

The Spire

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Time Sure Flies...

I can't believe that it was twelve years ago that this wonderful church in Darien started interviewing me about becoming your Pastor. Your committee was so compelling it was hard to say "no." So in 2004 we came trusting that the Lord was calling us here to begin a partnership for sharing the gospel. Just reflect on the last 11-plus years and consider what God packed into them – Forty Days of Purpose and worship at the High School, the Newsboys in our Sanctuary, the Christmas special on ABC, the launch of Open Doors, a new Steeple, Foundations for the Future renovations and mission projects, study trips to Israel, Jordan, Turkey and Greece, and mission trips to Pakistan, Kenya and the Dominican Republic, Feed my Starving Children and so much more. There have been hundreds of sermons shared, lives memorialized, babies baptized, new members welcomed, Elders and Deacons trained, staff meetings led, hospital patients prayed for. In many and various ways we have pursued Christ and deepened as a community of Christ followers. A pastor's life is full and rich with many blessings and my years at Noroton have

been some of the richest. Thank you for your prayers and friendship.

One of the great blessings is sharing ministry at a place like Noroton is working with talented associates and staff members. We have been blessed to have the ministry of Pastor John Seiders with us these past 13 months. It's easy to grow attached to an interim as caring and committed to Christ as Pastor John, but his wife who is also a minister has a permanent position in Boston, so we know where his heart is. If you want to send him a note of thanks for his ministry, I'm sure he would love to hear from you. His email is jhseiders@gmail.com.

We will also miss Pastor Brandi (but just for the summer) who is on a well deserved Sabbatical from June through August. Brandi and her family will have three months to rest and travel, funded by a grant for pastors from the Lilly Endowment. We look forward to her return at the end of August as she takes time to recharge and be renewed for the next season of ministry.

Through the summer, Pastor Jimmy and I will be around and available. I invite you to join me in my summer book night as we look at John Ortberg's very stimulating look at the impact of Christ

Worship Schedule

(until June 12th)

Chapel - 8:00 am

Sanctuary - 9:00 & 10:30 am

Summer Worship Schedule begins June 19th

8:00 am Weed Beach

10:00 am Chapel

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

6/5 - Choir Appreciation Sunday
 Pastor Sam Schreiner

6/12 - Children and Youth Sunday
 Pastor Jimmy McPherson

6/19 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins

8:00 am Weed Beach

10:00 am Chapel

Pastor Sam Schreiner

6/26 - Guest Preacher

Dr. Michael Lindsay

President, Gordon College

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entitled, "Who Is This Man?" We will meet on three Wednesday nights - June 29, July 6, July 13. I look forward to our time together on the beach or in the Chapel for our summer worship. Let's enjoy one more summer together.

Your Pastor, Partner and Friend,
Sam Schreiner

Session Prepares for our Pastoral Transition

This month the Session appointed our clerk, George Vogel, to head up a Transition Team to search for an Interim Pastor to serve us after Pastor Sam leaves in September. This team will review our needs, advertise for candidates and make a recommendation to Session for our Interim Pastor. They are also working with the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery that assists churches like ours going through a transition. Please keep this team in prayer as they do their work this summer.

Special Guest Preacher

On June 26, we are pleased to welcome Dr. D. Michael Lindsay, President of Gordon College to our pulpit.

Dr. Lindsay has conducted the Platinum study on leadership, interviewing over 550 top leaders from business, government, schools and the military. Gordon College is the largest evangelical liberal arts school in New England and one of the leading Christian colleges in the nation.

Pastor Sam's Reading recommendations

Spiritually Speaking...

- ***Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the 12 Steps*** by Father Richard Rohr. Thoughtful chapters on the 12 steps and how all Christians would benefit from their timeless truths.
- ***Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*** by Tod Bolsinger. Clever thoughts comparing church leadership to the Lewis and Clark search for an interior water passage to the Pacific.
- ***I am a Follower: The Way, Truth, and Life of Following Jesus*** by Leonard Sweet. A creative and inspiring treatment on being a follower (not a leader) of Jesus in today's world.
- ***The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope*** by Austen Ivereigh. A great background read on the Pope's rise from a parish priest in Argentina to the Spiritual leader of over 1 billion Catholic Christians.
- ***The Rise of the Nones: Understanding and Reaching the Religiously Unaffiliated*** by James Emery White. What is happening in the youngest generation and how the church needs to respond.

