

The Spire

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Looking Back on 2011

I've always loved the week between Christmas and New Years

because my activity

level slows down, the meetings stop and it is time to push the "pause button" and reflect about the previous year, as well as looking ahead to the future. Before I was a minister, I used this time to note milestones I had reached in the year we were just finishing and made resolutions to address improvements and changes in our circumstances for the year to come. Now I just look back giving thanks to God over my life and ministry and commit to the Lord what lies ahead. In looking back on 2011 at NPC I give thanks for...

+ the completion of our seventh year together where I am still learning new things about the wonderful people of this church and meeting new friends who have found their way here to join us.

+ the work of our pastors, staff and volunteers who help us run so many programs, Monday to Sunday; welcoming disciples of all ages into the journey of serving the Lord together.

+ the children and young people who swarm all over our church property for Vacation Bible School, mid-week programs, kidz choir, Nursery School, Sunday School, Youth groups. (Many churches do not have the age range we do and we are blessed to have so many children in our midst).

+ the strong stewardship and giving of our members which allows us to offer so many vibrant ministries of study and support, while also helping our mission partners from Norwalk to Nairobi, Kenya, from Stamford to Sorocaba, Brazil.

+ the blessing of a three month Sabbatical to study C. S. Lewis and John Knox, to pray and reflect on our ministry together.

+ the boldness of our congregation to adopt our master plan and work towards improving God's house here at the corner of the Post Road and Noroton Avenue.

For the year to come I look forward to how God will lead us together to address the needs and challenges of building up a 21st century ministry in a mid-20th century facility. We will be sharing more with you about the needs and

Worship Schedule:

Chapel - 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Open Doors - 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

- 1/1/12 - **New Year's Day**
10:30 am and 5:00 pm services only
Pastor Stuart Smith
- 1/8/12 - Pastor Sam Schreiner
- 1/15/12 - Pastor Brandi Drake
- 1/22/12 - Pastor Greg Doll
- 1/29/12 - Pastor Sam Schreiner

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

1/15/12 and 2/19/12 10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary service
To schedule a Baptism please call Leslie Ezzo at 203-655-1451, ext. 33.

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dreams we have in the early months of 2012. I'm always grateful that we can enter this year together knowing that the Lord has blessed us with a great past, a great faith, a great flock and a great opportunity in the future to serve the families of Darien and lower Fairfield County with the message of hope in Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor, Partner and Friend,
Sam Schreiner

NPC SENIOR FELLOWSHIP
Thursday, January 19, 2012
from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Marilyn and John Parker have spent four months in Kenya in each of the last seven years. They will tell us about the four mission projects there that are being supported by NPC - Alice & Margaret (2 students) at the Presbyterian University of East Africa, Caroline King'ori, an evangelist at Kenyatta University, Bob & Jennifer Chedester at Rift Valley Academy and Evalyn Wakhusama and Nambale Magnet School.

For more info, please call either
Marlene Moffett (203 655-1451, ext 49)
or Rita Hornlein (203 357-1504)

At a recent meeting with our new auditors, Bregman & Co. CPA's, (Stamford, CT), the Finance Team and Pastor Sam reviewed and accepted audited NPC financial statements as of, and for the year ended, December 31, 2010. Certified statements will be available for distribution in the near future.

**A Thank You to our Church
from the Red Cross**

The Red Cross holds blood drives here at NPC at least 4-5 times a year. Even though we have had to reschedule them, due to the heavy use of Horton Hall, they always are eager to work with us. Some of their most productive drives have been held in our facility. (One drive had over 50 appointments!) I have been told over the years that more people like to come here because of the convenience of our location, parking lot space, easy access to the building, our clean facility, and our friendly and welcoming staff. Recently, we received a thank you from them after the last drive here on December 9th, which said " We had such an amazing drive. Your facility and the Noroton folks are just wonderful, [we] cannot thank you enough for your support".

Leslie Ezzo
Executive Assistant to Pastor Schreiner

Men's Study at the Sugar Bowl: Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Led by different men from the group gathering for breakfast, fellowship and reflection on a passage of Scripture.

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Thursdays 1:15-2:15 p.m. in the Parlor. Come and pray for the needs of our church family. Everyone is welcome - no prayer experience necessary. For more info contact Marlene Moffett at 203-655-1451, ext. 49 or email marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org.

