



# *Pursuing Your Purpose*

NPC Ministry Overview

2011/2012

Learn how you can get involved

*This booklet provides a summary overview of programs and activities available at Noroton Presbyterian Church for members/friends to deepen their own relationship with God as well as with each other, and/or to find an opportunity to serve.*

Dear Friend in Christ,

Do you remember what it was like to be a child? To dip your toes in the water when you went to the beach? To feel the thrill of the first time you jumped on a bicycle and could ride down the block? The freedom of splashing in the water or zipping down a sidewalk is hard to recapture unless you try something NEW.

Here is your invitation. Inside this booklet are places to learn new skills and enjoy new friends. If you sing, we have a place for you. If you like to work with children, we have a place for you. If you would like to go on a retreat, be a part of a mission team, help the poor nearby or overseas, we have a place for you.

Dip your toes in the water, and be a part of what God is doing through the people here at Noroton.

Your Pastor, Partner and Friend,  
Sam Schreiner



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# Adult Spiritual Formation

The mission of the Adult Spiritual Formation Team is to encourage and assist the members of NPC in deepening their personal relationships with Jesus Christ and with each other through regular worship, a disciplined prayer life, systematic study of the Scriptures, committed witness and service, and responsible stewardship of God's gifts.

The program focuses are delivered through Adult Bible and Book studies, Noroton Lecture programs, retreats, conferences, small groups, and ministries targeted to specific affinity groups for men and women.

## Bible Studies

**Men's Study** – Fall focus will be on the twentieth chapter of Exodus. This contains the Decalogue, better known as the Ten Commandments.  
*New York City:* Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 am beginning September 27 at 144 East 44th St., Suite 710 (steps from Grand Central)  
*Darien:* Fridays, 7:15-8:15 am beginning September 23 in Horton Hall. Continental breakfast included. Contact Pastor Greg [greg.doll@norotonchurch.org](mailto:greg.doll@norotonchurch.org)

**Men's Study at Sugar Bowl** – Wednesdays, 7:00 am for breakfast, fellowship & reflection on Scripture. Led each week by different men from the group. Contact Marlene (below).

**Women's Tuesday 6:15:** 6:15-7:15 am in Parlor- Starts Sept. 13.  
Up for an early challenge? We've decided to study Revelation for the first 8 weeks of Fall. We'll be using a book by respected Princeton Theologian, Bruce Metzger. The discussion is always relevant and thoughtful in this group! Join us in the Parlor. Coffee's on!  
Contact Lori (below)

**9:30 Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am in Horton Hall- Starts Sept. 20. This year we're excited to be spending time in the book of Acts. We meet, worship in song and then receive teaching from one of our leaders. We then break off into small groups to apply what we've learned to our lives. Books available for \$9. Contact Lori (below)

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Lori - 203-655-1451 ext 44, [lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org](mailto:lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org)

Marlene - 203-655-1451 ext 49, [marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org](mailto:marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org)

## Book Studies

**Moms of Teens Parenting Book Group** – Thursdays, 12:00-1:15 pm (brown bag lunch) beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup> in the SHAC at NPC. Discussing the book *Boundaries With Teens* by Dr. John Townsend. \$9 book fee. Questions? Contact Seana Turner at [seanagt@aol.com](mailto:seanagt@aol.com) or Lisa Isherwood at [lisherwo@optonline.net](mailto:lisherwo@optonline.net). For registration and book contact Marlene. (below)

## Moms of Young Adults Book Group

Starts Sept 20, meets in the SHAC two Tuesdays a month from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Led by Claudia Roux, [croux@optonline.net](mailto:croux@optonline.net) and Linda Russell, [lbrussell32@aol.com](mailto:lbrussell32@aol.com). Contact Lori. (below)

**Women's Monday Noon Study:** Noon-1pm in the Parlor. Begins Sept. 12. This group meets for a bag lunch Bible Study. Teacher will be Gina Blaze, on the subject, *Choice: It's Everything!* Contact Lori (below)

## Fellowship/Lectures

**Mom's Oasis** - Thursdays in Horton Hall 9:30-11:30 am Oct 6-Apr 12 Practical, biblically-based instruction in parenting and relationships. Small group discussion led by mentor mom. Interaction of women with children of all ages. Childcare provided for ages 6mo-5 years.

