



THE GLEAM

The Newsletter of Mendon Church

August 2016



College Bon Voyage Bonfire

Sunday, August 14th
at 8 PM

Mendon Church Pavilion

- ❖ Come celebrate new beginnings and the transition to college with s'mores, songs and good times!
- ❖ Rising college freshmen, current college students and current high school students are all welcome to attend!
- ❖ Please bring a lawn chair if you have one, your favorite bible verse and perhaps some "Holy Ghost Stories!" (We'd love to hear how Jesus has been a part of your life and will continue to be as you go off to college.)

Please RSVP to the church office:
585-624-1457 or
mendonchurchoffice@gmail.com

Walking Schedule for the

Mon. Evening Women's Group:

*This is open to "ALL"
women of the Church*

Walk 7pm-8:30pm

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Dates and Places

- Aug 15 Ganondagan Trail
- Sept 12 Mendon Ponds Park
Forest Walk
- Oct 17 Canal Walk followed
by Simply Crepes!



- ✓ Our Discipleship Committee is busy deciding on the upcoming Fall Curriculum.
- ✓ The Worship Committee is hard at work on our Bicentennial Bible Reading and Pot Luck Dinner, 4-7PM on Sunday, September 25th.
- ✓ October 15th at 7:00PM will be a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social.

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P.O. Box 188, Mendon, NY 14506
Located at 936 Cheese Factory Rd.,
Honeoye Falls, NY



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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 5
Annual Spaghetti Dinner



To benefit Benincasa
In loving memory of
Brother "Chef Jeff"



From Bruce and Deb Robinson: Summer Update from Haiti

(Bruce's letter is long but so very interesting. I'm including a portion of it here, but the entire letter is on the Mission Bulletin Board in the church if you would like to read all of it. Julie)

Praise:

- A great basketball and English camp. Fun, safe, and time for children to hear about God.
- Some rain, but the springs are still really down and there hasn't been enough for the crops, so please pray for more.
- Fixing handpumps in the midst of the hottest most water needy part of the year. We are training new workers on this, getting all our parts organized, and working towards fixing some far away wells that have not worked in years.
- Some key earthmoving projects have been done in the last few weeks. Ben Loyer who started the ministry here has come out of retirement to help finish the earthwork on the culvert at Nan Banda, to make the road to Vion and help on the irrigation work at Canal Elme.
- Making more progress on the roof and church at Baie des Moustiques
- Water is running in the town of Moustiques. There is a crowd at the fountain all the time.

Prayer:

- We are laying pipe and putting in public fountains at Moustiques. Please pray for this work and five bundles of pipe that are in transit. Clean water is the key to health and in the summer is very important.
- A lady won't let us go through her garden with the pipeline. She went to the US and has been paralyzed since she got off the plane. Please pray for her health and that she would have a change of heart about the pipeline.
- Near the church at Trois Rivieres we showed up to start the irrigation canal extension so we could put in an irrigation pump to provide water to over 700 farmers. One landowner near the river is holding things up.
- More than 25 couples in churches around here who have come to Christ want to get married. They have been together in most cases for years and true to each other, but never officially married. Having come to Jesus they want to be legally and officially married.

We are so thankful for you-your friendship/prayers and support.

Bruce and Deb Robinson

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News from the McKees Summer 2016

Thank the Lord that He's good, that His love endures forever, that His faithfulness continues through all generations. Praise the Lord. So what am I up to these days? I've just finished a paper for publication. I'm ready to begin teaching in GIAL's fall term. I'll teach two fall courses – Area Studies, a graduate course, and Cultural Anthropology, an undergrad. Area Studies is something I wish Carol and I had had before we went out to sub-Saharan Africa in 1980 to work as linguist-translators in northeastern DR Congo (then Zaire). That first year, we did SIL's Africa Orientation Course in Cameroon, then I helped with five-plus months of socio-linguistic survey in Togo; then we transited through Kenya on our way to northeastern Zaire, where we started language and culture learning in the Mangbetu language project. Much later, I had consulting visits to, and Carol has had HR responsibility for, countries including Mozambique, Ethiopia, Tanzania, and South Sudan. For us, an Area Studies course on sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on Zaire would've been a tremendous introduction to what we were getting into. Then there's Cultural Anthropology. Theoretically, I teach it as Christian anthropology, which I can't begin to explain in this letter but would be glad to send you an email attachment about. Practically, I'm trying to help students go out knowing how to deal with their ethnocentrism (judging other cultures by the standards of their own) and what to do with strange customs, ideas, and values – e.g., how to begin to study them and understand them; how to appreciate them biblically – not rushing to judgment, judging them judiciously, praising what's praiseworthy, living them to God's glory to the full extent possible. Intended to be a highly practical course, it is helpful for all who go cross-culturally wanting to serve effectively alongside national colleagues and to live for and share Christ without needless offense. Thanks for your prayers for both these courses!

And what else am I doing for which I'd greatly appreciate your prayers? Two main things:

#1. I've got a backlog of writing-for-publication projects – a book or two (or maybe more). Please pray I'm able to write and edit productively in the windows of time I have in GIAL's modular course schedule.