**Wanna Stay Connected and
Join Our Email List??**

We send email blasts to the congregation with general church updates, prayer requests, special events and more. If you're not receiving these email notices and would like to, please contact Claire Bragdon in the church main office, 203-655-1451 ext. 40 or email claire.bragdon@norotonchurch.org to be added to the list.

Adult Spiritual Formation



Life Along the Post Road and the Book of Revelation: An Alternate Reading of Reality

Over the past 12 years of ministry I have repeated one statement over and over again with surprising regularity, consistency and conviction.

"I will never teach the book of Revelation. No way. No how. Not gonna do it. Too confusing. Too polarizing. Too scary. Too strange."

Never say never (just ask Justin Bieber).

Beginning on January 13th in Darien and January 17th in NYC we will enter the bizarre world of the Apocalypse with its dragons, beasts, horsemen and bowls of wrath. We will allow John to unveil his mysterious vision of the spiritual realm.



"A few paragraphs into the Revelation, the adrenalin starts rushing through the

arteries of my faith, and I am on my feet alive, tingling. It is impossible to read the Revelation and not have my imagination aroused" (Eugene Peterson).

I am entitling this 18-week course, *"Life Along the Post Road and the Book of Revelation: An Alternate Reading of Reality"*.

Have you always wondered why this book is in the Bible? What is this book all about? What does it have to do with my life today? You still may be wondering about those things when we're done but at least we'll take a crack at those questions.

I hope you can join us. Should be a wild ride.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Greg
Pastor of Adult Spiritual Formation

Noroton Lectures 2012

Featuring Mark Buchanan, Guest Speaker

Register on-line at www.norotonchurch.org for the following events on **Saturday, February 4th** in Horton Hall

8:00-9:30 am- Men's Breakfast

Topic: *Break the Roof: Becoming Holy Vandals* - Mark 2:1-12

All men are invited to join us for a continental breakfast, fellowship and a lecture.

10-11:30 am - Women's Coffee

Topic: *Break the Roof: Becoming Holy Vandals* - Mark 2:1-12

All women are invited to join us for coffee, refreshments, fellowship and a lecture.

7-8:30 pm - Keynote Address

Topic: *Turn the World Upside Down: Becoming Holy Terrors* - Acts 16:6-17:8

All are welcome to the evening lecture.

Sunday, February 5 - Worship Services

8:00 am - Chapel / 9 & 10:30 am - Sanctuary

Sermon: *Shoot the Moon: Becoming Holy Risk-Takers* - Matthew 25:14-30

Join us for any of our Sunday morning services.

All 3 themes are taken from chapters in his upcoming book *Your Church is Too Safe, Turning the World Upside Down* (releases Feb. 17, 2012), "sequel" to *Your God is Too Safe*.

Caring & Women's Ministries



I have come that you might have life and have it to the full... Jesus, the good shepherd, in John 10.

In Hannah Humard's classic Christian allegory, *Hinds' Feet on High Places*, the main character is named "Much Afraid." Brilliant. Much Afraid is a crippled orphan girl from the Valley of Humiliation, and is called by the shepherd to move into the high places, where 'perfect love casts out all fear.' But it's hard work: there are dangerous mountains to climb!

I've been thinking of little Much Afraid as I look forward to our Women's Retreat, coming up at the end of the month. Susie Case, our speaker, will be exploring some of the ways we allow fear to keep us from living life to its fullest through Christ. I'm looking forward to considering some of the ways that different people in scripture were able to release their fears to God, and allow God to grow 'hinds feet' on them, so that they could live more fully as disciples. I'm also looking forward to a game night, popcorn, and time to be silent...

If you're a woman, and you haven't registered for the retreat yet, please do! It's a great opportunity to get away for a couple of days, get to laugh with some of your NPC sisters, and set time intentionally aside to listen for the voice of Christ.

Maybe you have felt like you should be named "much afraid" lately... or maybe you just need a break! Either way, I promise there will be something there for YOU.

Details:

When? January 27-29: Friday dinner through Sunday lunch.

Where? Stony Point Retreat Center: Stony Point, NY.

How Much? \$210 (scholarships available)

Deadline? Register by January 10 to avoid a late fee of \$50! (the late fees will go toward our scholarship fund).



