

The Spire

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Eyes on the Road Ahead, One Look Back

This year I've talked to a few parents who have dropped their children off at college recently. In the course of these conversations, one of the common themes which emerged was the desire to turn around, look back and wave one last goodbye. We know that life moves on for us and for our children when they head off to college, but we like to take that one last look back. It's the end of an era and we sense it. Childhood is coming to a close and adulthood (we hope) will be right around the corner.

We experienced "the end of an era" this past month as we came together in a worship service to celebrate the life and ministry of Pastor Ed Danks. Ed and Barbie Danks came to Noroton in 1977. Although Barbie's passing and Ed's retirement (in 1996) took them away from us, they have never left our hearts. How good it was to gather together and share the impact which this godly couple had on so many of us. They shared their teaching and preaching skills, their laughter and their love most generously for 19 years! Although our loss is heaven's gain, Noroton is still influenced by so much that

was begun under Ed's ministry. Noroton Lectures, Stephen Ministry, International study and mission trips, mission partnerships, choruses sung in worship were all things Ed brought to our church. If you missed this time of celebration and tribute, we have CDs available in the church office. This was truly a stirring time to glance back and remember God's goodness to us.

Remembering God's goodness to us in the past encourages us to seek His path and direction for the future. After 5 years of strategic planning and assessment of our physical plant, our session will be inviting our congregation to **put our eyes on the road ahead as we share our very exciting master plan for the future of Noroton.** Through diligent study, prayer, assessment, and consultation with experts, we have a master plan designed to fix everything that is broken and worn out (about \$3,000,000 worth of old windows, furnaces, parking lots, phone systems, roofs, etc.) and to improve the building use for ministry and for people flowing in and out of here each week. The master plan will allow us to redesign our parking lot in a way that is much safer for our children while providing easier access

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Worship Schedule:

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

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

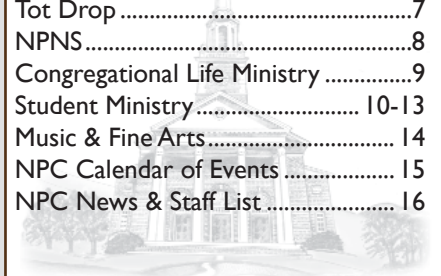
- 10/2/11 - Pastor Stuart Smith
Hebrews 5:11-6:3
"Are We Ready to Eat?"
- 10/9/11 - Pastor Sam Schreiner
Ecclesiastes 11:1-6
"Someday or Today?"
- 10/16/11 - Pastor Sam Schreiner
(One service only: 9:00 am
No 8:00, 10:30 or 5:00 service)
Matthew 7:24-27
"Rock Solid Building Plans"
- 10/23/11 - Pastor Sam Schreiner
- 10/30/11 - Pastor Sam Schreiner

Upcoming Baptism Dates:

10/23/11 & 11/20/11 10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary service
To schedule a Baptism please call Leslie Ezzo at 203-655-1451, ext. 33.

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and entry for our senior citizens. Many of you already know about this exciting project through our "Embrace the Future" meetings we held in May.

We encourage you to mark your calendars now as will be holding additional informational meetings after church on October 2 and 9th. (see times below) Then, on October 16, **WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9 AM WITH A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO**

BE CONDUCTED AFTER THAT SERVICE AT 10 AM. Please allow an hour for that meeting as we want to make sure that we have adequate time to explain the process we need to go through to move forward with these plans. Reminders and further details about this plan will soon be mailed to your homes. If you have any questions, concerns or thoughts, please share them with me or with any of our pastors or elders. A glance back at our past reveals that Noroton rose to significant challenges when we

needed to move out of our chapel and build our Sanctuary in the 1950s and the Education wing in the 1960s. We trust that the same Lord who inspired and led us then, will lead us forward in these plans we making today to serve Him effectively now and in the future.

Serving Christ who calls us to look ahead (see Luke 9:62),

Sam Schreiner

Call to the Congregation

The Session has called the congregation of the Noroton Presbyterian Church to one service of Worship Sunday, October 16 at 9 am with a **historic congregational meeting called at 10:00 am after the service** to hear the report of the Session and vote on our master building plans for the future. All members are encouraged to attend and child care/Sunday School will be held during the forty-five minute meeting.