For Fun –

- ***Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*** by Georgina Howell. Guess who knew the leaders of the desert tribes of Iraq and Arabia before Captain Lawrence? Gertrude Bell, that's who. She was a remarkable pioneering woman of her time.
- ***The Wright Brothers*** by David McCullough. Get the audio version out of the library – he is as good a reader as he is a historian and writer. He is my absolute favorite narrator.

Pastor's Summer Book Discussion

All are invited to join Pastor Sam as we read and discuss John Ortberg's insightful look at the sweeping impact of Christ entitled, "Who Is This Man?"

We will meet on three Wednesday nights - June 29, July 6, July 13 from 7:30 - 9:00 in the Mission Room.

The cost of the book is \$10. To receive a book, and/or register, please contact Leslie Ezzo at leslie.ezzo@norotonchurch.org - (203) 309-5618 or Marlene Moffett at marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org - (203) 309-5620.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Summer 2016 Small Group Offering

Dates: July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st

Timing: Monday evenings – 7:30-9:00 pm

Where: Post Road/Mission Room & Study

Looking for some spiritual enlightenment and fellowship this summer???

We will once again host a 'drop-in' Small Group series for four weeks in the middle of summer. (... meaning, come when your schedule permits.)

Transform your 'If Only Regrets' into → 'What If Possibilities'!

'If' is a powerful little word. Some people are stuck in 'if only,' trudging through lives marked with regret. But God wants us to live lives marked with possibilities, with the 'what if' attitude that looks forward to the future with confidence. Topics include:

If Only • As If • What If • Not Ifs, Ands, or Buts About It

No preparation necessary ... just come for words of wisdom from Mark Batterson (DVD), followed by small group discussion breakouts.

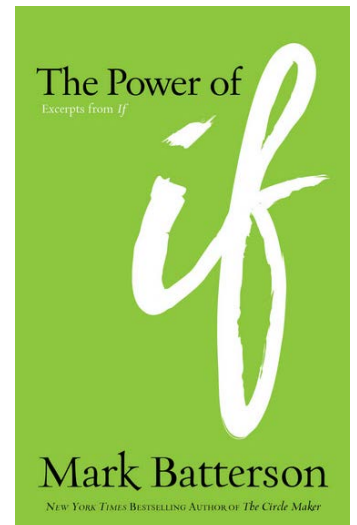
Light refreshments will be served.

Come see how Mark unpacks the promises of Romans 8!
'... in Christ there is no condemnation.'

Questions: Valerie or Marlene

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Grand Re-Opening of the Library

One of the greatest, but arguably least used, resources that this church has to offer is the Library. Before construction the Library was packed in boxes and stored. It has now been unpacked and is ready for use in what was for many years the Senior Pastor's office (through the hallway to the east of the chancel area of the Sanctuary). Thanks to some resources in a Library Reserve Fund, new shelves have been constructed and installed.

Many thanks to several of our members for making this a reality – "Pete" Eldridge (our former Librarian, who oversaw the packing of the Library); Sara Zagrodzky (our new Librarian, who unpacked and set up our new Library); Jim Charling (who designed and built additional shelves in the new library); Dom Lettera and Ken Magrath (who helped with the installation); Rob Bayles (who painted and finished the new shelves); and last, but not least, our sextons who moved countless boxes in the process.

Why not stop in over the summer to browse the collection of books and select a few to borrow or even sit down and use the excellent study resources?

Men's Studies

**Sugar Bowl -
Wednesdays 7:00 am**

Led by different men from the group gathering for breakfast, fellowship and reflection on a passage of Scripture.



Women's and Caring Ministries

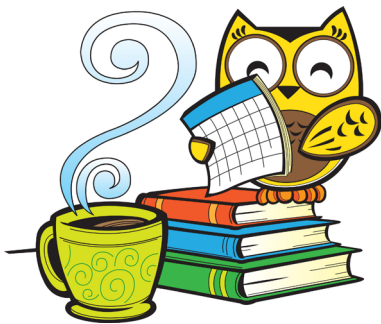


An Invitation: *Be faithful in prayer... Romans 12:12*

Intercessory Prayer is not about thinking I know what someone else needs, and trying to wrestle it from God. Rather, it is being present to God on another's behalf, listening for the prayer of the Holy Spirit that is already being prayed for that person before the throne of grace, and being willing to join God in that prayer.
~Ruth Haley Barton

What's Brandi reading this Summer?

