



The Noroton Notes

Noroton Presbyterian Church ♦ Darien, CT ♦ Phone (203) 655-1451 ♦ Fax (203) 655-6638
Main Office Hours M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ♦ Website: www.norotonchurch.org

Sunday 2/28 Monday 3/1 Tuesday 3/2 Wednesday 3/3 Thursday 3/4 Friday 3/5 Saturday 3/6

<p>9:00 & 10:30 a.m. (Children & Student) Classes for 3^s-12th grades (Locations Below). 10:30 a.m. (Adult) Adult Study (Parlor) 4:00 p.m. (Student) Confirmation Afternoon Class (Choir Room) 5:30 p.m. (Worship) Open Doors Service (Horton Hall) 7:00 p.m. (Student) ENGAGE (SHAC)</p>	<p>12:15 p.m. (Adult) Women's Lunchtime Study (Parlor) 3:00 p.m. (Student) MS Boys Small Group (SHAC) 7:15 p.m. (Caring) DivorceCare (Parlor)</p>	<p>6:15 a.m. (Adult) Women's Bible Study (Parlor) 7:30 a.m. (Adult) Men's Bible Study (New York City) 9:30 a.m. (Adult) Women's Bible Study (Horton Hall) 2:45 p.m. (Student) MS Girls Group (Armstrong's Home) 7:00 p.m. (Adult) Prayer Service (Chapel) 7:30 p.m. (Adult) Team Night Fellowship (Horton Hall) 7:45 p.m. (Adult) Team Night Meeting (Horton Hall)</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. (Adult) Men's Study (Sugar Bowl) 6:30 a.m. (Student) MS Girls Group (SHAC) 9:30 a.m. (Adult) Moms of Young Adults (SHAC) 4:45 p.m. (Music) Kids Choir (Horton Hall) 5:00 p.m. (Student) 7th Grade Girls Small Group (Parlor) 7:00 p.m. (Student) 7th/8th Harbor (SHAC) 7:00 p.m. (Outreach) Alpha Course (Horton Hall) 7:30 p.m. (Caring) Stephen Ministry (1B/2B) 8:30 p.m. (Student) 11th/12th Guys Grp (SHAC)</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. (Outreach) Mom to Mom (Horton Hall) 10:00 a.m. (Adult) Moms of Teens (SHAC) 1:15 p.m. (Adult) Prayer Meeting (Parlor) 6:45 p.m. (Music) Handbell Choir Reh. (Parlor) 8:00 p.m. (Music) Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. (Adult) Men's Study (Horton Hall)</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. (Caring) Stephen Ministry Retreat (Horton Hall)</p>
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Worship Schedule:
Chapel: 8:00 a.m.
Sanctuary: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Open Doors: 5:30 p.m. (in Horton Hall)

Baptisms: March 21st & April 18th at the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service. Parents, please call Leslie Ezzo at 655-1451 ext. 33, to register for the required preparatory class.

BECOMING AN OFFICER AT NPC: What an exciting time to be a member of NPC, and even more to be in leadership as an Elder or Deacon! You are invited to suggest names of church members you feel are qualified to serve. You may also recommend yourself! The brochure "When God Calls" is now in the pew racks and around the church kiosks. It may provide additional info for your recommendations. Use the form in the brochure to submit names. You can email names to Elizabeth Queally at eeeq9@aol.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM LOCATIONS:

3 year olds:	Room 10
4 year olds:	Room 11
Kindergarten & Pre-K	Room 12
1st grade	Room 17
2nd grade	Room 14
3rd grade	Library
4th grade	HH Stage
5th grade	1B (Gym)
6th grade	2B (Gym)
7th & 8th Grade	Choir Room
Morning Confirmation Class (9:00 a.m. only)	Parlor
9th-12th Grades	SHAC

(3, 4, & K's will go directly to their classrooms, 1st-5th grades will be dismissed from worship, and 6th-12th grades will meet for the entire hour in their classrooms.)

TRIP TO GREECE/TURKEY 2010: Pastor Sam will be leading a study tour to Turkey, Greece and the Greek islands October 13th-23rd following the footsteps of Paul. Some of the sites visited will be the ruins of Ephesus, a cruise to Patmos, Crete, Santorini, and then tour ancient Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica and Philippi. If you are interested in receiving more information or signing up for this trip, contact Leslie Ezzo, 655-1451 x. 33 or laezzo@norotonchurch.org.

INFORMAL PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL, TUESDAYS 7-7:45 P.M.:

Teaching, worship and prayer. Join us as we pray for the world, community and needs of the church.

SAVE THE DATE: The Feed My Starving Children packing event has been scheduled for October 1-3, 2010 at Middlesex Middle School in Darien. This is open to volunteers in 3rd grade and up.

MEN'S RETREAT 2010, SIGN UP TODAY AFTER EACH SERVICE IN HORTON HALL!