Contact Lori (below)

**Noroton Lectures** – February 4-5, 2012 with guest speaker Mark Buchanan, Lead Pastor of New Life Community Baptist Church. Men's breakfast, Women's coffee, Keynote Address and Sunday Sermon. Contact Marlene. (below)

**Senior Fellowship** – Third Thursday each month, from Sept-June, 2-3:30 pm in the Parlor unless otherwise noted on the schedule. Warm fellowship and refreshments make this a special gathering. All are welcome. Call 203-655-1451, ext. 49 for schedule or more info. Questions? Contact Rita Hornlein, 203-357-1504, or [rh3wc@optonline.net](mailto:rh3wc@optonline.net).

**Women of Faith – *Imagine*** – November 11-12, XL Center, Hartford, CT. \$89 per ticket. Join Pastor Brandi, women of NPC and other women from our community. For tickets, registration, hotel accommodations and additional info contact Marlene. (below)

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Marlene - ext 49, [marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org](mailto:marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org)

## Prayer Opportunities

**Chapel Prayer Room** – Open during church hours. Come for a quiet place to pray.

Contact Marlene. (below)

**Prayer Ministry: *Intercessory Prayer Time*** – Thursdays, 1:15-2:15 in the Parlor. Prays for NPC ministries, staff members, and individually requested prayer. All are welcome and all prayers, both silent and audible, are encouraged. Contact Marlene. (below)

For daily encouragement, inspiration, and God's Love through the gift of prayer, call anytime, Dial-A-Prayer 203-655-PRAY (7729)

**National Day of Prayer** – Thursday, May 3, 2012 Joining the Nation in Prayer

## Retreats

**Men's Retreat** – Join the Men of NPC and Macedonia Church. Dates and location to be announced at a later date.

**Women's Retreat** – "Fearless: God's Favorite Promise"

January 27-29, 2012. Stony Point, NY

Our speaker will be Susie Case.

Leaders are Karen Calby and Eleanor Palmer. All women are warmly welcome! Contact Lori (below)

## Small Groups

Many Small Groups of 8-12 adults meet throughout the week for study, fellowship and prayer. Find one that's right for you!

Contact Marlene. (below)

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## Caring Ministry

*be devoted to one another in brotherly love... Romans 12:10*

Our many leaders delight to serve as the arms and feet, the hands and heart of Jesus! The Board of Deacons strives to welcome and greet, to transport and provide, to host and serve. Our Parish Visitors extend themselves with consistent prayerful care for our chronically ill and homebound. Our active Stephen Ministers and Leaders quietly serve on the frontlines at NPC and beyond, by offering their distinctively Christian and confidential care to others! There are many here at NPC who are devoted to one another in brotherly love.

**Barnabas Project** – Providing practical help and guidance for those out of work to understand God’s will/timing. Contact Marlene/Lori.

**Divorce Care** – A DVD seminar and recovery group for those experiencing divorce or separation. A safe place where participants are in the company of others who understand what they’re feeling and going through; facilitated by NPC volunteer leaders. Mondays in the Parlor, 7:30-9:30 pm from Jan. 23 – Apr. 2, 2012. A “Surviving the Holidays” program on Mon., Nov. 14, 2011 from 7:30-9:30 pm.

**Parish Visitors** – Providing friendly visits with prayer to our infirm and homebound members.

**Stephen Ministers** – Providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and communities who are experiencing difficulties in life. Contact Pastor Brandi Drake to request care or if you are interested in joining our 2013 training class.