Master Plan Building Information Meetings

A slide show of the church's needs and proposed building plans will be given in these 20 minute presentations to inform our congregation before we vote on this plan October 16th.

Sunday, October 2	10:00 am	Choir room
	11:30 am	Parlor

Sunday, October 9	10:00 am	Parlor
	11:30 am	Parlor

Please join us at any one of these gatherings.

Senior Fellowship October 20, 2011 2:00 p.m. in Horton Hall

In the Footsteps of John Knox and C.S. Lewis
an afternoon with Pastor Sam and
his sabbatical reflections.

Contact Marlene Moffett at 203-655-1451, ext 49
or Rita Hornlein 203-357-1504.

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



A few weeks ago I attempted to make up for a lost summer of fishing by strapping on my waders and boots and climbing into a few streams in the mountains of rural Virginia.

As a general rule, I don't need an excuse to fish—pretty much anywhere, anytime. Ponds, lakes, oceans, rivers, creeks, bathtubs. But I do have a strong preference for fly-fishing... for trout in native waters. Because there is something about standing in the middle of a river, almost feeling a part of it, with all of its movement and sound and life that seems to re-create me. These elements transport me somewhere else, someplace closer to creation and close to the Creator. Isn't that what recreation is supposed to do?

Let me share one of my recurring experiences. I am standing in the middle of the stream when one of the stones along the riverbed catches my eye. I send my hand and arm down into the cold water to pick it up. My new treasure is often shiny and round but always smooth. I run my fingers over it, amazed at its polished surface. I realize that some time ago this stone was rough and sharp-edged. After years and years and years of sitting along the bottom of a river with rushing water moving over and around it caused its form to be changed – its edges smoothed out.

My older sister had an elementary school classmate named Rocky Stoner and I had a football coach that once asked me and my teammates if we had “rocks for brains” but beyond that I guess it never really occurred to me that we humans had anything in common with rocks.

But when I paused long enough to think about it I realized that we are transformed in precisely the same manner. By an outside agent. Because rocks are helpless to change themselves and so are we.

Our rough-edged fallen state can also be smoothed out and made into the beautiful image of Christ when we allow the water of God's Word and Spirit to cascade over our lives.

Let us purpose together to avail ourselves daily to the transforming power of God's presence that our lives might increasingly reflect His glorious image.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Greg
Pastor of Adult Spiritual Formation



Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. in NYC and Fridays 7:15 a.m. in Darien. Join Pastor Greg this fall as he begins the 5th year of gathering each week on Tuesdays in NYC, from 7:30am-8:30am at 144 East 44th St. Suite 710 (steps from Grand Central) or on Fridays in Darien at NPC in Horton Hall (continental breakfast included) from 7:15am to 8:15 am. We will spend 10-11 weeks paying special attention to the twentieth chapter of Exodus. This chapter contains the Decalogue, better known as the Ten Commandments.

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.

Caring & Women's Ministries

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:9-13



I've been thinking a lot lately about attitude. My kids are getting to the age of testing out different attitudes toward the authority that Evan and I claim in our home. We can see it in their tone of voice, posture and the number of times we have to ask them to do something. (this is the fourth time I've asked you to brush your teeth...) I've been working on my attitude as a mom. I can see it in my tone of voice, posture, and the number of times they have to ask for my attention before I'll give it. (Mom, watch this!)

I've also been noticing that there are occasions when my attitude isn't truthfully aligned with what scripture tells me it should be. Am I always sincere in my love? Do I hate what is evil and cling to what is good? Am I devoted and honoring--zealous in

serving Christ? Am I joyful, patient and faithful? Do I practice hospitality? Well, I suppose it depends on the day (or sometimes it depends on the hour)!

Romans 12 is one of my favorite passages in scripture. I think I like it because it gives practical advice about what kind of people we are called to be, as individuals and in community. But it certainly is challenging! As we submit ourselves to this particular chapter with our lives, I become grateful for community. How blessed we are to gather in worship and Bible study, in prayer and socially. It is my experience that participation in a small group, in worship, in community really helps to keep my attitude under control. My prayer for our community at NPC is that more of us will continue to take

advantage of these groups and opportunities to grow in our attitudes and perspectives: to put on Christ together, and reflect the light of Christ in our community.

