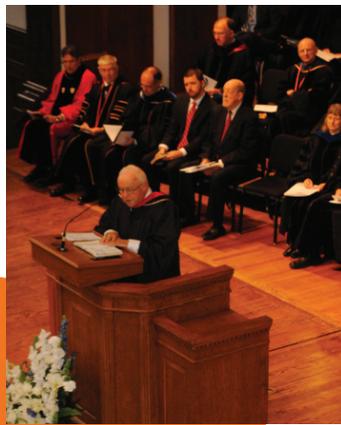


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In October, Emmanuel celebrated her 50th anniversary in conjunction with the fall board meetings. The highlight was a special anniversary worship service held at Milligan's Seeger Chapel. Emmanuel Dean Dr. Rollin Ramsaran spoke about Emmanuel's mission.

"Emmanuel has sought to be a place of collegiality, commitment to high excellence at the local, regional, national, and international level, with opportunities to be part of a larger academic community and to serve and resource the regional church," said Ramsaran.

"And because churches, friends, donors, and staff, faculty, and students believed and contributed to that vision, we, over the course of 50 years, have seen remarkable results."

Milligan President Dr. Bill Greer spoke about Emmanuel's future.

"This is a time to recognize the great successes that Emmanuel has enjoyed, a time to celebrate the work that has been accomplished, and a time to look ahead with resolve to the work that is still to be

done," said Greer. "We covet your prayers as we complete this integration and as we march forward together as one. We intend to grow because the church needs well prepared, thoughtful ministers and I believe that, together, Milligan and Emmanuel are uniquely positioned to fill this need."

Graduates from the past five decades and around the world followed the Emmanuel faculty in an academic procession. The alumni were led by Emmanuel's first alumnus, Dennis Bixler of Oregon, who read scripture in the service. A second scripture was read by the president of Emmanuel's student association, Tom Tatterfield.

The opening and closing prayers were given by Emmanuel's two living presidents, Dr. C. Robert Wetzel and Dr. Michael Sweeney. Emmanuel graduate and Trustee Ben Cachiara, minister with the Mountain Christian Church in Joppa, Maryland, presided at the service. The celebration concluded with the singing of the Emmanuel Hymn led by its lyricist, former professor Dr. Joseph Sutherland. ✝

ENJOY THE MILLIGAN MAGAZINE!

Emmanuel is about to return home, to become part of an institution with a long history and rich heritage – the very institution from which Emmanuel itself was born in 1965. Milligan is a nationally recognized Christian liberal arts college of 1,200 students and will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2016. Milligan and Emmanuel share a mission of servant leadership and ministry, and together will move forward to continue providing the world with servant-leaders who witness for the good of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. As a means of introducing Emmanuel's friends and donors to Milligan College, this special issue of the ENVOY is being sent out with Milligan's MAGAZINE.



Distinguished Service Award

At the October banquet of the Emmanuel Boards, the seminary's dean, Dr. Rollin Ramsaran, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Graham and Marilyn Johnstone in honor of their exemplary service to the seminary.

The Johnstones met while students at Westminster College and married in July of 1967. They have three adult children. Graham is an orthopedic surgeon. They are active members of the Bellevue Christian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, where both have served in teaching, leadership, and service roles. Marilyn also has served on the Board of the Christian Missionary Fellowship, and both have participated in numerous medical mission trips to Africa.

Graham's parents, Milton and Grace Johnstone, were founders of Emmanuel, and Graham and Marilyn have been longtime donors of the school. In fact, they have contributed over a half million dollars during their lifetime to Emmanuel and have funded the Johnstone Cottage in the Emmanuel Village. In recognition of their generosity, their name appears on Emmanuel's Wall of Honor. While their main emphasis has been general fund needs of the school, they have been generous in supplying scholarship aid for our students.

Graham has served as a trustee for Emmanuel for 30 years and has chaired the Board of Trustees for the past 12 years. The Johnstones are encouragers in every way, and it was most appropriate to present the Distinguished Service Award plaque to them this year. ✠

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HONORING THE FAITHFUL

AS A PART OF THE CELEBRATE THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN, FIVE AREAS OF THE B. D. PHILLIPS MEMORIAL BUILDING WERE NAMED IN HONOR OF FRIENDS AND DONORS OF EMMANUEL.

TOM SWIFT CONFERENCE ROOM

Tom was a 1985 M.Div. and 2007 D.Min. graduate of Emmanuel. He ministered in churches until Lou Gehrig disease prevented him from continuing. His life, however, remained steadfast as a testimony to the love of Christ until he died in January 2013. It has been the desire of Bob and Velma Hall of Johnson City, TN, that the Conference Room in the B. D. Phillips Building be named in Tom's memory.

MIKE AND SHERI WILLIAMS LECTURE HALL

Mike and Sheri are active members of the Christian Church in Bakersfield, CA. They own American Kids Sports Center. Mike is the nephew of Emmanuel's second president, Dr. Fred P. Thompson, and serves on the Board of Associates. They have graciously funded renovation efforts including new furniture, art work, and fresh paint in the lecture hall. Classroom 203 is now named in their honor.

CHIP AND LOU FOWLER CLASSROOM

Chip and Lou have had a long-time connection with Emmanuel. Chip received his M.Div. in 1978 and is currently in the D.Min. program. Chip is also a long-time member of Emmanuel's Board of Associates. The Fowlers have served in the military chaplaincy and now continue a ministry to support military families. They recently moved from Washington state to retire in Tennessee. The Fowlers have generously funded renovation work in the B. D. Phillips Building. Classroom 202 is named in their honor.

ROBERT AND SABINE SCHNELLE FLOOR

Bob and Sabine Schnelle have been a part of the Emmanuel family for nearly 15 years. Following the death of his first wife, Bob visited his twin brother, Ron, at Emmanuel and met bookstore manager Sabine. They married in 2006 and Bob has since volunteered his skills in the maintenance of the Emmanuel Village. The Schnelles have been most generous donors of the school with their time, talent, and money. We are pleased to name the second floor of the Emmanuel Library in their honor.



JOHN AND ARLINE PARISH FLOOR

John and Arline are from Yuma, Arizona. John has long served in Christian higher education and local church ministry. In retirement, he continues to support the education of ministers. Arline owns and operates an agricultural seed production company with a global constituency. John's parents, the late John and Ruth Parish, were founders of Emmanuel. John now serves on Emmanuel's Board of Associates. We are



pleased to attach the Parish name to the first floor of the Emmanuel Library.