**Deacons** – Offering practical help and service to our congregation. Contact us to request help:

- Meals
- Transportation to worship services

Contact us to offer help:

- Transport the elderly or disabled to Sunday worship
- Provide meals to someone in need
- Usher in worship
- Serve refreshments after worship
- Serve at memorial service receptions
- Delivery flowers to homebound members after Sunday worship

**Contact us:** 203-655-1451

Pastor Brandi Drake – ext. 21 or [brandi.drake@norotonchurch.org](mailto:brandi.drake@norotonchurch.org)

Lori Nelson – ext. 44 or [lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org](mailto:lori.nelson@norotonchurch.org)

# Children's Ministry

Our objective in Children's Ministry is to help children develop a personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. We seek to provide opportunities for children to learn about Jesus through Bible stories, skits, music, games and interesting activities. Our programs are implemented through the many generous volunteers who give their time and their gifts to bring the Gospel alive. Many adults consider their time working with the children to be the richest in their spiritual journey. We invite you to join us in Children's Ministry, and to share the message of salvation with the next generation.

**Sunday School** – Provided to 3 year old – 5th grade children

- Classes at both 9:00 and 10:30 am services
- Full hour of Sunday School for all grades
  - Grades 1-5 begin in Horton Hall for our Children's Worship service, then adjourn to the classroom where they engage in age appropriate lessons and activities. The curriculum for the 2011-2012 year is 'Living Inside Out' by Group Publishing.
  - 3 Year Olds – Kindergarten go to individual classrooms for the whole morning. Curriculum is Gospel Light specially geared for younger children.
- Teacher and Superintendent volunteers are welcome... training provided
- Youth volunteers welcome to teach and act in skits on Sunday morning

**Vacation Bible School**-One week in June for 3 years old – 4th grade

- Opportunity for 5th grade children to step up to being a Counselor in Training
- Two sessions: evening, 5-8 pm; morning, 9-12 noon
- Bible story, crafts, games, music, multi-media and snacks
- Volunteer based program made up of: Crew Leaders, Station Leaders, Coordinators, Decorators and other opportunities

**Advent Festival** - One evening in December during Advent

- Singing, crafts, fellowship, refreshments
- Volunteers welcome!
- All are welcome! The Advent Festival is for everyone, not just families with kids!

There are other events during the program year as well. Watch for updates on our website ([www.norotonchurch.org](http://www.norotonchurch.org))

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## Congregational Life

Our team helps members and others find ways to get better acquainted ... with each other, and with God, who seeks an ever-deepening relationship with each of us.

- Hosting activities throughout the year to broaden church fellowship.
- Actively encouraging members and community friends to become involved in the wide range of NPC ministries.
- Assisting new member classes; mentoring families w/ active church life.
- Finding opportunities for those desiring involvement though serving.

Let us help you explore what God might have in mind for you this year!

To discover what activity might fit your time and needs ...

Contact Valerie, 203-655-1451, ext 48, [valerie.muller@norotonchurch.org](mailto:valerie.muller@norotonchurch.org)

## Membership Team

The Membership Team seeks to provide a warm welcome to all visitors who walk through the doors of NPC, and to initiate a relationship leading to membership. Team includes: Greeters, New Member Classes, and Church Directory.

We are looking for new volunteers for all of the team's activities. Please help welcome new people into the fellowship and life of our great church!

Contact Julie, 203-655-1451 ext 14, [julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org](mailto:julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org).

## Outreach

God has given each of us a personal mission...to reach out and nudge someone towards Jesus. Our team's goal is to help "ordinary Christians" discover natural and easy ways to do this that fit their unique personality and style.

We help people recognize where God is already at work and how to cooperate with him in their own unique way (e.g. "Just Walk Across The Room"). We create fun events for people to invite others to learn about the Christian faith in a low key, entertaining way (e.g. "Alpha Course). We believe that non-threatening "entry points" need to be available making it easy for anyone to invite others to explore their faith (e.g. "Marriage Course" and "Moms of Teens").

If you became a believer later in life or if you are someone who can see things from the viewpoint of a non-believer, we especially want you on our team! No previous experience is necessary. Contact: Claudia Roux at [croux@optonline.net](mailto:croux@optonline.net) or Kalie Riordan at [kalie@riordansplace.com](mailto:kalie@riordansplace.com).

