



# The Noroton Notes

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Main Office Hours M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ♦ Website: [www.norotonchurch.org](http://www.norotonchurch.org)

Sunday 3/7 Monday 3/8 Tuesday 3/9 Wednesday 3/10 Thursday 3/11 Friday 3/12 Saturday 3/13

<p><b>9:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. (Children &amp; Student)</b> Classes for 3<sup>s</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades (Locations Below). 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades remain in worship.</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. (Adult)</b> Adult Study (Parlor)</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m. (Worship)</b> Open Doors Service (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m. (Student)</b> ENGAGE (SHAC)</p>	<p><b>12:15 p.m. (Adult)</b> Women's Luncheon Study (Parlor)</p> <p><b>3:00 p.m. (Student)</b> MS Boys Small Group (SHAC)</p> <p><b>4:30 p.m. (Student)</b> Spring Break Mission Trip Pre-Trip Meeting (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>7:15 p.m. (Caring)</b> DivorceCare (Parlor)</p>	<p><b>6:15 a.m. (Adult)</b> Women's Bible Study (Parlor)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. (Adult)</b> Women's Bible Study (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>2:45 p.m. (Student)</b> MS Girls Group (Armstrong's Home)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m. (Adult)</b> Prayer Service (Chapel)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m. (Student)</b> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Harbor (SHAC)</p>	<p><b>7:00 a.m. (Adult)</b> Men's Study (Sugar Bowl)</p> <p><b>6:30 a.m. (Student)</b> MS Girls Group (SHAC)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. (Adult)</b> Moms of Young Adults (SHAC)</p> <p><b>4:45 p.m. (Music)</b> Kids Choir (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>5:00 p.m. (Student)</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Small Group (Parlor)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m. (Student)</b> 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Harbor (SHAC)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m. (Outreach)</b> Alpha Course (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m. (Caring)</b> Stephen Ministry (1B/2B)</p>	<p><b>9:30 a.m. (Outreach)</b> Mom to Mom (Horton Hall)</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m. (Adult)</b> Moms of Teens (SHAC)</p> <p><b>1:15 p.m. (Adult)</b> Prayer Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p><b>6:45 p.m. (Music)</b> Handbell Choir Reh. (Parlor)</p> <p><b>8:00 p.m. (Music)</b> Chancel Choir Reh. (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>MEN'S RETREAT</b> <b>YOUNG LIFE</b> <b>WYLDLIFE WEEKEND</b></p>	<p><b>MEN'S RETREAT</b> <b>YOUNG LIFE</b> <b>WYLDLIFE WEEKEND</b></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.

**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, 203-655-1451 x. 14 or [jcolbath@norotonchurch.org](mailto:jcolbath@norotonchurch.org). If you would like to sign up for the class contact MaryAnne, at x. 18 or [mnorthrop@norotonchurch.org](mailto:mnorthrop@norotonchurch.org).

**SAVE THE DATE, MUSICAL TALENT NIGHT:**  
Saturday, APRIL 24th  
**SPRING MEMBER-PARTICIPATION EVENT!**

We're planning another fun evening for members of all ages. This year's theme is 'music' ... and will encompass vocals, instrumental, and dance with both 'trained' and 'amateur' talent! Watch here for more details, or check out the March Spire, Congregational Life page, OR go to [www.norotonchurch.org](http://www.norotonchurch.org) and click on announcement on the home page. We NEED YOU to make this evening a success! Direct questions to: [vmuller@norotonchurch.org](mailto:vmuller@norotonchurch.org), 203-655-1451 x. 48. April 1st sign up deadline.

**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 -12th grades	Sanctuary

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

**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](http://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](mailto:mmoffett@norotonchurch.org) or Jeff Myers, 2010 Men's Retreat Leader, at [jmyers@frontmark.com](mailto:jmyers@frontmark.com) for additional info.

**2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:**  
Thank you to our members who have already turned in their pledge cards for 2010. To date we have received 308 pledges totaling \$2,044,000. 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 \$2,300,000.00. In Him, The Stewardship Team.