May God have mercy on us as we desire to reflect his love, goodness, zeal and hospitality with one another and in our spheres of influence!

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



NPC Women's Retreat January 27-29, Stony Point, NY

Fearless: God's favorite commandment. We're excited to have Susie Case with us this year, speaking about fear and hope. Spend some time apart with your sisters in Christ! There is always a lot of laughter, mingled with silence and reflection.

Contact: Lori Nelson 203-655-1451 or lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org
Karen Calby: karencalby@yahoo.com Eleanor Palmer: edppalmer@yahoo.com

Caring & Women's Ministries continued...



Monday Study: 12:00-1:00 in the Parlor: Mondays - "Choice, its everything!"
Speaker -Gina Blaze.

Women! Tuesday Morning Happenings: If you haven't tried Tues. morning Bible study yet, why not make this your year?

6:15 am: in the Parlor. Up for an early challenge? We'll study Revelation for the first 8 weeks, guided by the book "*Breaking the Code*" by Bruce Metzger. The discussion is always relevant and thoughtful in this group! Join us. Coffee's on!

9:30 am: in Horton Hall. We're excited to be spending time in the book of Acts. 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.

Moms of Teens Parenting Book Group: Thursdays 12:00-1:15 p.m. (brown bag lunch) in the SHAC led by Lisa Isherwood and Seana Turner. Please join them for a casual discussion of how to help our adolescents take responsibility for their actions & attitudes, and in so doing develop self-control and ownership over their lives. Dr. John Townsend offers great insight into the age old questions: *when to say "Yes", and how to say "No."* All are welcome, come when you can. For questions, to register and to buy a book (cost \$9.00, checks made payable to NPC) please contact Marlene Moffett at 203-655-1451, ext. 49 or email marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org.

OASIS Moms' Ministry: Thursdays 9:30-11:00 a.m. Begins October 6. This is a study especially for moms with young children. How can you honor God as you love and raise your kids? Come to learn, meet other moms, and be comforted. This morning program is led by a team of veteran moms— what a beautiful group! Need childcare? Registration and health forms are *required*, so please register early!

Working Moms Groups:

Revelation on Wednesday nights: Meets in the Parlor 7:30-9:00 for 8 weeks.

Starts now! Nancy McGuire is leading this group, with the help of dvds from Bruce Metzger, respected Princeton Theologian.

First Sunday of the Month: 8:00 Sunday nights, once a month. Come drink tea, watch a Rob Bell DVD, and pray with your fellow worker-bee mommies. First one will be Sunday, October 2. If you plan to come, please rsvp!



Women of Faith - Imagine!

Register now through **Oct. 5th** for Hartford event, Nov. 11-12, 2011, \$89 per ticket payable to Women of Faith. Contact Marlene at 203-655-1451, x49 or marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org.

Visit www.norotonchurch.org to download a registration form.

Children's Ministry

Did you know that there once existed a single man who, more than a century ago, MADE ONE MOVE that continues to dramatically affect how you live today?

During the battle at Gettysburg, on July 2, 1863, Joshua Chamberlain, a teacher from Maine, was in the fight of his life. He had started with 1,000 men and was down to 80. They were completely out of ammunition. The South was armed and had been reinforced with troops. The situation was bleak. Chamberlain decided, "We can't stay here. We can't retreat. When I am faced with the choice of doing nothing, or doing something, I will always choose to act." He yelled to his men "Fix bayonets!" He and his 80 men charged the Confederate troops.

When the Confederate troops saw Chamberlain and his men begin their charge, they were sure these men were not the same men that had been facing. They were sure the North had been reinforced. A beaten regiment would not charge. The Confederate troops turned and ran. The North won that battle, and eventually captured 400 Confederate soldiers.

It's an amazing story, isn't it? And it is absolutely true. Historians have determined that if Chamberlain had not won that battle, the Confederate South would have won at Gettysburg. Further, if the South had won at Gettysburg, the South would have won the war. Many people believe that if the South had won the war, we would exist as two countries, The Union and the Confederacy.

