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We wish to thank everyone who helped our dad as he walked or scooted himself around town in his electric three-wheeled chair. Thanks for those who picked him up and took him home when he was too tired to walk or when his chair stopped. Thanks to Roger for fixing his chair so he could continue going home. It takes a community and Dad loved the community. Thank you for your kindness to him.  
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**NOTICE—**The John Mar-ten family will gather Sun-day, May 25, 2025 for the annual family reunion. The potluck dinner will start at 1:00 at the Onaga Commu-nity Center.

**Onaga Historical Society**  
garage sale Saturday, May 24 from 8:00 to 1:00 at the Beige Garage at the Muse-um on DeGraw St. An over-abundance of items avail-able for a minimal donation. Match for Saturday’s garage sale provided by Carol Stal-lard Hudler.

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## Bucks Grove News

by Colleen Reamer  
A small group of four-teen people met to wor-ship together on a cool windy Sunday morning of May 18th at Bucks Grove Methodist Church at 9:00 am.

Carol Pollock lit the candles.

After the Call to Wor-ship the congregation sang “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”.

Other songs sung on Sunday were “Jesu, Jesu” and “There’s Something About That Name”.

Betty Bernitter had the special where she read to us from the book “Jesus Calling”.

It told us that heaven is both present and future. As you walk with the Lord you are already in touch with Him. The Earth is filled with His presence. It told us that at the end of life’s path the Lord will be there but only He knows when you will reach that destination.

Lay Pastor Joyce read the scriptures. The first scripture read was Acts 11: 1-18. These verses

tell of how the apos-tles and other believers heard that Gentiles also believed the message from God. Peter had ar-rived in Jerusalem and some of the Jews spoke against him because he had stayed in the house of men who were not cir-cumcised and even ate meals with them. Peter explained to them that one day, when he was praying, had a special dream. He saw some-thing that came down from heaven. It was like a large piece of cloth. There were farm animals with four legs inside the cloth and also wild ani-mals, snakes and birds. A voice told him to stand up and kill some of these animals. Then you can cook and eat the meat. Peter answered no, he couldn’t do that since he had never eaten an ani-mal that the Law says is unclean. The voice spoke from heaven again and said that God has made these animals good for people to eat so

you must not say that it is not right to eat them. Then, three men arrived and took him to Corne-lius’s house. Cornelius told him an angel ap-peared in his house and told him to send to Jop-pa to fetch Simon Peter. When Peter spoke to Cornelius the Holy Spirit

came down on

Cornelius and his fam-ily.

The second scripture read was Revelation 21: 1-16. These passages tell of how John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first of these were gone and the sea was also gone. He saw a new Jerusalem com-ing down out of heaven from God and it was very beautiful. A loud voice spoke from the throne saying God’s home is now among people and God will live together with them. God will take away all the tears and nobody will ever die again or be sad.

The old world has com-pletely gone away. God said He was making ev-erything new. God also said that everything is now done and He caused all things to begin and He will cause the end of all things. Everyone who wins against Satan will receive all things from Him and He will be their God and they will be His children. He also said he would punish people who are afraid of trouble, those who do not believe in Jesus, those who do disgusting things, those who murder other people, those who have sex in a wrong way, those who use magic to hurt people, those who worship idols and those who tell lies. All these people would go into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur.

Pastor Joyce then read to us from John 13: 31-35. This Gospel reading tells of how Jesus is say-ing that people will see how great the Son of Man is and because of Him, they will also see how great God is. He also tells them He will only be with them for a short time now. They will look for Him and they can-not go where He is now going. He gives them a new rule. They must love each other as He has loved them. In this way, everyone will know they are His disciples.

Lay Pastor Joyce’s message was Love One Another. She began by relating a Gaelic leg-end where an eagle had swooped down and car-ried off a little baby. Many strong men from the clan had tried to scale the cliff to get to the baby but couldn’t. Then, a frail woman passed them, climbed to the top and rescued the baby. Amazed they asked how this could be and were told that this was the ba-by’s mother and her love for the child gave her the strength to climb up to the baby.

Love is a simple but complex word. It has helped people change the course of history, caused wars, given peo-ple more compassion and kindness and much more.

Joyce took us back in time to the night of the last supper. Jesus, as host, is in the center, John to his right and Ju-das, the betrayer, to the left. Jesus washed the feet of all of the disciples, showing them the kind of servant He wants them to be. Jesus becomes troubled and tells His dis-ciples that one of them will betray Him. Judas then leaves. Jesus then begins to teach the rest of His disciples some new things. Jesus tells His disciples that the Son of Man has been glorified and God has been glori-fied in Him.