Join the NPC sponsored Men's Retreat, March 12-14 in Ivoryton, CT. This year our guest speaker will be Dr. John N. Chacha, Founder and Executive Director of Teamwork Ministries, Inc. and Teamwork Bible College International based in Martinsville, VA. For more information on our guest speaker and to register for this event, visit our website www.norotonchurch.org and click on the Men's Ministry link. Contact Marlene Moffett at 655-1451, x. 49 or by email mmoffett@norotonchurch.org or Jeff Myers, 2010 Men's Retreat Leader, at jmyers@frontmark.com for additional info.

LENTEN DEVOTION: We are offering a daily Lenten devotion via email that began on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. This devotion will run through April 5th. If you are not receiving this and would like to, please contact Marlene Moffett at mmoffett@norotonchurch.org to be added to the list. You can also read or download the devotions from our church website, www.norotonchurch.org.

ADULT SUNDAY STUDY: Join us for any or all of the next 4 weeks as we continue our lessons from the book of Hebrews.
Feb. 28 - Chapter 9:13 - 10:18, *A Better Sacrifice*, led by Priscilla Hartokolis.
Mar. 7 - Chapter 11, *Heroes of the Faith*, led by Arthur Armstrong.
Mar. 14 - Chapter 12, *Persevering Faith*, led by Priscilla Hartokolis.
Mar. 21 - Chapter 13, *Conclusions/Exhortations*, led by Seana Turner.
We meet at 10:30 am in the parlor and no preparation is required. Questions? Contact Seana at seanagt@aol.com, or call 203-655-8562.

DONNA AUTHERS, AUTHOR OF A SACRED WALK: DISPELLING THE FEAR OF DEATH AND CARING FOR THE DYING, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23:

At 2:00 p.m. her talk Living Libraries will be directed toward more senior members. At 7:30 p.m. her talk What Am I To Do? will appeal to all generations. Donna will be available to sign copies of her book and will be available for personal conversations on related topics. For further information, visit www.asacredwalk.com.

HAITI RELIEF: We continue to accept donations for Haiti relief. Your check can be made payable to NPC, World Vision or Love A Child and please note in the memo section for "Haiti Relief". Thank you all for your continued generous support.

2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Thank you to our members who have already turned in their pledge cards for 2010. To date we have received 300 pledges totaling \$2,007,430. If you have not yet done so, please turn yours in soon, so our Session can plan responsibly for the ministry and mission budget in 2010. If you have not received a pledge card, please call the main office, 203-655-1451 and we can send you one, or they are available in the pews. Thank you for your support toward our 2010 goal of \$2,500,000.00. In Him, The Stewardship Team.

THE NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on Saturday, May 1st, 2010 from 12:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Horton Hall. For more info or if you have questions about the class contact Julie Colbath, jcolbath@norotonchurch.org, or 203-655-1451 x. 14. If you would like to sign up for the class contact MaryAnne Northrop, mnorthrop@norotonchurch.org or 203-655-1451 x. 18.

Adult Spiritual Formation

WOMEN'S LUNCHTIME BOOK STUDY, MONDAYS 12:15 P.M. IN THE PARLOR: February 22 we finish discussing Linda Dillow's *Calm My Anxious Heart*. March 1st we begin a 12-week study of *Satisfy My Thirsty Soul*, also by Dillow. Let's deepen our relationship with God together! For info or to purchase a book, call Lori Nelson (203-655-1451 ext. 44) or Beth Peelle (203-856-7092).

TUESDAY 6:15 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us 6:15-7:15 a.m. in the Parlor. We have just started a new study on the Gospel of Luke. Come early, and be transformed with us! For more info or to get a book, contact Lori Nelson or Pastor Brandi Drake at 203-655-1451.

TUESDAY 9:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY: Studying The Sermon on the Mount. Join us as we explore these words that continue to change the world. We will spend time in Matthew 5-6-7 until our study breaks for the Summer. Pastor Brandi Drake shares the leadership with lay leaders. To register call Lori at ext. 44 or visit our website [and click on Women's Ministry](#). Child care is provided 9:00-11:30 a.m. based upon availability. Please visit our website [and click on Tot Drop](#) for the registration and health assessment forms.

MEN'S STUDY: We are studying the *Parables of Jesus*. New York City group: meets Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. at 144 East 44th Street, Suite 710 (between Lexington and 3rd). Darien group: meets Fridays in Horton Hall with a continental breakfast at 7:00 a.m. followed by worship and bible study from 7:15 a.m.-8:00 a.m. If you are a new attendee to either of these studies please contact Marlene Moffett at mmoffett@norotonchurch.org or 655-1451, ext. 49 with your contact info or visit our website [and click on Men's Ministry](#).

