

## Welcome CCMA Office!

Beginning October 1, the Christian Church of Mid-America St. Louis office will be at Webster Groves Christian Church! WGCC is offering office and storage space as an in-kind gift to the Region.

The office is located on the second floor of the education building, just across the conference room from Pastor Jeff's office. Susan Moore, Ministry Associate for the Mid-America Region, will be in the office regularly once Covid-19 is over and we have re-opened the building.



### GET INVOLVED IN OCTOBER! HERE'S HOW:

#### OCT. 1

Bring your chairs  
and join the  
Disciples Women on  
the Church lawn for  
an outdoor meeting  
and luncheon.

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#### OCT. 4

Join guest speaker  
the Rev. John Bracke  
following worship  
for a discussion of  
The Bible and  
homosexuality.

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#### OCT. 11

Celebrate the  
ministry and  
retirement of Rev.  
Margie Pride of  
Memorial Boulevard  
Christian Church.

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## A community standing strong



On Thursday, Oct. 1, the Disciples Women will have a church lawn session. Bring your chair and your lunch and your sense of fellowship.

The church building may be locked, however the Disciples Women are hard at work, praying, studying the Bible, helping those who are in need, creating Quilts for Newborns, providing food for the NOW program, Rock Hill Ministries and helping with lunches at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church. The women are creating and sending cards to our Shut-Ins and members of the congregation. Also, the women are attempting to connect the Disciples Women members in as many ways as possible to provide the encouragement that everyone needs and just to see each other to visit.



In September, the Disciples women enjoyed an outdoor meeting and will have another "church lawn" meeting at noon on Thursday, October. You are asked to bring your own lunch, drink, chair and bug spray.

The Tabitha Group will lead the members in a Devotional. There will not be a speaker for this meeting. At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to pick tomatoes from our

garden for the NOW family food bags. Our garden is producing tomatoes abundantly. You will need to plan to wear a light jacket or sweater, because October is coming in cool.

The DW Service Chairs, **Janie Joplin** and **Pat Roseman** have two options for our October Service donation. On the DW service calendar, we are scheduled to donate money for laundry detergent for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Another ministry we serve also needs our donations. The Thursday lunch at Memorial Boulevard Christian Church is one of our food ministries. WGCC has served one Thursday lunch a month since July. The lunch is a pick-up lunch served outside to about 100 marginalized community and church members.

Both of these projects need our help and donations. As you write your October check for DW, your donation for service can be divided between the two projects mentioned or you can give it all to one project. Your choice. Just designate on the memo line or write a note how you want your donation divided and send it to Julie Wood. For the Thursday Lunch, help is needed of October. Please call Steve to volunteer. Thanks to Janie Joplin and Pat Roseman for this great Service report.

The Tabitha Group will hold their meeting on the third Thursday of October on Zoom. They have invited the other groups to join them if they would like. Your group leaders will be sending a link to that meeting as it gets closer.

**Eva Moutrie** has had another fall. This time she broke her leg. She has spent a week in St. Mary's Health Center and is now in St. Mary's Health Center Rehab, Room 305 West Rehab, 1027 Bellevue, Clayton, MO 63117. Thank you in advance for your prayers for her and cards sent. She loves to get cards.

Submitted by:

**Jane Martin**, Secretary

## Join in celebrating Margie Pride's retirement and ministry

As you may know, Rev. Margie Pride of Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, retired in April, after serving the church and the community for 37 years. A celebration was arranged in April, in conjunction with the annual Hike Against Hunger. Unfortunately, COVID hit and both the celebration and Hike had to be cancelled.

Memoril Boulevard still wants to celebrate her retirement and give thanks for her many years of service and provide a blessing of sending forth. Margie has already relocated to Kentucky.

Therefore, the church will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Sunday, **October 11, at 6:00 p.m.**,

featuring speakers from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, and the wider community.

We want to invite everyone to participate in the Zoom meeting and would ask for your assistance in spreading the word.

You can view the Zoom celebration via the Webster Groves Christian Church Facebook page, or join the Zoom directly at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82635783995>

# REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America

**OCT 3  
9:00am**

*Join us online for this special 90 minute Assembly!*



## TUNE IN FOR:

*State of the Region Address*

*Worship/Bible Study*

*Business/Reporting*

*Recognize and welcome new clergy*

## IN ADDITION:

*Join us for Better Together Thursdays where our workshop leaders will make their presentations online throughout the fall.*

