

Spire Article for October Issue

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Have you raised your hand [one hand symbol, like the ones used in booklet] yet?

Congratulations to all who ‘raised their hands’ [insert several hands here] at the Ministry Fair on September 16th! You’re in for a real treat as the year, and your participation in ministry, unfolds, whether as a participant or a facilitator/helper.

The mood at the fair was festive, and there was lots of energy and excitement for those attending to visit with friends and discover what activities were starting up this Fall at NPC, and acquaint themselves with specifics of both new and returning programs.

The many ministries of the church were represented at tables set up by the individual ministry groups ... and lively discussion ensued. Details of programs were explained, and congregants were invited to either participate or volunteer to help out in a number of capacities.

In addition to learning about the various programs, many attendees did in fact ‘raise their hand’ to participate or volunteer some time and energy to a number of the programs. The teams are grateful for all those who did step up, and encourage others to join them in the coming weeks.

You may wish to join one of the weekly studies being offered this fall ... one of the Men’s or Women’s groups, the Bible 101 or the Worldwide Marketplace adult studies, Noroton Lectures, Prayer or Fellowship ministries.

You may wish to help facilitate teams already in place. Areas of volunteering range from spending as little as 15 minutes several weeks a year to come a little early to service and greet fellow worshipers, or an hour the first Saturday or Sunday of the month to help the Communion Team prepare. Or, you might agree to be called upon to provide a meal to a family that may be experiencing some time constraints, or pick up someone in need of a ride to/from an activity, or work with one of our neighborhood partners in meal preparation or mentoring exercises.

It’s not too late to join in a ministry of your choice ...

The Ministry Fair has come and gone ... but your opportunity to learn about the many programs available at NPC in which you can get involved has not passed. Ministry Booklets which overview details of the individual ministry areas/teams are available to help you understand how you might get involved.

Pick up a Ministry Booklet at church entrances, booklet information areas, or the office. Or, go online at norotonchurch.org to read about the wide variety of programs available, and come join in one or several!

Perhaps you're not yet sure how you'd like to get involved ...

If you're not sure if a specific ministry area is right for you, please feel free to call the contact listed in the Ministry Booklet for more information on their specific area, or call the church office and speak with me about 'which one' of the areas might be the best fit for your available time and talents.

Why get involved?

Serving is a great way to grow in friendships, knowledge and in your spiritual journey. Sign up and see what it's all about, and where you can fit in ... whether a large or small amount of time...whatever YOU have available will be put to good use.

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kids of blessings." I Peter 4:10