## NPC in Mission

God continually calls us in to His service, sending us out to all corners of the earth to do His work. In this Great Commission, Jesus challenges us to *“go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Noroton Presbyterian Church makes a difference around the world by following our Mission to love and serve Jesus Christ in a broken world. NPC supports several strong local mission projects, primarily in neighboring Norwalk, while our international missions include East Africa, the Dominican Republic, Sorocaba, Brazil, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

**Missionaries:** An important focus of the NPC Mission program is supporting individual missionaries, both locally and abroad, whom we seek to know personally in their faithful service to Christ. Recently, our Mission Team was very pleased to add support for Artie Van Sciver, a son of NPC, in his mission to minister to Elon College students through Campus Outreach. Hanna Massad, in his second year of support from NPC, teaches us about his Middle East ministry where he actively supports the persecuted Christian minority in Gaza and Jordan. We also provide financial support to Scott Brill (InterVarsity), Tom and Dora Becker (supporting the Roma minority in the Czech Republic), Bob and Jennifer Chedester (Rift Valley Academy in Kenya) and Caroline King ‘Ori (Kenyatta University with Campus Crusade). It is a blessing to use NPC mission giving to support these faithful servants of Christ in supporting their communities.

Many of our Missionaries and all of our International Missions accept visits from NPC members. Each year the Mission Team tries to organize one or more short-term mission trips, depending on the interests of the congregation and the political climate of the possible destinations. During these trips we may visit sponsored children and their families, visit completed or ongoing projects, and share devotional time and fellowship with fellow missionaries and the people served. Past trips have included Sorocaba, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Pakistan and Tanzania. A six week “training period” typically precedes these mission trips to prepare team members for what to expect.

**Local Missions:** The NPC congregation encourages strong involvement in local missions, both financially and through member involvement. Today, we actively support four Norwalk-based missions including Open Door Shelter, the George Washington Carver Community Center, Pivot House, and Macedonia Church. Stamford-based St. Luke's Lifeworks is a recent addition to our local mission efforts. There are many ways that members of NPC can get involved in these local missions.

**Carver Center:** The Carver Center serves Norwalk children and their families. Its mission is to build lifetime achievers by providing after-school educational, social, and recreational programs for youth in grades K-12. Through programs that begin in elementary school, the goal is to motivate students to reach for a post-secondary education and to provide the support they need to do so successfully. NPC members can serve in the following ways:

- As a program volunteer, working directly with Carver youth on a one-time or ongoing basis. Help with academics, reading, college applications, sports and games, crafts or celebrations. (3:30 – 5:00pm during the Norwalk school year)
- At the annual Career Fair for Middle and High School students. Help organize the event or speak to the students about your career. (Jan)
- As a one-time speaker/discussion leader with Middle and High Schoolers. Informally share information on such topics as careers, interviewing, financial education or preparation for college. (Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm during the school year)
- As a volunteer organizer or helper for the annual Mother and Others Dinner celebration for Carver families. (May)
- As a provider of administrative services in areas such as grant-writing, shopping for snacks, assembling mailings or fundraising.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Carver, contact: Jane Malcolm at [jkmalcolm1@gmail.com](mailto:jkmalcolm1@gmail.com) or Holly Watts at [hollymwatts@gmail.com](mailto:hollymwatts@gmail.com).

**Pivot Ministries:** Pivot Ministries is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, residential ministry for men. Its mission is to treat drug and alcohol addiction as a spiritual problem, returning men to their families whole. Pivot welcomes men from every background. The program offers a structured, supportive environment where the men learn acceptance, discipline and love through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Volunteer opportunities at Pivot are limited. However, individuals may support Pivot in four ways:

- Contribute to the food and toiletries drive at NPC that takes place around Thanksgiving each year. Grocery store gift cards are also welcome.
- Attend the annual fund raising dinner for Pivot. This year's dinner will be held the evening of October 22nd at the Norwalk Inn. Tickets are \$150.
- Join Pivot's Gideon's 300 by pledging \$1,000 or more per year for the next three years to Pivot Ministries.
- Join Pivot's board of directors.

For more information about how you can become involved in Pivot, contact David Norman at [drnorm@us.IBM.com](mailto:drnorm@us.IBM.com) or 203-834-0066.