Pastor Brandi Drake,
Pastor of Caring & Women's Ministry

MONDAY Women's Lunchtime Study:

Mondays - noon in the Parlor.

Resumes on Jan. 9. No meeting Jan. 16

Women! Tuesday Morning Happenings:

6:15 am: in the Parlor. Up for an early challenge? **We resume on Jan. 10.** The discussion is always relevant and thoughtful in this group! Join us. Coffee's on!

9:30 am: in Horton Hall. **We resume Jan. 10.**

We worship in song, receive teaching from one of our leaders, and then break off into small groups to apply what we've learned to our lives. Contact Lori for books or to register.

Moms of Young Adults Book Group:

We meet two Tuesdays each month in NPC's SHAC from 11:30am-1:00pm. We will study Nancy Ortberg's book, *Looking for God: An Unexpected Journey Through Tattoos, Tofu & Pronouns*. A typical meeting includes time for fellowship, book discussion and prayer for our young adult children (and their parents!). For questions and sign-ups, please call the leaders: Linda Russell (203) 536-6110 or Claudia Roux (203) 253-6795.

Women's Evening Bible Study: Resumes

Wed., Jan 4. Meets 7:15 -8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will be reading *Spiritual Rhythm: Being with Jesus Every Season of Your Soul* by Mark Buchanan. All are welcome. For information contact Nancy McGuire at nancymcg@optonline.net or 203-856-8844.

Moms of Teens Parenting Book Group:

Thursdays, 12:00-1:15 pm (brown bag lunch) in the SHAC at NPC. Moms of Teens will resume **Thursday, January 12** with a showing of "*Miss Representation*" at Seana's house (47 Knollwood Lane, Darien) at 11:00 (note the earlier time). We will then return to our Thursday noon meeting time on 1/19 with a new book. Contact Seana (Seanagt@aol.com) or Lisa (lisherwa@optonline.net) for more information.

Moms' Oasis Ministry: Oct 6-April 12, Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:00 am in Horton Hall. **Resumes on Jan. 12.** A group for moms of children from birth to elementary school-age. Come and be refreshed with other moms! Childcare provided but limited; registration required. Please contact Lori at 203-655-1451 ext 44 or lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org.

Children's Ministry

The thought of a new year holds unimaginable promise as Children's Ministry looks forward to 2012. This is a feeling of pure joy as we leave the warm glow from innumerable blessings of the year past, and step in to a future based on faith that all things are possible, with God, in this new year to come.

So, before we launch ourselves into the news of the new year, let's take a minute to remember a few of the many blessings from the year past.

- NPC was blessed with the largest, most wonderful VBS ever! We had about 300 kids, 125 volunteers, and a waiting list with more than a dozen names on it. The kids danced and sang and collected toiletries to send to our mission partners in the Dominican Republic.
- Our Sunday School is thriving, with attendance up over last year, and with our kids enthusiastically participating in our new lesson format, memorizing bible verses, and learning about God's love through activities and discussion.
- Our children have been a blessing to their less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. In 2011, the kids sent their offering to the Red Cross for Hurricane Irene victims. They also bought groceries for Pivot House and, in December, decided to use their offering to buy toys for Toys for Tots.
- The Middle School and High school kids pitched in to help teach Sunday School and to help lead activities in large group worship in Horton Hall. Our younger kids love working with the older kids. And, our older kids shine when they are teaching the younger kids.
- We have an outstanding pool of men and women who teach Sunday School, and who act as weekly superintendents. Their love and wisdom are a tremendous blessing to the kids and to me. Children's Ministry has over 500 volunteer opportunities available each year. We continue to rejoice and offer thanks for the commitment so many have made in the faith journeys of our children.

Every week is filled with blessings and laughter as we work together to learn the word of God. And yet, we know that BIG THINGS are ahead! On to the new year!

Let's kick January off with an official invitation to our high school kids to come and teach Sunday School! They have demonstrated that our younger kids absolutely thrive under their tutelage!

Children's Ministry will hold high school teacher training on January 22nd in the Library at 11:35am. After this training, we will plan to partner each high school student with a parent teacher until the student feels ready to take on his/her own class. Students can teach once a month or once a semester, whatever works with their schedules.