- *The Soul of Shame*
by Curt Thompson
- *Sacred Stress*
by George R. Faller and Heather Wright
- *Accidental Saints*
by Nadia Bolz-Weber
- *Rising Strong and Daring Greatly*
by Brene Brown
- *A Critical Partnership: The Role Of An Interim Pastor In The Change, Transition And Transformation Of A Congregation*
Thesis by John Seiders



This community of NPC is indeed Beautiful, Loved and Blessed. And we have been in a season of change for a while now: The building has changed. Our pastoral staff has changed, is changing, and will change again. The congregation itself is always in flux with people coming and going. When we approach our church as something to bring us stability and comfort in a world filled with change—well then, the change becomes uncomfortable and hard.

What's a church to do? Pray! Pray. Pray. Pray. A handful of folks have been meeting regularly to pray specifically for our congregation, and to provide opportunities for others to join in this prayer. With that in mind- throughout the summer, we'll have times of prayer on alternating Saturday mornings and Tuesday nights: It works out to a prayer meeting about every 10 days. And **WE WANT YOU!!**

It's not a stuffy meeting. I promise. It's a *time for us to come together and listen for the prayer of the Holy Spirit that is already being prayed for this church before the throne of grace, and joining God in that prayer!* Here's the schedule: The group meets in the Parlor.

Saturdays- 7:30-8:30 am

June 4
June 25
July 16
August 6
August 27

Tuesdays- 8:00-9:00 pm

June 14
July 5
July 26
August 16

In Joyful anticipation~
Pastor Brandi Drake
Associate Pastor of Caring & Women's Ministries

Women's Studies

Tuesdays:

6:15 am Bible Study - Study on John Ortberg's "*Soul Keeping!*" goes through end of June. Come when you can for discussion and coffee.

Women's and Caring Ministries continued...

Summer Tuesday A.M. Extension Program

For women interested in staying connected on Tuesday mornings ...
Come join friends in the Post Road/Mission Room!

Time: 7:15-8:15 am

Dates: July 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd

'Unstuck' is a series looking at 'going from the mundane to the meaningful'.



Do you feel stuck in your job, relationships and/or daily circumstances? It's easy for Christians to find ourselves caught up in the routine of life. The "Unstuck" Bible study has been designed to help guide us out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us.

We'll listen to four well-respected speakers (via DVD), followed by discussion:

- ▶ **Unimaginable** – with Francis Chan
- ▶ **Unsafe** – with Lisa Harper
- ▶ **Unwanted** – with Rich Stearns
- ▶ **Unstuck** – with Mark Batterson

Let's open ourselves to be inspired and equipped through these powerful Biblical teachings, and encouraged by each others' support!

Join us when you can and bring a friend!

Questions:

Marlene (203-309-5620 or marlene.moffett@norotonchurch.org) or

Valerie (203-309-5650 or valerie.muller@norotonchurch.org)

Wedding Vows Revitalized

***Did you miss the Staying in Love Series?
Do you want to talk more about Staying in Love?***

**Join us (1 week only) - Monday, June 20th - 7:30-9:00 pm
in the Post Rd/Mission Room**

Our wedding vows don't have to be stored away. Rather, they can be an incredibly useful tool for creating and sustaining the relationship we want with our partner.

- Dig deep and dust off your old wedding program.
- Bring your wedding vows, readings, or hymns.
- Bring any partner verses you have identified post marriage, or other biblical passages your marriage holds as a standard.

We will spend some time looking at the contract we agreed to and ways to be revitalize our marriage declaration. Certainly Andy Stanley is likely to surface in our discussion!

(Note: Be sure to write or type your vow, hymn, song, etc. on a piece of paper.)

All are welcome. The discussion is geared towards any couple who wants to get together and talk about the highs and lows of marriage, and a relationship modeled after Christ. The discussion will be guided by Amanda Craig PhD, LMFT and her husband Doug Craig.



Caring Ministry



H.E.R.O.E.S. = Homefront Enabling Relationships, Opportunities and Empowerment through Support

What is the H.E.R.O.E.S. Care Hometown Support Program?

It is collaborative effort designed to provide complete and proactive support for members of all branches of the military and their families through pre-deployment, deployment, family reintegration and post-deployment. H.E.R.O.E.S. Care consists of tens of thousands of specially trained Stephen Ministers and thousands of professional mental health caregivers and service providers working together to provide an unprecedented system of support for military members and their families.

We are privileged to serve our Lord and our country by using our skills and training to ease their way.

Here is what some of our NPC H.E.R.O.E.S. Care Hometown Support Volunteers have to say:

"I always have cared about those who serve in our military and that includes the families of those serving. H.E.R.O.E.S. Care at NPC has given me the opportunity to meet other church members who care, too!"

