



# WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN

## Plan Grande 2 Nicaragua Mission Team Departs July 16



*"Young girls show off their VBS crafts in 2006."*

Eight members of our congregation will once again be joining representatives from other churches in the Presbytery as part of our Nicaraguan Community Partnership delegation to Plan Grande 2 Nicaragua, July 16-26. We can't wait! Steve and Irene Stolz, Sue and Steve Davis, Harriet Hall, Linda Hagemann (on her 1<sup>st</sup> trip with the delegation!) and Kim and Brittany Hagemann (yes, that makes 3 generations!) will be commissioned on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Nick Stolz (WGPC's intern at CEPAD) will accompany us and serve as our translator as he is doing with other North American delegations this summer.

We're looking forward to furthering the partnership with the community of Plan Grande 2 including updates on the coffee harvest, their water and electricity issues, a celebration of secondary school graduates who were supported by our scholarships, VBS for the enthusiastic crowd of youngsters and many more opportunities for continued understanding. We will also be reuniting with our own Nick Stolz who is serving there this summer with our sponsor organization CEPAD.

The Nicaraguan Community Partnership is a mission of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and has partnered with the community of Plan Grande 2 since 2000. The Mission Statement of the partnership helps explain the basis for this relationship:

*"We are communities of people from St. Louis and Plan Grande 2 from different cultures, sharing the same vision of partnership. We cultivate understanding and acceptance of our similarities and differences, working for justice, sharing joy, hope, and the message of the Gospel with our partnership. We do this by following Christ's example to love and care for one another."*

We'll look forward to sharing our experiences with the congregation when we return – especially this year as the congregation focuses our collaborative efforts on sharing God's love as we grow our intercultural awareness. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare and as we are "en el campo" (the countryside). -*Harriet Hall*

## Special Fourth of July Music On Sunday, July 5

The music for our Sunday, July 5, 9:30 a.m. worship service will once again reflect the festivities of the July 4 holiday. Patriotic music played by Shawn Portell, organist and assisted by our Music Assistant/Assistant Organist Ted Cronbaugh (piano and organ) will feature: Robert Hebble's "American Declaration" for piano and organ; the WGPC premier presentations of Matthew Corl's Fanfare on "America the Beautiful" and Mark Thewes "National Hymn". In the spirit of tradition we will close our service with the popular Chenault organ duet arrangement of John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever". At the postlude all are invited to the chancel for the festivities during this memorable and fun "romp" on the Gress-Miles pipe organ. Prelude begins 10 minutes before the service. Come and worship as we give thanks for our Creator and remember the faith of our founding mothers and fathers.



## From the Interim Associate Pastor

Dear Friends,

Some time ago I went on a retreat for spiritual nurture and growth. At the two retreat centers I was able to focus myself on seeking the heart of God. This was a time of renewal, prayer and silence. The time in prayer revealed a lot about how much I yearned to be in God's presence. It took me awhile to get to the silence of God's peace because I was thinking about all the things back at the church, my family, the work left undone and the work ahead.

The silence I experienced came at times throughout the day and night when I focused on listening to God. All the concerns and worry for personal life and church life just fell away and I was in the calm harbor of God's presence. Within the calm, I experienced the full spectrum of emotions - security, acceptance, vulnerability, and dependence on and in the heart and hands of God.

This time of prayer and silence helped me to see how much I needed to be replenished with God's presence and to be affirmed in my call to lead a congregation into a deeper meaning of God's love. I was willing to risk giving up control of my destiny to God's care and guidance, to be *"still and know that I am God"* (Psalms 46:10a) even in the midst of disagreement or conflict, to be courageous in the face of fear and worry, and, to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

I invite you to spend time in prayer, as together, we seek the heart of God and to expand our faithful witness for Christ in world. The more we spend time in prayer, the deeper our relationship with God becomes.

