

# Church parishioners gather to celebrate world day of prayer

By CHRISTINE J. HENRY

The Luctor Christian Reformed Church, Prairie View Reformed Church and The Long Island United Methodist Church gathered together for the World Day of Prayer 2007 that took place on March 2 at the Luctor Christian Reformed Church with the help of Bette Tien, Evelyn Ponstein, and Marie Pakkebie, who served on the 2007 Day of Prayer Committee along with many others.

The program was based on I Corinthians Chapter 13 and is written as follows. "And now I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, al-

ways hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a mature person, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

The opening prayer was given by Linda VanDerWeele and was followed by the hymn "Faith is the Victory."

A special presentation of the play "Hortense and Polly's Excellent Adventure" was performed by Connie Cox, who played Hortense, Wilma Vahle, who played Polly, Henrietta VanKooten who played the steward, and Linda VanDerWeele who played the passenger. The play taught a lesson of faith, hope and love and presented the adventures

of two women who embarked on a cruise as they faced their fears along their journey. The play was written by Linda VanDerWeele and narrated by Hazel Jansonius and Darline Brown.

Following the play, special music was given by organist Helen VanKooten, called "Whispering Hope." The offering was taken for the Cary Christian Center and the offering hymn sung was "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love." The service ended with a closing prayer and the Benediction was given by Pastor Jeff VanDerWeele. Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

God's commandments are clearly based on love, for love unites and does not cause divisions among people. God's word explains the true meaning of love and leaves no room for misinterpretation, explaining what it is and what it is not. Love unites people that cultures, religions, backgrounds, education or economic status often divide. The World Day of Prayer serves to recognize the body of Christ as truly one body, serving one purpose, with its many parts and unique differences.



Hundreds of people were at the National Guard Armory in Norton Saturday to browse collectable toys and sports cards during the annual Toy and Sports Card Show, sponsored by the United Methodist men's group.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

## Toy, sports card show draws crowd

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Hundreds of people attended the annual Toy Show held Saturday at the Norton National Guard Armory. The show is sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

Clair Rumford, one of the show's organizers, said, "Jay Ryan usually plans this event, but Jay

was in the hospital and so Jake (Durham) and I stepped in. I think it was a real good show." He said David Will organized the kitchen and the United Methodist Women donated homemade pies.

He said there were 55 tables of Matchbox Cars, HotWheels, Beanie Babies, plus farm toys,

cars and other toys.

Mr. Rumford said, "The United Methodist Men look forward to this event every year. We're already planning next year. I know of several dealers already planning to come from Colorado and Oklahoma."

## Dancing the night away...



Bruce and Cheri Cook, Norton, followed the directions of Kerry Ferguson, Country Dance class instructor. The Cooks were among several couples taking dance classes offered through the Dane G. Hansen Museum. — Photo courtesy of Shirley Henrickson

## Inmate captured after a year on the run

Norton Correctional Facility authorities received notification that an inmate who escaped from the NCF-East Unit in Stockton last July was in custody in Main. During a traffic stop on March 10, au-

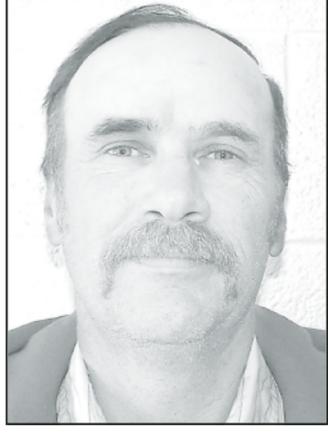
thorities apprehended Anthony Montana in Sanford, Maine.

Mr. Montana is being housed in the York County Jail awaiting trial on several forgery charges. After that process is completed, authori-

ties will begin the extradition hearing process to return him to Kansas where he will face charges in Rooks County for aggravated escape.

### Norton Schools Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee



Gregg Ankenman

Mr. Gregg Ankenman is the assistant director of maintenance and is in his 21st year of employment in USD 211. He and his wife, Debbie, are the parents of three children. Outdoor activities and working in the yard are his two favorite leisure activities. The best thing about his job is the variety of things he does in his job and fixing things.

Certified Employee



Jennie Patterson

Mrs. Jennie Patterson teaches fourth grade in the Eisenhower Elementary School. She has been a teacher for eleven years and five of those have been in Norton, USD 211. Mrs. Patterson earned her Bachelor's Degree from Fort Hays State University. She and her husband, Eric, have two children. Scrapbooking and reading are her two favorite hobbies. Working with the kids is what she likes best about her job.

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