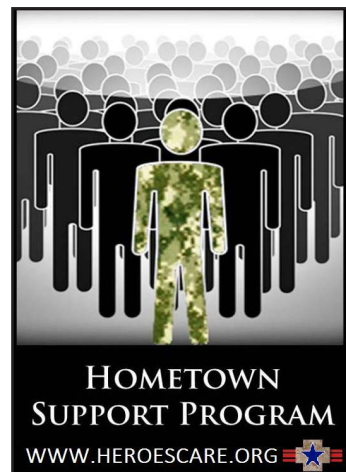
"H.E.R.O.E.S. Care is a wonderful organization whose sole purpose is to care for military men and women and their loved ones. They sacrificially set out to journey alongside those military personnel hand-in-hand through any and all situations. The training we received as Hometown Support Volunteers was fabulous—very meaningful and practical—preparing us for any and all situations we may encounter."

"My heart leaps and my mind focuses whenever I hear or see anything about the military, veterans, and their families, all because of the sensitivity and depth of care during training and since, for me as a Hometown Support Volunteer."

"H.E.R.O.E.S. Care provides me with the opportunity to serve those who serve. It is my highest privilege to give my time and energy to another in this way. I am humbled."

"I experience (personal) joy in working one-on-one as a Hometown Support Volunteer with the veteran care receiver with whom I am currently working."

"My training has made me very aware of the sacrifices military men and women have made to keep our country safe. I want to be able to give back to them in any way I can."



We look forward to chatting with you if you are interested in what we do!

Evie Knight
Evie@optonline.net

Prime Timers

June 16, 2016 at 12:30 pm
in Horton Hall

Celebration Luncheon, Bingo and Birthdays(April-June).

For more information contact Marlene at 203-309-5620.

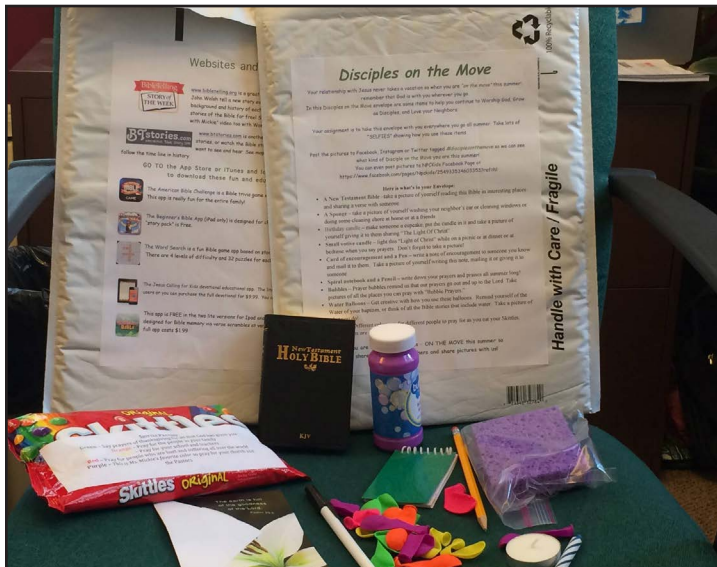




Minute with Mickie – Wondering about What's Next?

Hi! June is an incredibly exciting month for us here in Children's Ministry. We will be ramping up our last Sunday morning Sunday School time with games and activities to remind us of all the Bible stories we have learned during this school year. From Moses to Paul, we have covered a lot of Biblical territory. **So, what's next on June 5th?** Games, review and Bibletelling activities. Maybe even snacks!

and bubbles and Skittles. Let's do that again! We will set up stations on June 12th under the tents so that kids can create their own Disciples on the Move Bag. It will help remind us that we are God's Disciples and that wherever we GO - God goes with us. Don't miss it!