Which means, when Hitler swept across Europe, and Hirohito invaded the islands of the South Pacific, there would not have existed a United States of America to stand in the breach. There would not have been a country big enough, strong enough, wealthy enough and populous enough to fight and win two wars on two fronts at the same time.

The United States of America exists today because of a single man, Joshua Chamberlain.



Everything you do matters.

Not just to you, or your family, or your business, or your hometown. Everything you do matters to all of us, forever.

One of VBS volunteers told me recently that while she was grocery shopping, a young girl ran up to her and gave her a big hug. Our volunteer said she had no idea who the little girl was until the girl told her mother enthusiastically, "This is one of my teachers from VBS!"

Everything you do matters.

We have no idea who our actions will ultimately affect. Many of us have no idea that we have impacted the life of another already. Further, we have no idea, because of our influence, how that individual will impact the lives of others. That's a big responsibility! It is also the glory of God. He uses us in ways we can't possibly imagine. He gifted each of us with the ability to change the world. We should use our gifts. Get involved! Teach! Usher! Volunteer at a homeless shelter! You never know how your small actions will change the world.

The story above is paraphrased from the book "*The Butterfly Effect*" by Andy Andrews. The book changed my life. I hope it will do the same for you.

In the Peace of Christ, which passes ALL understanding,

Linda Yim & Liz Morelli
Children's Ministry



Noroton Presbyterian Church

Tot Drop
Family Friendly Flexible Daycare

October brings a big step forward for Tot Drop and its care of children attending the new women's ministry program, Oasis. After much prayer and preparation and a successful trial run last year with the Mom to Mom program, we are able to offer babysitting in a space that is separate from the Tot Drop daycare rooms which will be more beneficial to both groups of children. There are several reasons for this change.

Those coming with their moms to NPC during Oasis meetings generally arrive at times later than most of the daycare children arrive, and they leave the session earlier than the daycare children. This creates a constant coming and going when the groups are combined. Each time the door to the classroom opens, little ones tend to think their mom will come through the door! This leads to cumulative disappointment, which can be very unsettling and sometimes "contagious"!

Additionally, separating the women's ministry children offers them a complete session with a real start and finish and activities suitable for the timeframe. They will also have the same children in the group week after week to become acquainted with and look forward to.

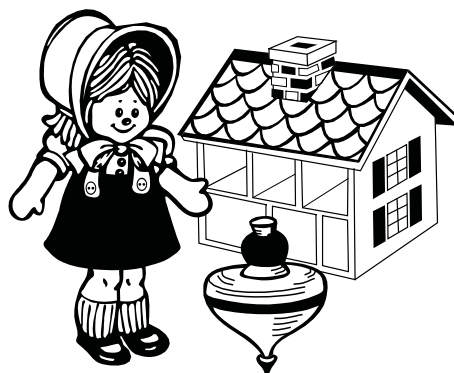
At its zenith, Mom to Mom included space for about 40 children; Tot Drop is only licensed for 46 children to attend each day. Serving the Mom to Mom children

within Tot Drop space greatly limited the number of regular attendees who could come on Thursdays. Many families needed to find alternate care for Thursdays. With the new arrangement we can accept more paying customers on Thursdays, thereby absorbing much of the cost of the expense of hiring babysitters to care for the additional group of children attending for Oasis.

We will use the Library for infants and one year olds and divide the choir room to accommodate Twos on one side and the Threes/Fours group on the other side. We have hired a loving team of babysitters to staff all four groups; the sitters attended a training session at the end of September in preparation for the start of Oasis on October 6. Toys and materials have been donated and purchased.

Tot Drop is grateful for the prayers, patience and vision of all who have supported this step. We invite your continuing prayerful support.

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



Noroton Presbyterian Nursery School



Due to the success of last year's fundraiser, the nursery school was able

to make some

lovely improvements to the playground and to install new carpet on the entry stairs, over the summer. Many of our staff members were able to attend continuing education conferences this summer and are eager to present to the remaining staff all we learned. Our three "new" teachers are actually familiar faces who have taught here in the past. We welcome them back with great

excitement. Our staff came together for our annual retreat, led by Pastor Greg Doll. Pastor Doll presented a teaching on loving our neighbor. It was a powerful and timely message. The Nursery School started it's 2011-12 school year with a party on the playground. Children visited their new classrooms, met new teachers, hugged past teachers and joyfully embraced their old and new friends. September is a month of getting to know one another and becoming acquainted with the schedule and expectations of the classrooms. Weekly staff development meetings and monthly board meetings have started and will continue to be an important part of continuing the quality of this program. Parents and

teachers come together to insure that our children are nurtured in their learning in order to instill confidence and support their curiosity. I look forward to sharing with you the many joyous occasions and events that take place at NPNS and appreciate the support and prayers for our program.