Jesus also tells His dis-ciples that He will be with them only a little longer.

They will look for Him but where He is going they cannot come. He gives them a new command. He wants them to love one another as He has loved them. In these verses Joyce told us there are three major things to think about. Christ’s glo-rification, preparation for His upcoming departure, and the new command-ment to love each other.

Christ’s glorification is only revealed because of the betrayal. Also, He tells Peter that he will deny Him three times. For God to be glorified in Christ, Jesus must be raised from the dead and unless Judas betrays Him there is no crucifixion. Judas is the instrument God used to glorify Jesus as He dies on the Cross. That brings up the ques-tion, was Judas as bad as we think? Because of His betrayal we have eternal life in heaven. Also, this was orchestrated by God.

The whole idea of glory can be confusing. Schol-ars describe the glory of God as the character and nature of God. Your glory is your character and na-ture revealed in what you do and how you interact with others.

Joyce told us that John 13: 33 carries significant meaning. When Je-sus says My children he asks us to recognize the family connection of our relationships. Love is a deep well of strength that supports us in life’s most challenging times. When Jesus said He would only be with them a little longer it reminds us of the fleet-ing nature of our lives and when He told them they could not come it shows the separation about to

## Becoming a Mom: Extension leads programs to address high preterm birth rate

Kansas earns ‘D’ on March of Dimes Report Card

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

A Kansas State Uni-versity extension agent is hailing the success of a pair of programs that have helped to address a high rate of preterm births in the state.

Monique Koerner, a family community well-ness agent in K-State Re-search and Extension’s Cottonwood District, called the state’s preterm birth rate “concerning.”

“The chronic conditions that many in our state face is concerning,” she said. “But there are a lot of ways that we can help improve the health of our maternal child health population.”

In its 2024 Report Card highlighting the collective factors that contribute to maternal and infant mor-tality and morbidity in the United States, the March of Dimes called the na-tion’s preterm birth rate “alarmingly high.”

The report notes that in 2023, more than 370,000 babies were born preterm, about 10.4% of all births. Kan-sas was one of 15 states that earned a ‘D’ on the report card, with 10.5% of all births considered preterm.

The March of Dimes’ report notes that chronic health conditions caused by smoking, hyperten-sion, unhealthy weight and diabetes contribute to high rates of preterm births in Kansas.

Koerner has recently introduced a prenatal ed-ucation program called Becoming a Mom to help expectant mothers with support and guid-ance. The free classes

happen, This verse also teaches us about pre-paring for change. Just as the disciples needed to be ready for a future when Jesus wasn’t with them we may also go through times that also change our lives.

Then, there is the new commandment. It sounds a lot like the greatest commandment to love God, love your neighbor. What is new is the way this command teaches us to love our neighbors, not as we love ourselves, but as Christ loves us. Rais-es the bar, doesn’t it?

Lay Pastor Joyce told us the command to love isn’t a command to feel something but to do something. It’s a com-mand to serve each other and take care of one an-other.

Linda Rieschick report-ed their granddaughter’s Brooklyn’s graduation from KU and their daugh-ter Becky’s graduation from Washburn. Thanks go out to Marvin Vance at how nice the ceme-tery looks and to Mary Ringel for the nice flow-er arrangements in the church. Many members of the church are attend-ing graduation ceremo-nies this weekend and Trevor Ashcraft is going to Amarillo, TX to see the first class he taught do their senior hall walk. He had them

when they were in kin-dergarten.

Services ended with the benediction and the song “Crown Him with Many Crowns”.

After services ended the Bible study class met where they studied Luke 22: 24-34.

are available in sever-al of thestate’s counties currently, and are sup-ported by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kan-sas Perinatal Community Collaboratives, and the March of Dimes.

The six-week, prena-tal education class – one session per week – is available to expectant mothers and their “sup-port people,” according to Koerner.

“We’ve had several dads come to our class-es, as well,” she said. “Really, anybody that is there to support the mom is welcome, because we want them to get the edu-cation, too.”

The classes cover such topics as an overview of pregnancy, health, nu-trition, exercise, stress, labor and delivery, infant feeding, infant care (in-cluding safe sleep and car seats), family plan-ning, mental health and more.

“We also invite people from the local community to come in and talk with the participants,” Ko-erner said. “One of my goals for this class was to break down the bar-riers that might exist in the community. If people have names and faces and have met people, it will be easier to reach out to those resources when they need them.”

The event provided education for infant care, and those who complet-ed Safe Sleep instruction received a free porta-ble crib, and other give-aways. Koerner said ex-tension agents in other parts of the state are also hosting events similar to the Community Baby Shower.

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