Then what happens next? June 12th - Make your own Disciples on the Move Bag

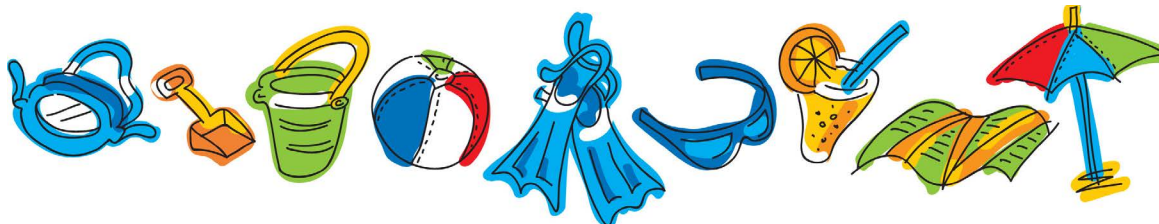
Remember how much fun it was last summer when you and your children had Bubble Prayers, Skittle Prayers, Sponges to remind us to do kind things for others, note cards, water balloons, pens and pencils, a small Bible, and other cool stuff? These bags meant that no matter where you went all summer long, you could still learn about Jesus, show others how you are a Christian and have fun sharing the Good News of Jesus with balloons



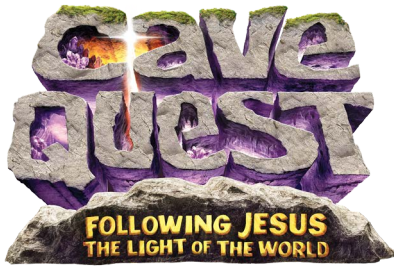
Then what happens next? June 19th - Father's Day AND the first Sunday on the Beach. It's going to be so great to have our Beach service again. We all love the idea of bringing our beach chairs, sipping our coffee, wiggling our toes in the sand, looking out over the water all while we sing songs of praise and hear the message from God's Word for us. Don't you just love summer? I can hardly wait.

Then what's next in June? Read what Ms. Liz has to say about VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (see next page).

In God's Service,
Mickie O'Donnell
Director of Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry continued...



VBS 2016

Have you registered yet? Have you decided where your talents will be put to good use? I hope so. Registration closed **May 31st**, but if you're interested please contact me. Maybe we can work something out.

There are a few things we need for VBS, there are some we're hoping we can borrow, and some items to be donated...

What We Need To Borrow:

(be sure to put your name on them somehow so we can return it to you!)

- 2 Blacklights (aka UV lights)
- 3-4 CD Players
- 4-5 Hammers
- 4-5 Phillips Head Screwdrivers
- 1 L or preferably 2L flask
(the laboratory kind!)
- Flashlights (all shapes and sizes)
- 3 Small blankets (baby blankets)
- Spotlight
- Diffuser or vaporizer
- Pup tent

Email me before dropping them off in case we already got them...

Donations Needed:

- Refrigerator box (or liked-sized box)
- 50 Spray Bottles
- Empty toilet paper, paper towel or wrapping paper tubes
- 1 Liter Soda bottles
- Tube socks
- Brown Packing paper

Donated items can be dropped off at:

NPNS Office, bin by the main entrance, Miss Veronica's classroom in NPCC or downstairs in Children's Ministry.

Lastly - If you'd like to:

- Do some decorating (we're flexible)
- Do some "take home" packets
- Do some shopping and gathering...

Wondering if you can still volunteer/ participate the week of VBS?

Email me at liz.morelli@norotonchurch.org and we'll work it out from there!



Liz Morelli (Ms. Liz)
Children's Ministry Associate



NPCC Picture Book Recommendations

One of the most frequent requests we hear from the children at NPCC is for another story. Their appetite for books seems insatiable at times, which is exactly how it should be. Our bookshelves hold everything from the classics that our teachers grew up loving to newer additions that they are discovering along with the children. This month, we wanted to share some of our new favorites:

For Infants: *Where is Baby's Button* by Karen Katz; *You are My Sunshine* by Caroline Jayne Church; *Noah's Ark* by Lucy Cousins; *It's a Little Book* by Lane Smith; *Peek-a-Who?* By Nina Laden

For Toddlers: *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell; *Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis; *Go! Go! Go! Stop!* By Charise Harp, *Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, *Mix It Up* by Herve Tullet; *Bark George* by Jules Feiffer.

For Preschoolers: *Ish* by Peter Reynolds; *One* by Kathryn Otoshi; *Journey* by Aaron Becker; *This is Not My Hat* by Jon Klassen; *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler; *The Very Cranky Bear* by Nick Bland.

How will you help your child or grandchild choose books this summer? Will you look for books by a favorite author? Will you pick a Caldecott winner? Will you choose a rhyming book? Or a book that provokes discussion? Or perhaps one that teaches concepts?

Whatever book you do choose, know that the time spent reading to your child or grandchild is time well spent.

