Emerson, who worked as the "humor consultant" at EMU, said, "I think, probably pay the most school. "The schools themselves, Blending humor and serious topics through the use of personal stories, Hostetler kept the chapel audience awake with his engaging talk on "The Joy Factories.

His speech consisted of six points: people of joy understand that life is a gift, they understand that life is sacred, life is difficult, life is short, life is funny and life is a spiritual journey.

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Hostetler emphasized the preciousness of life. He described how he, one who had a passion for life, was suddenly paralyzed one day and had to work at physical therapy in order to get his nerves back into shape. With perseverance and rigorous therapy, Hostetler's father later regained full use of his body.

Said Hostetler, "when you woke up this morning, you didn't pay for it...but your heart is beating."

In the Science Center that afternoon, Hostetler again had a full house for his more medically related seminar. His teaching took a look at how to show others the seven elements of the "humor umbrella," which touches on ideas such as playfulness and laughter to heal or encourage those who need it.

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"Humor and laughter are serious...in terms of healing," said Hostetler, adding, "I believe that each of us have the capacity to be healers. But we are not curers.

After being an anatomist for almost 15 years, Hostetler got involved with a drug and alcohol abuse program.

"Halfway through my career, one I became an associate proessor...had the freedom to do what I wanted to do," Hostetler replied when asked why he delivers his encouraging speeches.

Now an associate professor emeritus of preventive medicine at Ohio State University College of Medicine, he visits colleges and companies to tell them about joy.

"I like Mennonite colleges," said Hostetler. "I love the Mennonite church. And I think the Mennonite church right now is wounded. And I want to do anything I can to bring a touch of joy. I think we need to be kind to each other.

Since he has started speaking for audiences, Hostetler's view has changed. "I just love to be with the audience. It's not a performance anymore. It used to be...but that's gone. It's a matter of 'do I have something to say?' But you hope that you help people see it in a different light. Truly, just hold it up and turn it just a little bit, and give them permission to be a little more light-hearted because I really believe that Christians should be joyful."

It's part of my Christian testimony," said Hostetler. "I go into corporations, I do the spirituality thing, and I get to do that because I know I give myself permission. That's who I am."

First-year student Connie Schwartz enjoyed the chapel service because "it was a change of pace, humorous, and kept your attention well. It gave us some good things to think about."