**ADULT SUNDAY STUDY:** Join us for any or all of the next 4 weeks as we continue our lessons from the book of Hebrews.  
Mar. 7 - Chaper 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](mailto: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](http://www.asacredwalk.com).

**HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE:**  
**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28:**  
*Communion Sunday*  
8:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. Services & 5:30 p.m. Open Doors Service  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1:**  
7:00 p.m. Simple Supper  
8:00 p.m. Communion & Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary  
**WALK WITH THE CROSS, APRIL 2:** 10:30 a.m.  
Meet at 1st Congregational Church, Darien. Join others in our community as we walk down the Post Rd. to St. Luke's.  
**GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE, APRIL 2:**  
12:00-3:00 p.m. St. Luke's Church, "Perspectives on the Passion"  
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4:**  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Weed Beach  
8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service (No childcare or Sunday School)  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Services (Childcare Birth-2 years; 3's-K: Regular Sunday School classes; 1st-5th grades: Chapel 6th-12th grades: Remain in Sanctuary)  
*(Extra parking available at Hindley School)*

**STUDENT MINISTRIES POTATO LUNCH AND DESSERT AUCTION:** On Sunday, March 21st NPC Student Ministries will host our Fourth Annual Baked Potato Lunch followed by the Dessert Auction. The money raised from this auction will help supplement our summer ministries. Please join us after the 10:30am service in Horton Hall for a delicious lunch and the always fun dessert auction. In addition, there will be desserts available for sale outside of the auction for \$20 per dessert. We hope to see you there.

**DONATIONS TO HAITI:** On Feb 24th a truck was loaded with 10 pallets that contained 170 large boxes of goods that were donated by the congregation of NPC, local groups, churches and schools. This was shipped to Haiti to help with the continuing relief effort and will be distributed by Love A Child, which is the orphanage that received our packed meals through Feed my Starving Children. Many, many thanks to those who donated, and to the volunteers who coordinated the collection.

## Adult Spiritual Formation

### **WOMEN'S LUNCHTIME BOOK STUDY, MONDAYS 12:15 P.M. IN THE PARLOR:**

March 1st we began 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 are studying 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.

### **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.

**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](mailto: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 are 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](mailto:seanagt@aol.com) or Lisa Isherwood at [lisherwo@optonline.net](mailto:lisherwo@optonline.net).

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP:** Join us Wednesday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor to hear Rev. Heather Parkinson-Webb, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Care at Greenwich Chaplaincy Services. Her topic is, "What is a Chaplain and Why a Chaplain for me?" In our time together, we will explore what a chaplain is, where you or your loved ones might encounter one and how to make the most of that spiritual resource. We will watch a brief video showing chaplains in action and have

time for discussion. For more info contact Marlene Moffett, 655-1451 x. 49.

**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 info contact Marlene at 655-1451, ext. 49.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stheoret@norotonchurch.org) or Linda Yim x. 34, [lyim@norotonchurch.org](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.darien.younglife.org).

**SUMMER 2010 STUDENT MINISTRIES EVENT DATES!** Details 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

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AUGUST 4-13, 2010:** Ken Culver, President and Co-Founder of Foundation For Peace, will be holding an informational meeting for the High School Dominican Republic summer trip. Interested students and parents should come to the Choir Room on Sunday, March 21 from 4:30-5:30pm (after the Potato Lunch) to learn more about FFP and what our trip will look like this August. Please contact Abby Young at (203)655-1451, ext. 25 with any questions.

**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. There will be a trip meeting held on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 pm in Horton Hall for all who are interested in learning more, those who would like to sign up and those who already have signed up. Questions? Contact Leslie, 655-1451 x. 33 or [laezzo@norotonchurch.org](mailto:laezzo@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](http://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.

## Ongoing Caring Ministry

**"Bear One Another's Burdens..."** In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." At NPC our Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those going through a difficult time. 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](mailto:bdrake@norotonchurch.org).