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



4 year olds play on the new musical instruments with Ms. Davila



Stella and Lauren make designs on the light table



Aurelia is happy to be back at school



Pre-K boys play a game with Ms. Ewa

Congregational Life Ministry

‘Focus on Ministry’

Pursuing Your Purpose
ministry booklets for 2011/12
are now available!



Stay abreast of all the many varied activities available to you ... for your own personal growth, as well as fellowship and

service opportunities. Pick up your copy, available in the church office and brochure racks around the church building.

This year, instead of holding a one-day Ministry Fair, we are planning to provide more opportunities for each individual ministry to inform and invite members and friends of NPC to enjoy and participate in all the program offerings.

Starting mid-month, we will begin spending several weeks concentrating attention on one specific ministry at a time.

Members/friends will have ample chances to learn about how to get involved, and to meet individuals who are currently involved in one or more of the ministry's programs.

- View a 2-3 minute video overview on internet via the NPC homepage

- Visit manned information tables, set up in Horton Hall for several weeks for each ministry, during social hours after services

- Join pastors and ministry team members at periodic light lunches and mini-fairs in Horton Hall after second service.

Meanwhile ... there is no need to 'wait' for the ministry of interest to you to be 'featured' ... current information for all ministries is available NOW ... in the *Pursuing Your Purpose* ministry booklet, or online at www.norotonchurch.org.

Welcome to our Newest New Members!



As you receive this issue of *Spire*, the Fall new member class will be half complete.

Those who have expressed interest in joining NPC are asked to attend four Sunday morning sessions ... with teaching rotated amongst each of the pastors, and weekly worship and small group discussions with each other.

On October 9th, we will host a light luncheon for these new members to welcome them into the NPC family, and provide a forum for them to have some casual fellowship time with each other as well as have the chance to get to know some of the elders of Session.



We will post their pictures on a 'welcome board' in the hallway outside the church office. Why not acquaint yourself with them, and take the initiative to say 'hello', see if you can help them in any way, and welcome them to NPC too!

As Fall takes hold ...

As the weather encourages us to move more indoors, we are hoping to see more of you taking advantage of more of the activities NPC offers.

If you would like help determining where you might fit in ... please call or email me at valerie.muller@norotonchurch.org, or 203-655-1451, x48 for a brief discussion. I'd love to help you find a way to make our large church more personal.

Serving alongside you,
Valerie Muller
Director of Congregational Life



Student Ministry



For three Sundays during the 10:30 service I will be teaching the "Real World Parents Class"

October 30, November 6 and 13.

There are many challenges we face trying to develop spiritually grounded children. They are receiving mixed messages between school, friends, scripture, Sunday school, and their parents. The Real World Parents Class offers practical strategies to help parents navigate the complex issues we face

Sunday Morning Parent Class!

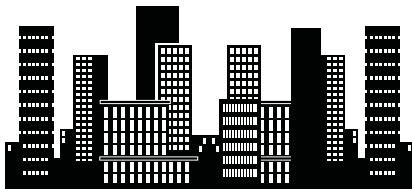
in trying to raise Godly children. There are tremendous pressures of achievement and success that can often be in conflict with our desire to disciple our children to know and pursue Jesus Christ. The Real World Parents Seminar is a short seminar that provides practical strategies for parents of children in elementary through high school.

I have been trained as a presenter for this material and have hosted the class other times at Noroton. One great thing about this class is that the material is applicable from preschool through high school. Through Biblical teaching, interactive exercises and discussion we will explore real

issues parents are facing today, and offer practical steps to help families move forward in their faith journey together.