Peace and Joy,
Beth Aparicio
Director of NPCC





May was one of our busiest months and one of the most exciting. We started the month off with teacher appreciation days, where the children brought in flowers and homemade cards for their teachers. The board put together a lovely luncheon for our staff and room parents, where the staff was celebrated for all their hard work and dedication.

Our 3's visited Earth Place in Westport, where they enjoyed a nature hike and time in the injured bird sanctuary. The highlight was an introduction to a Bald Eagle and learning more about this majestic bird.

We held our New Parent's Gathering at the home of Kat and Chris Sakara. We had a wonderful turn out and the new families were able to mingle with our teachers and board members. They were given information to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

We held our end-of-year class picnics at Pear Tree Point Beach. The sun was shining brightly on the children as they played and laughed, it was a wonderful time for all to celebrate the end of an amazing year together.

Our 4 year olds and Pre-K students ended the month with their Graduation and Stepping Up ceremonies. Pastor Sam was there to celebrate with the children and their families. The children sang for their families and received their diplomas. Afterwards teachers and families gathered at receptions to honor their accomplishments and acknowledge the next steps in their education paths. Noroton Presbyterian Nursery School has completed another wonderful year.

The staff and I work monthly to continue our education and training, to maintain the level of excellence NPNS has come to be known by. We are so grateful for the support we receive from our parent-led Board, NPC Session Representative - Audrey Hutter, NPC Pastors and staff, our NPNS families and volunteers, our Chapel leaders - Mickie O'Donnell and Liz Morelli, and especially our Board Chair Tracy Balderach who kept everyone's focus and efforts on what was best for our students and our nursery school. We will miss our precious little ones and their families, and wish you all a summer filled with much joy and laughter!

God Bless You,
Kalie Riordan and the NPNS teachers and staff



Madeline and Molly out for a bike ride.



Sydney and Hailey hanging out in the sun.

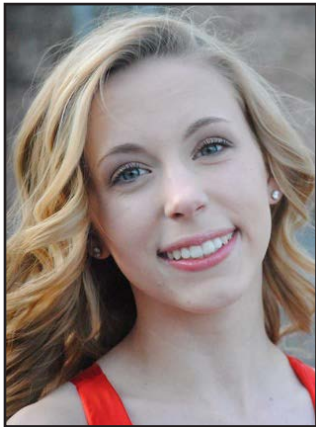


Spring painting on the playground by room 15.



Introducing Summer Intern Faith Argeroplos...

Tell us a little about yourself...



My name is Faith Argeroplos and I am going into my senior year at Nyack College in the fall. There I am studying Youth and Family Studies with a minor in Bible, and I am loving it. I am heavily involved in the leadership of my department as the department head's assistant, and my heart is to reach my peers.

I grew up in Centereach, NY across the Long Island Sound from Darien, CT. I lived there all my life with my parents and my three older siblings. In high school, I loved being a part of my school plays and vocal groups. Youth group played a large role in my spiritual growth, and I absolutely loved going. I was blessed to be a leader of my public school's Bible club, where I fell in love with reaching out to others.

What are you most excited about when it comes to working with youth?

What excites me about working with middle school and high school students is that they are real. They are students that desire people who genuinely care for them. I also love that students enjoy having fun, because that's what I love to do. The highlight of my whole year had to be sharing Jesus and building relationships with the students at a church called The River, in Pearl River, NY. I am looking forward to doing the same at Noroton this summer.

What are you reading these days?

I am currently re-reading a book that I read at the end of my senior year of high school called *Spoken*

For. The reason why I would say this has been my favorite book is because Robin Jones Gunn and Alyssa Bethke, the authors, are true to life. Their goal is to show readers that God cares deeply for them. My friends who have read the book agree that this book reminds us of the truth that God has already spoken for us.

What do you like to do when you're not attending classes or at work?

When I'm not at school or work you can find me doing all of my favorite things. The first thing you should know is that you will always find me with friends, as people play a huge role in my life. One thing you can find me doing is bouldering in a rock gym; I strive to get better and stronger. I love adventure and being outside, and you can also find me hammocking with friends. If I'm not doing that, I am probably eating lots of food, watching Netflix and making jokes.



We're looking forward to welcoming Faith to the youth ministry this summer. She starts on June 6th.

Grace be with you,
Pastor Jimmy McPherson
Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry

Pastor Jimmy's Summer Reading List

- *Rising Strong* by Brene Brown
- *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi
- *The Teenage Brain* by Frances E. Jensen
- *Core Christianity* by Michael Horton

Welcoming Ministry



Spend More Time on the Beach this Summer!