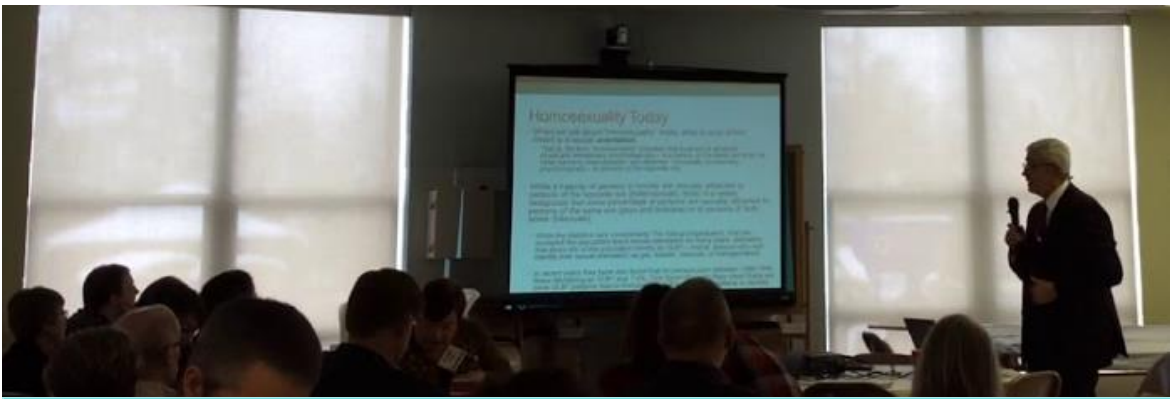
*(This is great continuing education for clergy!)*

## GUEST PREACHER

**Dr. Richard Ward**, Retired Fred B. Craddock Professor of Homiletics at Phillips Theological Seminary. His sermon will be pre-recorded and available for use on Sept. 30.



Find more information and register to vote online at [www.mid-america-disciples.org](http://www.mid-america-disciples.org)



## ***The Bible and Homosexuality***

Guest Speaker

**Rev. Dr. John Bracke**

Please join Webster Groves Christian Church  
and Memorial Boulevard Christian Church  
for online worship on **Sunday, October 4,**  
and following worship for Rev. Bracke's presentation at **3:00 p.m.**

via Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326717245>

Meeting ID: 813 2671 7245

Or dial in by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



Rev. Dr. John Bracke, Eden Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1972; Eden Theological Seminary, D.Min., 1979; Union Presbyterian Seminary, Ph.D., 1983. Rev. Bracke was professor of Old Testament Eden from 1984-2012. He taught the required introductory Old Testament class, various OT elective courses, and courses in congregational leadership and administration. He has published commentaries on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations in the Westminster Bible Companion Series and with Professor Emeritus Tye, a book on teaching the Bible in the church.

**Sunday morning worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome - please invite your family and friends to tune in!**

**The link to the page is:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WGCCDisciples/>**

## WGCC@125!



In 1995, members of the congregation gathered to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Throughout 2020 we mark our 125th anniversary by remembering what has made us the strong community that we are today, and furthermore, what will make us even stronger in the future.

### **Visit the neighborhood pumpkin patch**

The ever-popular Webster hills United Methodist Church pumpkin patch will open Oct. 18-Oct.31, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wear your mask for some contactless shopping!

### **A tip of the cap to help those in need**

Robin Woodrome's mother recently donated 105 knit caps in all shapes and sizes!

We appreciate the donation and are sharing the caps with with our mission partners, such as Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, Project NOW and more.

Thanks for the donation!

## **Step up for the 2020 CROP Hunger Walk**

The 2020 St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk and Concert will be virtual this year. But you are still invited to participate! How? For suggestions, please visit the following website:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo)

At this site, you can register as an individual, create a team for your congregation or group, and/or make a donation. Local partners/beneficiaries are Operation Food Search, Circle of Concern, and Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

**The 4th Annual CROP Concert will also be virtual. It will be broadcast on Sunday evening, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.**, probably as a Facebook Live Premier event. It will be co-sponsored by Eden Theological Seminary (the Concert will also be the 9th Annual Eden Festival of Psalms), and it will feature **Richard Bruxvoort Colligan** and a host of other excellent musicians. On how to "attend" the concert, look for updates on the CROP website above, or check the Eden Seminary website ([www.eden.edu](http://www.eden.edu)).

Questions? Or want further information? Contact Clint McCann at [cmccann@eden.edu](mailto:cmccann@eden.edu) or 314-619-0599.

## Recent prayer concerns

- For the great nieces of John and Susan Burney, Aubrey, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and Grace, who fell and injured her leg.
- For Ken and Ginney Rainey
- For Eva Moutrie, who suffered another fall and has broken her leg.
- For Ruth Anne, a friend of Vick Ott's who is battling health issues.
- For Bill and Arlene Sullivan
- For Barbara Merrel
- For Robin Woodrome
- For all teachers and students during times of remote learning.
- For all health care "frontline" workers, and all essential workers.
- For the families of WGCC Project NOW, KSD NOW program, and KAEChP.
- For Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and their director, Ed Johnson.
- For all whom have experienced loss or change in their work situations.
- For all victims of COVID-19, especially the under-served and under-represented members of the community.



### **Giving thanks for the life of John Norris**

Longtime WGCC member John Richard Norris passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at the age of 97 with his loving family at his side. John was laid to rest at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery where Full Military Honors were bestowed.

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#### **WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Our mission: Following Jesus' teaching and sacrificially serving the people who are the most marginalized.**

# Webster Groves Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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**The SEGA connection newsletter is available at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/>**

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