I don't know about all of you, but I am absolutely beside myself waiting in anticipation to hear the news of the new Director of Children's Ministry! Not because I'm ready to sleep in on a Sunday morning, but because I can't wait to see where God is leading this Ministry for our kids. I feel curious, hopeful, enthusiastic and expectant about the future of Children's Ministry. I am anxious to get started working with our new Director to build something relevant and inspirational for our kids. The future is very bright indeed! Let's bathe our new Director and our 'new ministry' in prayer as we move into 2012!

Warmest Blessings to all of you,

Linda Yim & Liz Morelli
Children's Ministry



Noroton Presbyterian Nursery School



The last two months have been so exciting around the nursery school. The children delivered bags and bags of food to the Person to Person food pantry, right before Thanksgiving. They started December continuing their thoughtful gifts by bringing mittens, gloves and hats for the Mitten Tree. The tree was decorated so beautifully

with the children's gifts and was presented at the Christmas Chapel. After the chapel all the items were taken to Person to Person to help families in need. As you can imagine the children and staff had so much fun making ornaments, learning Christmas songs for the special Christmas Chapel, decorating the trees in their classrooms and learning about the birth of Jesus through the Advent story. We are looking forward to the many new experiences that will take place in the new year. The children are all hoping for snow, of course! The nursery school will be busy with visitors as the orientations for next school year take place. If you have any friends or neighbors that have preschool age children, be sure to remind them to contact the school for a tour. We want to take this time to thank our many supporters- Board members, parents, church members and church staff (particularly David Lee and his staff) for caring so much for the nursery school. We have been so blessed to have Linda Yim and Liz Morelli present our awesome chapel stories, prayers and songs each week. We have enjoyed the Advent story told by Pastor Stuart and the music accompaniment of Dwayne Condon at our Christmas Chapel. We wish a blessed and joyous Christmas season to you all.

"The greatest gift you can give someone is the purity of your attention"

God Bless you,
Martha Duff and the
NPNS teachers and staff



Miss Susanne shares the Advent story with her class.



Ellery and Campbell act out the nativity



Nathan and Charlie make paper



Claire and Emmaline start the paper making process



Miss Liz and Miss Linda act out the story of the first Thanksgiving



4 year olds learn about the journey of the pilgrims



4 year old Construction workers



Noroton Presbyterian Church

Tot Drop
Family Friendly Flexible Daycare

Like other areas of ministry at NPC, it may come as no surprise to hear that Tot Drop is bursting at the seams! Tot Drop was fortunate to annex the last classroom space in the CE Wing back in 2009 for our three and four year olds. And now, we wish we had one more classroom!

Generally, when a child celebrates a birthday he/she is moved to another room with the appropriate age group. We currently are facing a unique challenge in that we have many more two year olds about to turn three than we have space for in our "Three and Up" room; there simply is no other space available at this time.

We are committed, however, to serving our families as best we can, given current building constraints.

We believe the best solution at this time for children who will soon be three is to outfit the "far" side of the Toddler Room with some new equipment, suitable to the interests and abilities of three year olds. Pilar and Veni will be the teachers for this older group and will regularly confer and plan with Veronica and Indira, current teachers of our three and fours, to coordinate and share curriculum in both rooms. Like our Three and Up room, children participating in this "New Threes" room must be well into the process of being potty-trained. We will begin to roll out this plan when we return from the Christmas break in January.

Children who already attend our Three and Up room, either with a standing reservation or on a call-in basis, will continue in their current classroom to maintain continuity and friendships that are already in place.

As we address this challenge, and in order to better accommodate families already enrolled in, and depending on Tot Drop, we may need to temporarily limit new enrollments in certain age groups by wait listing new applicants who apply after January 1, 2012.

When it is clear what funds will be available from the capital journey that NPC has embarked upon, we will be able to make more appropriate and comprehensive plans for Tot Drop. In the interim, we will continue to provide the quality care and family support for which Tot Drop is widely known.

In His service,
Carol Scott,
Director of NPC Tot Drop

Membership Ministry



BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF NPC IN THE NEW YEAR!

You can set aside just half a day to make the commitment of membership and join the NPC family!

The winter New

Member Class takes place on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from noon to 5:30 PM.

If you have been contemplating joining and are now ready to take action

first thing in the New Year, please contact me to sign up. If you are interested but have lingering questions about membership or NPC in general, let's talk now so you can still catch the January class. (The next class will be in March.)