I also invite you to pray for God's presence to be a living and vibrant presence in the congregation, in the elders and deacons, in the pastors, and most of all, in each of us. Yes, these times of prayer will makes us open and vulnerable to God's presence to lead and guide our lives. It also means we will have to give up seeking to control the church and others, and, to give up listening only to ourselves. Most of all, it means listening more to what God has to say to us through Jesus as we, *"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"*. (Matthew 6:33)

Let us join in a journey of prayer as we seek to be closer to God's heart and to be faithful to Jesus.

Yours In Christ,  
Rev. Mark A. Medina, Interim Associate Pastor

## Church Calendar July 5 – July 18, 2009

### SUNDAY, July 5

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary ♦ Summer Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall  
12:15 p.m. College Age Luncheon

### MONDAY, July 6

WEDNESDAY, July 8  
12:00 p.m. Sixty-Plus

### FRIDAY, July 10

12:10 p.m. Rotary

### SUNDAY, July 12

Communion  
Nicaragua Commissioning

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary ♦ Summer Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Informal Worship in Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Nicaragua Delegation Dinner

### MONDAY, July 13

### WEDNESDAY, July 15

### FRIDAY, July 17

12:10 p.m. Rotary

### TUESDAY, July 7

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, July 9

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

7:00 a.m. Personnel

8:30 a.m. Retired Men

### SATURDAY, July 11

9:00 a.m. Alanon

### TUESDAY, July 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, July 16

6:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

8:30 a.m. Retired Men

### SATURDAY, July 18

9:00 a.m. Alanon

## Nominations for Church Officers

The 2009 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the offices of Elder, Deacon and Trustee. Nomination forms are available in the church office. Names together with the office for which they are nominated can be placed in the Nominating Committee box in the church office, emailed to the committee chair, Burt Randolph ([pbrandolph@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbrandolph@sbcglobal.net)) or submitted on line at [www.wgpc.org](http://www.wgpc.org).



**Gardening around  
WGPC**

Do you like to garden? If you do, and would like to help WGPC do some of our gardening tasks, call Celeste Roberson at 962-9210, ext. 3206 or [cfr@wgpc.org](mailto:cfr@wgpc.org).

## G.A.M.A.M. for July

Complete Beef Meal (meat included)  
Canned Peas  
Canned Peaches  
Biscuit Mix (no eggs required)  
Powdered Milk



Additional Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup

## Mission Update

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** In April of 2009, members of the National Response Team for the Presbyterian Church (USA) organization called Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) attended our worship services wearing their bright blue shirts. They were in town for a regional training session and visited our church to "spread the word" about the mission of PDA. For those who are not familiar with the work of PDA, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the PC (USA). PDA's core budget, including administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing collection as well as designated gifts. These funds allow PDA to respond to disasters around the world such as the drought this spring in Kenya, ice storms in Kentucky this winter, the tsunami in Indonesia, and continued needs in New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina.



If you would like to learn more about this important work, you will find a wealth of information on the PC (USA) website at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

## Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Seeking Help

The Webster-Rock Hill Ministries is seeking adult tutors for the coming year beginning in September for the William Yandell Tutoring Program. Please call or email Renee Bennett at 567-0290 or [threemanycats@yahoo.com](mailto:threemanycats@yahoo.com). Renee is a member of WGPC.

## One Penny, One Person: Together We Can Make A Difference



Pennies for Peace donations are easy to make. If you don't want to collect all of your pennies, you may certainly donate other ways. You can donate other types of coins, bills and, of course, donate by check. If you choose to donate by check, simply make the check out to WGPC for the desired amount and put Pennies for Peace in the memo line. Your support is critical to our success. Remember that even a little goes a long way.

## Congratulations College Graduates

*Betsy Scherzer* graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

*Dale Scherzer* graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics.

## Educational Ministries

**VBS Needs Your Donations** – We welcome newspapers, marbles, yarn, coffee cans, Pringles cans, and oatmeal containers all with lids. A VBS box can be found in Fellowship Hall. Also, if someone has a small tent that can be donated for the week of VBS, please call Hannah Peters (962-9210, ext. 3211). Thank you!