*Volunteers Needed for
Pre-service Coffee and
Post-service Visitor Station*

If you enjoy lingering at the 8 am beach service on Sundays, please consider helping out before or after the service in ways that make people feel really welcomed!

- Once again we will be offering coffee before the service. You can help serve (7:35 am), and/or bring small breakfast treats for 50.
- We also need friendly faces to stay after the service for 15 minutes to welcome newcomers at our Visitors Station.

Volunteers will be needed for both the coffee service and visitor station each Sunday, June 19th through Sept. 4th. Sign up for one or more dates as your schedule allows. Grab a friend or help as a family!

JOIN NPC ON JUNE 11th: You are warmly invited to the next New Member Class!

The Saturday half-day class on June 11th will meet from 12:30 to 5:30 pm. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, June 12th. Free professional nursery care is provided for children 3 months to 4 years.

Recent new members have said the class is “enriching”, “relevant”, and “thoughtful”. During the class you will:

- Explore what it means to be a Christian and to follow Jesus
- Discuss the significance of membership and being a Presbyterian
- Learn about NPC ministries/programs, and how to get involved
- Meet others joining and expand your faith community

Pre-registration is needed. To register on-line and for more class information, see the membership ministry page on the NPC website (www.norotonchurch.org). Please contact julie.colbath@norotonchurch.org with any questions or concerns.

It's also an option to attend the New Member class for information only and – if you choose – join within one year. No classes are offered over the summer. **The next class will be October 15th.**

Seeking Volunteers: many talents are needed for each class such as hospitality, photography, and small group facilitation. I encourage you to contact me to find out the different ways you can grow your own faith through service to new members.

Please Check Your Record in the On-Line Church Directory!

Let's make sure it's up-to-date...

It takes less than 5 minutes to sign in and check your contact information. Use the link from the church home page under “Resources.” Contact Julie Colbath if you don't have the required user name and password. Let me know if your record needs changing, including the addition of a photo if you are missing one.

The online directory is useful in so many ways: quickly look up contact information for those you know, learn new names and faces, and reach out to volunteers. Please remember that both the on-line and print directories are for *fellowship purposes only* (not promotional or commercial uses). Copies are still available of the print directory, which is getting a bit dated (2012), but is still handy and fun to peruse.



Working our Faith,
Julie Colbath
Director of Membership

Congregational Life Ministry



Beach Breakfast ...

Slight 'departure' this year from what we've done historically ...

This year we thought we'd try 'staying put' (so to speak) for about an hour immediately following the 8 a.m. worship service ... (versus moving across the parking lot to the Picnic Table Area).

We're looking at a date mid-July.

We want to help keep our congregation connected over the summer when we are all moving in so many different directions ...

The Congregational Life team will set up refreshment tables right behind the worship area ... and provide a mix of summer goodies ... and sand toys ... to encourage those in attendance to hang out with each other a little longer, before heading off to respective individual family plans.

We'll 'freshen' the coffee offered prior to the service by greeters, AND add some cool drinks too!

And we'll provide some breakfast breads, fruit (perhaps watermelon...hmmm) ... and, yes, deviled eggs!

We'll have bubbles and sand toys to help occupy the kids ... and adults too!

We hope you'll join in the fun ...

(Have something 'special' that 'says summer' to you ... let us know!)



Valerie Muller

Director of Communications and Community
(including Congregational Life)



Mission Ministry

Mission News



First of all a huge thank you for the way you have loved and served our many mission partners and the community this year. Without a doubt our church community has continued to generously support the NPC mission partners and also been very active in many other charitable and community service activities outside the church. I am always so encouraged and blessed to see God at work through all of you!

While our financial gifts to many of our mission partners have been dramatically reduced this year due to budget shortfalls, perhaps this is an opportunity for us to serve them in other ways: by staying alert to specific opportunities to serve, by faithfully and regularly praying for the ministry that God puts on our hearts and by perhaps contributing “in kind” gifts when there is a need.

Here are some examples of how you can help....

Pray

- Pray that God will provide all the funding necessary to enable continued fruitful ministries.
- Pray for God's blessing and protection on each of the missionaries and ministries we support.
- Pray for God to show each one of us how we can help.

Serve

Offer hospitality to visiting missionaries, whether it be overnight accommodations, a meal, the loan of a car, or small gifts of grocery gift cards.