The membership class is a great way to learn more about NPC, build connections with other new members, better understand how the church can help you, and discover how you can be of service.

If you are already an NPC member, please take a moment to think about friends, neighbors and family who might be interested in membership. Let them know a class is coming up soon and they can contact me. My email is julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org and my phone number is 203-655-1451, ext. 14.

In faith,
Julie Colbath
Director of Membership Ministry

Student Ministry

Spring Break Family Mission Trips



On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, tornadoes ripped through the Northeastern Alabama region, leaving a 38-mile wake of destruction. In one afternoon thousands of peoples homes and lives were destroyed. Once again NPC will lead a Family Mission Trip during spring breaks. This year we will be heading to Gadsen, Alabama to partner with local churches in the restoration of this community. There will be opportunities for both groups in home construction and relationship building within the community. For more information about our work in Gadsen check out www.advantures.org and click on family trips.



For both trips there are options for the airfare. You can either join the group in traveling to Birmingham, or you can meet us in Birmingham when the flight arrives. The prices and details are available online at www.npcstudentministries.com. For other questions please contact Pastor Stuart.

The trip is open to all adults in the NPC family along with students currently in grades 6-12. Students grades 3-5 are welcome to come as long as at least one parent comes on the trip. The cost for the trip is \$525, not including airfare. The dates for the trips are March 19-24 and April 15-20. To signup visit www.npcstudentministries.com and fill out the requested information, you can also pay you registration online.

Pastor Stuart

Pastor of Children's & Student Ministries

NPC Potluck Dinner



Happy New Year! We hope you had a blessed Christmas and found time to rest in the midst of the hectic season. One of the best parts about the holiday season is the fellowship that we find around the Christmas dinner table. Food always brings people together in a unique way. So, we want to ring in 2012 in a special way. On Sunday January 15 our church family will have a chance to eat dinner together after our Open Doors service at 6 pm. We really want this to be a whole-church event, with people of all ages sharing a meal in Horton Hall. There

are currently four generations of people who go to our church, and I can't wait to see our oldest members smiling at the antics of our youngest little ones. As Ben talks about in his Spire article, this is just one of the many ways that we are moving from a multigenerational church to an intergenerational one.

This will be a true "pot luck" dinner. There are no sign up lists for particular items. Just bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert that would feed at least your family. That way we'll have enough food for everyone, even if it means we're all eating only desserts! So come to Horton Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 15th to enjoy a meal with your extended family! Don't forget to bring something to share.

Abby Young

Student Ministry Coordinator



Student Ministry continued...



“Do our parents REALLY have to come on the ski trip?”

At a recent Middle School youth group meeting, we announced a few upcoming events, including the February “Family Ski Trip”. This is the first year that we are making it a family

trip, as opposed to a youth only trip. As we announced the event, several students audibly groaned when they found out that families were also invited to join. “Do families have to come? Can we just go without our parents?” Whoever said younger people deal better with change?

Why are we doing all these “family” events? Why not just do it as it’s always been done?

In short, what Churches have been doing doesn’t seem to have worked too well. For too long, youth ministry has been done in a silo, isolating and segregating our students away into their own bubble. In the past several years, researchers and Church leaders have continued to see young people drifting away from church. This is in part because the Church was never theirs, the youth group was their only context for church. When they graduate from high school, their supportive youth group is no longer there to guide them, so they put their faith on hold, and often “drop out” of church. Feeling lost in the “adult church”, and without the ability to connect well with older adults, they feel overwhelmed, and don’t return.

The solution appears to be found with

“intergenerational ministry”, where teens are poured into by adults in the church, preparing them for life in Christian community. With an understanding that intergenerational ministry is a big part of the solution in reaching our teens, we are taking efforts to ensure that our own programming and events are helping bring generations together. At the same time, we understand that change is tough, no matter one’s age. It is difficult to reverse a deeply ingrained cultural life that teens and adults should be apart, that older and younger

people don’t belong together. This divide didn’t exist in the early church, the church was integrated across age spectrum, held together by their common mission. In a way, with intergenerational ministry, we’re trying to get back to the “good old days”!