**Summer Reading** – *"Three Cups of Tea"* is the summer reading selection for the book review at the home of Vera Imse on Thursday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited! Please contact Barb Gaugh (962-9210, ext. 3205 or [baq@wgpc.org](mailto:baq@wgpc.org)) and let her know if you can join us.

**College Age Brunch**- College Age Youth will meet for brunch on Sunday, July 5 following the 11:15 a.m. Informal Worship. Come, hear Brian give the message at the Informal Worship and then have great food and fellowship together. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**Celtics Mission Trip to Mound Ridge Camp August 7-9.** It is an adventure and mission experience not to be missed. RSVP with Brian Kuhn ([brk@wgpc.org](mailto:brk@wgpc.org) or 962-9210, ext. 3210). Details will follow!!!

## Reassurance Calls

Would you appreciate being greeted each morning with a cheery telephone call from someone who is truly concerned about your well-being? Church members who live alone are receiving daily calls. We would be happy to add your name to the list. It takes only a telephone call to Eleanor Booth (843-8654).

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Rachel, Ruthann and the rest of my family, I want to thank you for all the cards, e-mails, conversations and calls sent my way expressing sympathy on the loss of my Dad. Thank you also for the contributions that were made to his memorial. A special memorial service for Dad was held on June 13th in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he and Mom worshiped at Second Presbyterian Church after their retirements. I continue to be thankful for your compassionate hearts and love. A special thank you to the Evangelism Commission for the beautiful living green plant to remind me that life continues.

I miss Dad tremendously and know full well that he is home where he so much wanted to be. I am also reminded that God is good everyday.

Again, thank you for your kindness and love.

Peace,  
Rev. Mark Medina

## Congregational Concerns and Joys

### In Hospital:

*Martha Jackson* in St. Luke's  
*Betsy Wacker* in Missouri Baptist

### Dismissed from Hospital:

*Joyce Clayton* from St. Luke's; *Mary Falk* from St. Anthony's to Laclede Groves; *Karen Schneider* from Missouri Baptist; *Nick Stolz* from a hospital in Nicaragua

### Congratulations to:

*Perry Cupps*, who celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 18.

*Eloise Welsh*, who celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 23.

*Helen Scott*, who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 29.

Sandy Buschmann on the birth of her granddaughter, Emily Morgan Buschmann, who was born June 4 in Atlanta, Georgia to Kelly and Scott Buschmann. Emily's aunt and uncle are Julie and Jim Wood.

*Gini and Bob Hille*, who celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 12.

### Thank you to:

Thanks to the Youth Programs for sponsoring the April and June Bagels and Coffee Sundays. Other sponsors have been the Chancel Choir, the Allan Scott family, and Rena Hale. The July sponsors will be the Mialis. If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring Bagels and Coffee, please contact Sue Scott at 968-8346 or [askscott@att.net](mailto:askscott@att.net).

### Sunday Worship, July 5

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
"The Road to Independence"  
*Dr. Kieffer*

11:15 a.m. Informal Worship  
"Reflections on Mission Trip 2009"  
*Brian Kuhn*

Lectors: Lesli Johnston (traditional)  
Rosalie Cooper (informal)

2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10 ♦ Psalms 48  
2 Cor. 12:2-10 ♦ Mark 6:1-13

### Sunday Worship, July 12

#### *Communion Sunday*

#### *Nicaragua Commissioning*

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
"Who Are You?"  
*Dr. Carothers*

11:15 a.m. Informal Worship  
*John Hughes is preaching*

Lectors: Carl Zimmerman (traditional)  
Lesli Johnston (informal)

2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19 ♦ Psalms 24  
Eph. 1:3-14 ♦ Mark 6:14-29

Articles for the next newsletter are due on Monday, July 6, for the July 13 edition. Send your article to Barb Gaugh at [bag@wgpc.org](mailto:bag@wgpc.org).

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