**Open Door Shelter:** Open Door Shelter offers safe and sanitary shelter (365 days a year) with 95 beds as well as meals (over 12,000 per month) through its Manna House of Hospitality. It operates a food pantry to those living in the community and low cost housing units for transitional and permanent use. NPC members can serve in the following ways:

- Volunteering at the Manna House of Hospitality (soup kitchen). NPC partners with Macedonia Church (South Norwalk) to help set up, prepare food, and serve lunch on the first Saturday of the month as well as five Sundays during the year. Youth over 15 may also participate in some aspects of "setting up" the tables at Manna House if accompanied by an adult. Skills required are a kind heart and desire to help.
- Organizing and/or helping with clothing and food drives. Youth may be involved in these activities as well as making such things as decorative pillows and holiday baskets.
- Participation in the Open Door Shelter Spring Annual Dinner and Silent Auction (adults and youth).

For more information contact: Chuck Richardson at 203-655-2286 or [chukr@optonline.net](mailto:chukr@optonline.net). To serve at Manna House, contact: Shepard Halsch (scheduling coordinator) at [skcakes@mac.com](mailto:skcakes@mac.com).

**St Luke's Lifeworks:** The mission of St. Luke's Lifeworks is to break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve and maintain permanent housing and stability in their lives. To this end the participants must obtain and maintain employment. There are several opportunities to volunteer, including;

Tutoring in the Computer Lab - our volunteers help participants refine resumes and cover letters, assist with setting up e-mail accounts and internet job searches, and some may teach general basic Word skills.

Job Developer - our volunteers work one-on-one with individual participants in finding potential jobs (through Internet searches, newspapers, etc.) and then preparing for any interviews.

This mission provides NPC members the flexibility of serving from their home, communicating with participants by phone.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the SLLW, please contact Jerre Skeats, [jskeats@optonline.net](mailto:jskeats@optonline.net), or 203-216-5236.

At **Macedonia Church**, while there are no specific volunteer opportunities, there are ways to get involved. We participate with them at the Shelter and they send about one third of the men who attend the Men's Retreat where we are involved in small groups, testimonials/witnesses, prayer and worship.

Not only are these missions an exceptional platform for sharing the word of God they also provide NPC members opportunities to engage with important local causes. We are committed to providing NPC members the opportunity to make a difference close to home.

**International Missions:** A key focus of our International Missions is investing in the education of young people in the Third World. To that end, we provide scholarship support for students at Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, and full scholarship aid to women at the Presbyterian University of East Africa in Kikuyi, Kenya (mentored by NPC members Marilyn and John Parker). NPC also provides substantial support to the City of Hope in Tanzania, the Nambale Magnet School in Kenya, led by Evalyn Wakhusama, World Vision's Clean Water and Sanitation Project in Restauracion, Dominican Republic and Children of Bethlehem in Sorocaba, Brazil. Each of these Missions is "connected" to NPC by active members of our congregation. Through periodic mission trips we both confirm the good work of our Mission Partners and also genuinely touch the hearts of those traveling. We would encourage anyone interested in supporting or visiting one of these missions to contact a member of the Mission Team.

**Youth Mission and Scholarships:** One of the most satisfying developments within the Mission ministry is witnessing many of our church youth devote their time and treasure serving in missions outside the boundaries of NPC. NPC missions supports a variety of youth mission trips including the annual spring break mission trip opportunity for NPC member families during the school spring breaks. Past mission trips have included Juarez, Mexico (homebuilding), New Orleans (Katrina relief), West Virginia (partnering with World Vision), and a New Mexico bible ranch (serving Navaho and Zuni Indians). Other annual supported trips have included the Dominican Republic (where our youth have helped build a school and conduct medical clinics) and a week-long trip to West Virginia to provide a Vacation Bible School experience for local church youth. This work is instrumental in building commitment for Christian vocation in the future. Please contact Associate Pastor Stuart Smith for more information about youth mission opportunities.