A professor from my seminary recently asked some youth pastors this question: “**All churches are multigenerational. Few are intergenerational. Which is yours?**” At NPC, we are seeking to reverse this trend of fragmentation, and seeking more inroads to intergenerational ministry and the forming of meaningful relationships between adults and teens. As our teens continue to know and trust Christian adults, they will be drawn to a sustainable, “Sticky” faith that is resilient and lasting.

We would love for our NPC families to join us on the upcoming ski trip. Many of us love skiing (or at least hanging out in a lodge sipping cocoa), so why not do so with your family and pour into each other’s lives? The trip will occur on February 10-12 in Okemo, VT. Please visit www.npcstudentministries.com for more info and to sign up.

Thanks for your partnership in reaching our students,

Blessings,
Ben Valentine
Student Ministry Coordinator



Student Ministry continued...

Christmas Extravaganza & HS Progressive Dinner



Brad Ellis and Herb Washer play Family Feud



Ben getting a pie from Lola Duff



HS Progressive Dinner



Jessie Recquoi, Riley Kuehler, Elizabeth Palmer, and Alison Lomanto



Pastor Stuart dressed for Christmas

Mission Ministry

NPC and the Mission Team are pleased to announce that Stella Clarke has agreed to become the NPC Mission Associate. After a four month search process, where we met many truly gifted candidates, we were convinced that Stella was the best fit for NPC based on her proven track record of dealing with mission causes, her success in engaging diverse groups of volunteers and her demonstrated commitment to seeking and serving God's will.

Many of us know Stella from her leadership of our local Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack event where thousands of volunteers from the churches of Darien have packed hundreds of thousands of meals across the three annual events. What people may not know is that Stella first felt her calling to do God's work over 20 years ago when she was part of her Anglican church in the UK continuing through to her involvement with FMSC in Minneapolis just before she moved to Darien.

Stella's professional experience and educational background have also prepared her for this role. Stella holds a BA Honors Degree in English and Media Studies

from the University of Southampton and a Post Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Sciences and a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from University College London. Her last professional experience was serving as the Head of Library and Information Services at The British Council Library in Singapore. We look forward to having a communications and information management professional work with us to further inform and educate our congregation about the opportunities for Mission work at NPC.

Stella has lived in Darien since 2007 with husband Andrew, and children Lewis (17), Amy (14) and Sarah-Jane (11).

When you see Stella please welcome her in her new role and see if she has any ideas for how you can get more involved with Mission work at NPC!



Congregational Life Ministry

Happy New Year!



As I write this article we are mid-way through the Advent season, celebrating the coming of Christ through daily devotionals, sermons, and studies around the themes of Hope, Faith, Joy, Peace, and culminating with Love on Christmas Day.

At the beginning of December the Congregational Life team again had the pleasure of hosting the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, thanking our vast group of volunteers *on behalf of all the ministries of NPC*.

More than 450 members/friends of NPC performed act(s) of service during the calendar year of 2011 which is the only way that the many ministries and activities can stay up and running.

A buffet of hot and cold foods were served, as well as a wide variety of desserts provided by some of our volunteers. A photo loop

pictorially honored many of our volunteers with the sounds of the Canadian Brass providing a festive atmosphere. We concluded the evening with some caroling and on a light note with Dwayne choosing participants from those in the audience for the ever-popular 'Twelve Days of Christmas' performance finale!

So once again, please allow us to say 'Thank You!' We hope and trust that you know how very much we appreciate each one of you!

Following are some photos from the evening and/or celebrations.

Blessings to grow and serve in 2012,
Valerie Muller
Director of Congregational Life



NPC News

In Loving Memory of...

September 29th:
William B. Hewson Jr.

November 25th:
Frederick R. Scharmer

*...now home to be with the Lord.
(Philippians 1:23)*

Join us in celebrating the following Baptisms...

December 18th:

Tobin Jonathan and Nathaniel Cooper sons of
Rhodemann and Kristin Li,

Nicholas Lockwood Tunnell, son of
Bert and Jennifer Tunnell

Kellan Robert Winsor, son of
Robert and Christina Winsor

Winter New Member Class!

Sat., Jan. 21, noon to 5:30 PM
Childcare available 3 mos. to 4 yrs.
Contact Julie Colbath,
203-655-1451 ext. 14 or
julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org.

Serve as a Worship Greeter

Just 15 Minutes a Month!