- Hanna Massad and his wife Suhad and daughters Joyce and Joleen are arriving from the Middle East on June 25 for a sabbatical year. Please contact Sandy McPherson or Stella Clarke if you can help with hosting, or providing any of the above support.
- Forman Christian College Student at NYU – We have received a request from Forman Christian College to provide help and friendship to a young woman who has recently been offered a full scholarship to study in the NYU Near East Studies program. Shandana is a very bright and accomplished young Muslim woman and is the first student from South Asia to be accepted in the past 5 years. Since New York City can be very overwhelming at first for a newcomer, Forman has asked if any of our congregation would be interested in befriending and helping Shandana. She needs to find a place to live, figure out public transportation and generally settle in to New York City. Please contact Stella Clarke if you are interested in finding out more.
- Open Door Shelter – help with our monthly meal service; for more information contact Holly Hough hhough7@optonline.net.

Donate/give

- Open Door Shelter School Supply Drive during the month of August – bring items to collection bins at the beach and in the church office main entrance. New backpacks and thumb drives are particularly welcome donations along with all the usual items such as pens, coloring pencils, notebooks, binders, plain envelopes.

Learn

Learn more about our mission partners by browsing the church website or coming to hear our mission visitor speak or signing up for their email updates:

- **Wes Roberts Mission Collective** - Will be giving a Moment for Mission on Sunday, July 31st. Come and hear about the new church plant that is thriving in Charleston.
- **Pivot** - Sunday, August 28th - Pivot Choir will be joining us on the Beach!
- **City of Hope** - Sunday, October 15th – Hear about the City of Hope School and Orphanage in Tanzania when the Director visits and brings a Moment for Mission to services.
- **Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** - weekend of October 22nd – Save the Date for the annual joint churches event which helps engage all our community in loving and serving starving children around the world.

Whether you pray, serve, or support with funds or “gifts in kind” your contributions will be a blessing to our mission partners and a witness to the love of Christ.

Thank you!

Hebrews 13:16 *“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”.*

Stella Clarke
Director of Missions

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	4
			7:00 am Men's Study-Sugar Bowl	1:15 pm Prayer Group Mtg. 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Reh.			7:30 am Prayer Meeting 8:30 am Officers Retreat
5 Choir Appreciation Sunday 8:00 am Chapel Service 9 & 10:30 am Sanctuary Services 9 & 10:30 am Classes for 3's -5th grade 10:30 am VWAP meeting	6 6:15 am Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Team Night Fellowship 7:45 pm Team Night	7	8 7:00 am Men's Study-Sugar Bowl	9 1:15 pm Prayer Group Mtg.	10	11 12:30 pm New Member Class	
12 Graduation Celebration Sunday 8:00 am Chapel Service 9 & 10:30 am Sanctuary Services	13	14 6:15 am Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Prayer Meeting	15 7:00 am Men's Study-Sugar Bowl	16 12:30 pm Prime Timers 1:15 pm Prayer Group Mtg.	17	18	
19 Summer Worship Schedule Begins 8:00 am Weed Beach Service 10:00 am Chapel	20 6:30 pm Summer Nights - Middle School 7:00 pm Summer Nights - High School 7:30 pm Wedding Vows Revitalized	21 6:15 am Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Session	22 7:00 am Men's Study-Sugar Bowl	23 1:15 pm Prayer Group Mtg.	24 9:00 am Goin' Outdoors (Middle and High School)	25 7:30 am Prayer Meeting	
26	27	28	29	30			
VBS Week							
8:00 am Weed Beach Service 10:00 am Chapel 2:00 pm VBS	9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Summer Nights - Middle School 7:00 pm Summer Nights - High School	9:00 am VBS	7:00 am Men's Study-Sugar Bowl 9:00 am VBS 7:30 pm Pastor Sam's Summer Book Discussion	1:15 pm Prayer Group Mtg. 9:00 am VBS			

NPC News

In Loving Memory of...

April 29th:
Muriel "Cissie" Wakeman

May 9th:
Jean McCormick

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

Join us in celebrating the following Baptisms...

May 15th

Natalia Elizabeth McManus,
daughter of Michael and Christina McManus

Upcoming Baptism Dates

June 19th - 10 am Chapel service

July 10th - 8 am Beach service

July 17th - 10 am Chapel service

July 24th - 8 am Beach service

August 14th - 8 am Beach service

August 21st - 10 am Chapel service

August 28th - 8 am Beach service

*to schedule a Baptism please call
Leslie Ezzo at 203-309-5618.*

If you would like to submit an article for the September 2016 issue please submit it before August 15 to Rose Cunningham by email at rose.cunningham@norotonchurch.org.

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