MOMS OF YOUNG ADULTS: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:15 in the SHAC. We'll be reading John Ortberg's, When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back In The Box Led by Linda Russell and Claudia Roux. For more info contact Linda 353-8899 or Claudia 253-6795.

MOMS OF TEENS: We Moms are enjoying our study of *Parenting Today's Adolescent*. Love to have you join us on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the SHAC. If life gets crazy and you can't make it every week, that's okay too. Questions: Contact Seana Turner at seanagt@aol.com or Lisa Isherwood at lisherwo@optonline.net.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING: Every Thursday in the Parlor from 1:15-2:15 p.m. Come and pray for needs of our church family. Everyone is welcome - no prayer experience necessary! For more information please contact Pastor Greg's assistant, Marlene at 655-1451, ext. 49.

SMALL GROUPS are a great way to get involved and make friends in the church. Small groups are made up of 8 to 12 adults who meet weekly or every other week on various days or evenings of the week for friendship and Bible study, or to read a book together. Contact Marlene at 655-1451, ext. 49 to get plugged into a group that fits your schedule and interest. You can also visit the church website www.norotonchurch.org for more info.

Caring Ministry

DIVORCECARE GROUP meets on Monday evenings in the Parlor. Refreshments at 7:15pm and the program from 7:30-9:00 pm. Come once, come often, come every week for support and care! A participation workbook is used by the group. A break-out group will read Myles Munroe's, Single, Married, Separated and Life after Divorce. There is a \$15 fee for either book. Please register with Lori at 203-655-1451 x. 44, or lnelson@norotonchurch.org.

Children's Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: High Seas Expedition: Get ready to SET SAIL! Register now! Spaces are limited and registration closes on May 23rd, 2010!! Morning Session - June 21-25, 9am-12pm, Evening Session - June 20-24, 5 pm-8pm. Contact Samantha Theoret, 203-655-1451 x. 31 or sstheoret@norotonchurch.org, or go to the VBS link on the NPC website Children's Ministry page for more info.

COME AND JOIN US! We have a wide variety of ways you can have fun & help to teach our kids about God's Mighty Love at Vacation Bible School 2010. We have Full Time, Part Time, Quarter Time, Iota time - even take home work! You can help before, during or after VBS! We have a lot of fun working together, so come and join us! Contact Samantha Theoret at x. 31, stheoret@norotonchurch.org or Linda Yim x. 34, lyim@norotonchurch.org. Go to the VBS link on the Children's Ministry page on the NPC website.

Mission Ministry

TRIPS PLANNED TO THE CITY OF HOPE IN TANZANIA THIS SUMMER: June 27th-July 11th and July 19th - August 2nd. Contact Jeff and Claire Myers, 203-655-6494 if you are interested in this trip. It's a great opportunity for kids to interact with the kids at the orphanage and also be there for the opening of the hospital. There will be pictures on display in Horton Hall.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GUATEMALA: We are continuing to collect gently used or new school supplies for the children of Guatemala. The bin is located inside by the NPNS entrance. Your generosity will help children go to school, who would not be able to because they don't have any pencils, paper, etc. Thank you for your continuing support.

Student Ministry

WYDLIFE WEEKEND TO LAKE CHAMPION: March 12-14, we'll be joining over 300 other middle school kids from CT, NY and NJ for an awesome weekend at Lake Champion, NY. The trip includes first-class facilities, food, lodging, activities, games, free time, huge Wyldlife Clubs featuring talks about the Christian faith and transportation by coach bus. The cost of this weekend is \$150. If you are currently in grades 6, 7 or 8, we hope that you will join us this weekend.

Please call Andy Ward of Young Life/Wyldlife at (203)972-3062 to sign up. Please note that due to the popularity of this weekend, space is limited. For more information and to download a registration form, please visit their website: www.darien.younglife.org.

SUMMER 2010 STUDENT MINISTRIES EVENT DATES! Details available on the website.

June 25-30 Wyldlife Camp (MS) in Northbay, MD

June 30 - July 4 Creation Fest 2010 (MS/HS and families)

July 11-17 Vacation with a Purpose (MS/HS)

July 28 - August 2 Young Life Camp (HS) at Rockbridge, VA

August 4-13 Dominican Republic Mission Trip for HS Students

Ongoing Caring Ministry

"Compassion: Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support"



As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow his example and to be deeply concerned for one another. Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry contact Pastor Brandi Drake (*complete confidentiality*) at 655-1451 x. 21, or bdrake@norotonchurch.org.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of inclement weather on Sunday morning, please call the church main office at (203) 655-1451 to hear the recorded message. If the church services are delayed or cancelled, the message will be changed accordingly by 6:00 a.m. You can also visit the church website, www.norotonchurch.org which will also be changed accordingly by morning. If it is during the week and an event or meeting is cancelled and you don't hear from us; please call your ministry or church office to find out the latest information.