Greeters are needed for 15 minutes before the 9 a.m. service on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, and before the 10:30 a.m. service on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Welcome regulars and newcomers to worship with a warm smile and friendly "Good Morning!" Please contact Julie Colbath, 203- 655-1451, ext. 14 or julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org.

Our next **DivorceCare** session will begin on
Monday, January 23, 2012

Refreshments are served at 7:15 p.m.

The program runs from 7:30- 9:00 p.m.

The fee is \$15 for the participant workbook.

The identities of all participants are kept strictly confidential.

Please register by contacting Lori Nelson at ext. 44 or
lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org .

You can also register online at www.norotonchurch.org.

If you would like to submit an article for the February 2012 issue please submit it to Rose Cunningham by email at rose.cunningham@norotonchurch.org.

NPC Staff here to serve you!

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Pastor and Team Leader

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Eileen Manhart.....ext. 19
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Assistant

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Director of Music & Fine Arts

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Music Associate

Jen Hanley.....ext. 22
Assistant

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Sanctuary Organist

Bunny Ericsson
Chapel Organist

Linda Yimext. 34
Interim Director of Children's Ministry

Liz Morelli.....ext. 15
Assistant

Stella Clark.....ext.
Mission Associate

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NPC Tot Drop Director

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Assistant

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Julie Colbathext. 14
Director of Membership

Dan Rosa.....ext. 43
Business Administrator

Claire Bragdonext. 40
Assistant & Bookkeeper

David Lee.....ext. 26
Director of Properties

Julio Yika, Tony Dimeglio.....ext. 26
& Brian Wood, Weekday Sextons

Neal Dalziel, Giovanni Morle,
& Lenin Vargas.....ext. 26
Night & Weekend Sextons

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	7
10:30 a.m. Services only 5:00 p.m. Open Doors	NPC Offices Closed	4:30 p.m. MS Girls Small Group 6:30 p.m. Session Task Force	7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 7:00 p.m. Harbor 7th-8th Grade 7:15 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study 8:30 p.m. HS Boys Small Group	1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.		8:30 a.m. Officers' Retreat	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
9 & 10:30 a.m. Classes for 3's -8th Grades 5:00 p.m. Open Doors 6:30 p.m. Ignite	12:00 p.m. Women's Luncheon Study 2:30 p.m. MS Boys Small Group	6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:15 a.m. Co-ed HS Breakfast Gp. 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Moms of Young Adults 4:30 p.m. MS Girls Small Group 7:00 p.m. H6	7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 7:00 p.m. Harbor 7th-8th Grade 7:15 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study 8:30 p.m. HS Boys Small Group	9:30 a.m. Moms' Oasis Ministry 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
9 & 10:30 a.m. Classes for 3's -8th Grades 5:00 p.m. Open Doors 6:00 p.m. Family Potluck	Martin Luther King Jr. Day NPC Offices Closed	6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:15 a.m. Co-ed HS Breakfast Gp. 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m. MS Girls Small Group 6:30 p.m. Print/Visual/Web Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Leadership Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Advance Commitment Team Mtg.	7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 7:00 p.m. Harbor 7th-8th Grade 7:00 p.m. Invitation Team Mtg 7:00 p.m. Response Team Mtg 7:00 p.m. Info Dist. Team Mtg 7:15 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Lead Gifts Team Mtg 8:30 p.m. HS Boys Small Group	9:30 a.m. Moms' Oasis Ministry 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg 2:00 p.m. Senior Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.		10:00 a.m. New Member Class 6:00 p.m. Real World Parents Seminar	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
9 & 10:30 a.m. Classes for 3's -8th Grades 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. Open Doors 6:30 p.m. Ignite	12:00 p.m. Women's Luncheon Study 2:30 p.m. MS Boys Small Group 7:30 p.m. DivorceCare	6:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:15 a.m. Co-ed HS Breakfast Gp. 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Moms of Young Adults 4:30 p.m. MS Girls Small Group 6:30 p.m. Session Task Force Mtg. 7:00 p.m. H6 8:00 p.m. Session Mtg.	7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 7:00 p.m. Harbor 7th-8th Grade 7:15 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study 8:30 p.m. HS Boys Small Group	9:30 a.m. Moms' Oasis Ministry 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.	3:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat 5:00 p.m. Women's Retreat	Confirmation Retreat Women's Retreat	
29	30	31					
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