There is a workbook that you will need to purchase for \$15, one workbook per couple is all that is needed. If you are unable to attend all three classes it is okay. You can RSVP to student@norotonchurch.org or call 203-655-1451, ext. 19. You can learn more about the seminar by visiting www.realworldparents.com/seminar or www.norotonchurch.org.

Pastor Stuart
Pastor of Children & Student Ministries



NYC Scavenger Hunt

No School on October 10! Instead, we're going into New York City for a scavenger hunt. Everyone will be broken up into teams with a list of things to find and a camera. There are different point values for everything on the list...the object is to take pictures of your team with most items on the list that you can. We'll tally up points at the end to see who won! After the scavenger hunt ends, we'll meet at a pre-arranged location for pizza, and then have fun exploring the Times Square area. Every team will have at least 1 adult leader who is comfortable navigating around Manhattan.

Details You Need To Know:

- 6th-12th grade students are welcome. Bring your friends!
- We will meet at Noroton Heights train station at 9:50 to get on a 10:09 train.
- Return at 4:24 on the 3:33 train out of Grand Central.
- Cost TBD, but will include group rate Metro North ticket, possible subway fare, and lunch.
- We will need adult chaperones in addition to Stuart, Abby and Ben. Please contact us if you are interested in doing this.



- In order to sign up please go to www.npcstudentministries.com and fill out a General Release Form. **If you sign up the day of the event, you will need to purchase the train ticket separately from the group, and you will still need a completed General Release Form**

Abby Young
Student Ministry Coordinator

Student Ministry continued...



Paintball

Attention all Middle and High School students! Please join us once again this Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for a day of fun at Extreme Paintball in Waterbury, CT.

We will be leaving from NPC in buses and enjoying a day in the woods playing paintball.

This has proven to be a very popular event with our students, so be sure to reserve your spot soon! Paintball is also a great event for friends who might not be familiar with the NPC Youth Ministry program. Be sure to invite your friends!

Cost: 50\$ per student, (includes transportation, lunch, and a full day of paintball)

*Please inquire about partial scholarship opportunities

How do I sign up?

There are a few forms to fill out for this event.

1. NPC General Release Form (available at www.npcstudentministries.org)
2. Paintball Release and Waiver of Liability (www.extremepaintball.com under "forms and waivers")
3. Medical Form for ages 10-15 (www.extremepaintball.com)

***Please note, due to the large number of students attending, all forms and payments must be turned in by Friday, November

4. Please put in Ben Valentine's church mailbox if no one is in the office. This will greatly speed up our departure on the day of the event.***

What to expect on the day of the event:

- 8:30am- Show up to NPC to Sign-In. Please be there on time.
- 9:00am Load buses and drive to Waterbury, CT
- 11:00am-3:00pm- PAINTBALL!!!!
- 4:30pm Arrive back at NPC. (Students will contact parents as we get close to Darien)

For information about clothing, the location, or questions about Paintball in general, please visit www.extremepaintball.com OR contact ben.valentine@norotonchurch.org with any further questions.

It will be a great time, hope to see you there!



Blessings,
Ben Valentine
Student Ministry Coordinator

Student Ministry continued...

CRUD WAR!



Student Ministry continued...



Music & Fine Arts



Why Sing?



I've been asked this question many times, and I think it's a valid concern. While it might seem obvious that I would automatically have a bias towards singing in church, I have not always been sure that music is required in a worship service. It should come as no surprise that the issue has been largely settled in my mind and these next few Spires I would like to lay out some reasons for my conviction.

The Bible is full of music and singing. From Moses' stunning song of praise in Exodus 15 through Deborah's victory song, King David's harp and psalms, Jesus singing a hymn with his disciples at the Last Supper, the jailhouse hymn of Paul and Silas, and the heavenly choir singing praise to God in the book of Revelation.