Related to youth missions is our support of “sons and daughters” of NPC members who are pursuing careers in full-time Christian ministry. We provide scholarship support to Seminary students in Seminary as well as interns working for Christian organizations. Please contact [davidmace@optonline.net](mailto:davidmace@optonline.net) to learn more about the support we provide these young people

**Feed My Starving Children:** Of course, no NPC Mission summary would be complete without highlighting the overwhelming response to Feed My Starving Children. Last fall, more than 1,200 Darien volunteers, 230 from NPC alone, came together in Christian witness to pack 228,000 meals, most of which were sent to Love a Child Orphanage in Haiti.

The FMSC MobilePack event in October marks a special opportunity in the Darien area. This Minnesota-based, Christian non-profit organization distributes meals packed during MobilePack events to people in life-threatening situations around the world. The scientifically formulated meals, which cost a mere 25 cents each to prepare, contain a combination of rice and soy protein that specifically targets the nutritional needs of starving children.

NPC and other local churches in Darien have brought a MobilePack event to Darien. In 2011, on the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the goal is to engage over 1,500 volunteers in preparing over 300,000 life-saving meals. In preparation for this event, members of various local churches have worked together to raise funds, mobilize volunteers, and create public awareness of this event.

Feed My Starving Children is a wonderful opportunity to serve Jesus, work in unity with the body of Christ in Darien and to witness our faith by working along side the entire community. It also provides families a special opportunity to work together, serve and witness locally, while also making an impact globally. These simple meals bring life and hope to the children that receive them. To learn about how to get involved in this mission, please contact Stella Clarke at [stellaclarke@msn.com](mailto:stellaclarke@msn.com).

## Noroton Presbyterian Nursery School (NPNS)

The Nursery School teaches children from two to 4 years old. We also have a Pre-K program for children who have completed a 4's program, but would benefit from another year of maturation. The nursery school offers cultural arts opportunities such as weekly music, a Jr. Naturalists program and several field trips throughout the year. We have an Extended Day program that includes classes in architecture, sports and science and a two week summer camp in June. Our older students enjoy weekly chapels led by the NPC Children's Ministry Staff.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Martha Duff at 203-655-3223 or [martha.duff@norotonchurch.org](mailto:martha.duff@norotonchurch.org)

## Properties Team

The Properties Team is responsible for the condition, operation, and maintenance of all church facilities, including equipment and support systems within those properties on a cost effective basis. At present the NPC properties consist of the Sanctuary, Chapel, Church Office, Christian Education Wing, Horton Hall, SHAC, and four manses. The team is also responsible for the capital improvements budget and the projects it funds.

If you have an interest in the care of the NPC properties and have good people skills, contact Tom Geraghty at 203-655-6454.

Ideal for a real estate agent, an attorney or a tradesman.

## Tot Drop

Year-round, state-licensed daycare program weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. Tot Drop offers NPC employees and families from Darien and surrounding communities loving on-site, flexible childcare for children three months through four years. It also provides free babysitting for little ones while parents attend worship services and ministry activities. Tot Drop operates on a first come, first served basis; pre-registration (forms may be found on the Tot Drop page of the NPC website) and reservations are required.

Contact Carol Scott at 203-655-1451 ext 46 or 203-202-9441 or [carol.scott@norotonchurch.org](mailto:carol.scott@norotonchurch.org) for further information on program offerings.

## Student Ministry

The Student Ministry of NPC seeks, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to introduce students to Jesus Christ. We provide a safe place for them to feel the love and forgiveness of Jesus, encouraging students to make a personal commitment to follow Christ. We explore the Bible and provide opportunities to understand and apply its message. As a result, students discern their spiritual gifts, reach out with compassion to serve people in need, and share their

own story. Through faith in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, the life of the student and those around them will be transformed in God's love.

## Weekly Activities

Sunday School for Middle School  
Confirmation Class for students 8th grade and older  
Small Groups specific for boys and girls  
Ignite for High School Students (Youth Group) -  
    Sunday, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Harbor for 7th/8th grades (Youth Group) -  
    Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm  
H6 for 6th grade (Youth Group) -  
    Bi-weekly Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 pm

## Contact Information:

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Website: [www.npcstudentministries.org](http://www.npcstudentministries.org)

Facebook: NPC Student Ministries

If you would like to receive our weekly email blast,  
please send an email to [student@norotonchurch.org](mailto:student@norotonchurch.org).