The Bible contains many commands to sing:

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him
with music and song."* (Psalm 95:1-2)

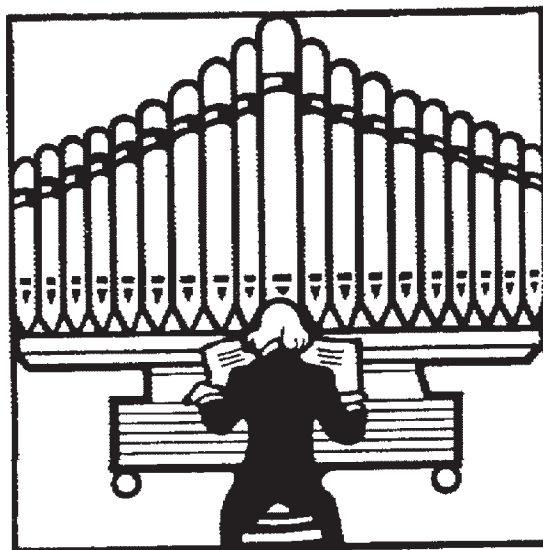
*"Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things...
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,..... "*
(from Psalm 98)

*"...be filled the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms,
hymns, and songs from the Spirit
Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,....."*
(from Ephesians 5)

These few examples lead me to two of the main reasons for singing in church- we sing to praise God and to encourage each other. Next month I'll focus on the aspect of praise. In the meantime, let me hear you!

All heaven joins and God listens.

Blessings,
Dwayne Condon
Director of Music & Fine Arts



Kidz Choir: is from 4:30pm - 5:15pm in Horton Hall. In order to be added to our email list please contact kidzchoir@norotonchurch.org.

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	I
2 9 & 10:30 a.m. Classes for 3's - 8th Grades, Confirmation Class of 2011 10:00 a.m. Building Plan Mtg 10:15 a.m. New Member Class 11:30 a.m. Building Plan Mtg 5:00 p.m. Open Doors 6:30 p.m. Ignite 8:00 p.m. Working Moms	3 12:00 p.m. Women's Study 2:30 p.m. MS Guys Group 7:00 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course	4 6:15 a.m. Women's Study 6:15 a.m. HS Coed Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Men's Study NYC 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Moms of Young Adults 7:30 p.m. Team Night Fellowship 7:45 p.m. Team Night	5 7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m. 7th/8th grd Harbor 7:00 p.m. Working Moms	6 9:00 a.m. Moms' Oasis Min. 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 7:00 p.m. Music Theory Class 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.	7 7:15 a.m. Men's Study Darien 12:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	8	
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16 9:00 a.m. Classes for 3's - 8th Grades 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Congregational Mtg 6:30 p.m. Ignite	17 12:00 p.m. Women's Study 2:30 p.m. MS Guys Group 7:00 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course	18 6:15 a.m. Women's Study 6:15 a.m. HS Coed Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Men's Study NYC 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Moms of Young Adults 8:00 p.m. Session Meeting	19 7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m. 7th/8th grd Harbor 7:00 p.m. Working Moms	20 9:00 a.m. Moms' Oasis Min. 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 2:00 p.m. Senior Fellowship 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 7:00 p.m. Music Theory Class 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.	21 7:15 a.m. Men's Study Darien	22	
23/30 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	24/31 12:00 p.m. Women's Study 2:30 p.m. MS Guys Group 7:00 p.m. Alpha Marriage Course	25 6:15 a.m. Women's Study 6:15 a.m. HS Coed Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Men's Study NYC 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. H6	26 7:00 a.m. Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Reh. 7:00 p.m. 7th/8th grd Harbor 7:00 p.m. Working Moms	27 9:00 a.m. Moms' Oasis Min. 12:00 p.m. Moms of Teens 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group Mtg. 4:30 p.m. Kidz Choir 7:00 p.m. Music Theory Class 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Reh.	28 7:15 a.m. Men's Study Darien	29	

NPC News

In Loving Memory of...

August 2nd

Phillips G. Terhune Jr.

August 29th

Rev. Edward R. Danks

September 8th

Elizabeth (Betty) Kaufmann

September 19th

Nancy Simpson

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

Join us in celebrating the following Baptisms...

September 18, 2011

Anna Geraldine, Olivia Ayer, Lily Austen and Henry Louis Farmer, children of Chip and Sima Farmer

SERVE AS A WORSHIP GREETER JUST 15 MINUTES A MONTH!

Greeters are needed for 15 minutes before the 9 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, 655-1451, ext. 14 or julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org.

If you would like to submit an article for the November 2011 issue please submit it to Rose Cunningham by email at rose.cunningham@norotonchurch.org.

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