To sign up for text message blasts, please visit our website.

## Study Tours

**Greece/Turkey** - Pastor led study tour to Turkey, Greece and the Greek Islands, following the footsteps of Paul. Some sites visited will be the ruins of Ephesus, a cruise to Patmos, Crete, Santorini, and then a tour of Ancient Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica and Philippi. Tentatively Spring of 2013.

**Israel Biblical Study Tour** – Date TBD. Join Pastor Greg on this study tour of the Holy Land visiting the places where Jesus grew up, healed the sick, fed the hungry and taught the multitudes. Contact Marlene 203-655-1451 ext 49, [marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org](mailto:marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org)

**Reformational Heritage Tour of England and Scotland** – Pastor Sam will lead a tour of Scotland and England looking at the start of Reformation under John Knox in St. Andrews, Edinburgh and London will be part of the summer trip in 2014. A possible extension segment joining the C.S. Lewis Foundation Triennial Oxford and Cambridge Conference will also be explored. Contact Leslie Ezzo at 203-655-1451 ext 33, or [leslie.ezzo@norotonchurch.org](mailto:leslie.ezzo@norotonchurch.org) to be on the event mailing list.

## Worship and Fine Arts Ministry

The Worship and Fine Arts Ministry seeks to convey the wonder and awe of our Lord and Savior through music and worship. We have an incredible opportunity to open hearts in a meaningful way. There are many ways in which you can use your gifts and serve to the glory of God.

Here are ways that you can bless the congregation with your gifts:

- **Music Ministry**  
Chancel (Adult) Choir, Kidz Choir, Handbell Choir and Instrumentalists.  
Contact Dwayne, [dwayne.condon@norotonchurch.org](mailto:dwayne.condon@norotonchurch.org).
- **Communion Prep and Clean-up** (first Sat/Sun of month)  
Volunteers needed for all four services: 8:00 am Chapel, 9:00 & 10:30 am Sanctuary services; and 5 pm “Open Doors”  
Contact Sheila Haskell at [sheilahaskell@gmail.com](mailto:sheilahaskell@gmail.com) or 203-847-7164.
- **Flower Committee**  
Sanctuary and Chapel floral arrangements and seasonal decorating.  
Contact Sandy Peppet at [sandypeppet@yahoo.com](mailto:sandypeppet@yahoo.com) or 203-854-9597.



# *Pursuing Your Purpose*

I'm anxious to know more about ...

Check all that apply.

Return to church office or put in offering plate.

## **Adult Ministry**

- Bible/Book Study \_\_\_\_\_
- Mom's Oasis
- Prayer Opportunities
- Retreats (Men's, Women's)
- Senior Fellowship
- Small Groups
- Women of Faith Weekend

## **Caring Ministry**

- Barnabas Project
- DivorceCare
- Practical Help
- Stephen Minister

## **Children's Ministry**

- Advent Festival
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School

## **Congregational Life Ministry**

- Events Team (specify months)
- New Membership Mentoring

## **Membership Ministry**

- Greeters Team
- New Member Team
- Visitor Welcome Team

## **Outreach**

- Team Member

## **NPC in Mission**

- Carver Center
- Open Door Shelter (Norwalk)
- Pivot Ministries
- St. Luke's Lifeworks
- FMSC
- International Mission
- Mission Trips
- Missionaries
- Scholarship Support
- Youth Mission

## **Properties Ministry**

- Team Member

## **Student Ministry**

- Small Group Leader
- Sunday School Teacher
- Trip/Event Chaperone
- Youth Group Volunteer

## **Study Tour Interest**

- Greece/Turkey
- Israel
- England/Scotland

## **Worship & Fine Arts Ministry**

- Communion Prep Helper
- Flower Team
- Music Ministry

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Other Info \_\_\_\_\_

## ***How is God prompting you to be involved?***

Grow in friendships and knowledge,  
and enhance your spiritual journey.

*“Under his direction  
the whole body is fitted together perfectly,  
and each part in its own special way  
helps the other parts,  
so that the whole body  
is healthy and growing and full of love.”*

Ephesians 4:16



## ***Pursuing Your Purpose***

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