#2. I've been invited back to northeastern DR Congo next spring to help with a Mangbetu orthography workshop. Translation has recently restarted in that project. Luke is still the only book of the Bible that's been published in Mangbetu. The reason for the orthography workshop is that people are having trouble writing their language consistently well. We thank the Lord for a gift that provides for the trip financially; the workshop's a wonderfully exciting opportunity for me, since it's to bring together for the first time representatives of all the Mangbetu dialects; my main concern is whether or not I'll be able to manage physically the travel, climate, work, and accommodations. Lots of work to prepare for!

And what about Carol? Carol will soon be on her way back to Africa. She will officially start her job as HR Director for Anglo-Lusophone Africa (ALA) on Oct. 1, participating in a meeting of the ALA leadership team that week. Similar to the role that she had for 7 years as Personnel and then HR Coordinator for Eastern & Southern Africa, she's looking forward to the opportunities she'll again have helping to ensure good care for all of our staff there. For now, she'd be grateful for your prayers as she retools, catches up with changes in SIL, and prepares to dive back into work soon.

With our thanks for your continued support and prayers, Rob (for Carol, too)



Good Home
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**BENINCASA BENEFIT
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**22nd Annual
"Weekend @ Bernie's"
Charity Golf Tournament
Friday - September 9, 2016
Victor Hills Golf Club**

- Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM
- Four Man Scramble
- \$100/person -
\$110.00 day of the Tournament
*Includes golf, cart, food (before and after),
beer, soda, prizes and donation.*

Enter Today!

Before August 31, send entry fees to:
Marc LaSalle
65 County Clare Crescent
Fairport, NY 14450
585-388-8721
(Checks payable to Benincasa)

All proceeds to benefit Benincasa—a hospice home in Mendon, NY that provides care and comfort for the terminally ill—and donated in memory of Lucille LaSalle.

For more information or to receive a flyer please contact Lori @ Benincasa (624-8070)



QUILT RAFFLE

(Queen Size)
proceeds to benefit
Benincasa

**Tickets ~ \$5.00 or 3/10.00
Cash or Check (to: Benincasa)**

For more information: [\(585\) 624-8070](tel:5856248070) or
benincasa@benincasainc.org

Drawing to be held on 9/12/2016
~ need not be present to win ~

Please use this list for your daily prayers
PRAYER REQUESTS



- ⇒ Ray and Kate Batz
- ⇒ Elsa Bretherton's brother, Ken
- ⇒ Sandy Desassure
- ⇒ Pastor Janet's Mother, Gen
- ⇒ Jane Laird
- ⇒ Wayne Laird, cancer
- ⇒ Tara Nickel's mom and friend
- ⇒ Betty Porter
- ⇒ Wayne Sheeler
- ⇒ Debbie Spillane
- ⇒ Pete Stotz on the loss of his brother Frank
- ⇒ Lynne Templeton's daughter-in-law Karie with cancer
- ⇒ Cindy Westfall's mother & sister
- ⇒ Lynn Willard
- ⇒ Christian's facing persecution
- ⇒ Our Nation's service men and women and their families
- ⇒ People of Watsa, Congo, especially the orphans
- ⇒ Refugees, and those suffering in 3rd World countries
- ⇒ The President, Congress, our Nation and our World
- ⇒ **Those who are homebound:** *Peggy Avery, Susan and Allen Beauregard, Doris Naundorf, Katie Richardson, Shirley Snyder and Ann Wood*
- ⇒ **Our Missionaries:** *John and Beaj Reed with SIM; The Shalhoub's with the Navigators; The Robinsons in Haiti; The McKees with SIL/Wycliffe*
- ⇒ **Our College Students:** *Jonathan Alcorn, Jessica Apthorpe, Alex Baronsky, Brooke Cheyne, McKensie Galusha, Katie Kerekes, Meredith Rogers, Kyle Schultze and Julia Smith*
- ⇒ **Those in the Military:** *Killian Anstee-Sgt. US Army, currently stationed/in La.; Nick Hodownes, US Navy on the USS George H.W. Bush; Garrett Koek - 1st Lieutenant US Army, currently stationed/Ft Polk, La.*

JOYS

- ⇒ Great Redwings Game with fireworks and RPO!
(We won 8-6!)
- ⇒ Women's Walk being really enjoyed by our ladies!
- ⇒ Youth Group from Michigan sharing with us.
- ⇒ Profession of faith from Olivia and Jonathan Templeton.
- ⇒ Infant son of Connie Kellogg's niece, finally getting to go home from hospital
- ⇒ Pastor's great visits with our homebound members and how very grateful they are for their Deacons who visit them and also for the cards from the Prayer Crafters!

MAIL BAG

Dear Mendon Church,
Thank you so much for the bible! It was so kind of you to think of me during this special time in my life! I wish you all the best!
Love,
McKensie Galusha

Dear Church family,
Thank you very much for the recognition and the book. It will be great to have something to read that isn't required for school! It was a great experience growing up n Mendon with everyone and I hope everyone is well.
Very Best,
Colby Schuler

Connie and Sherri,
Thank you so much for leading and organizing our walk. I treasure our time together in God's beautiful creation! I love you all!!!
See you next time and in between.
Sharon (Hodownes)



The Mendon Church family expresses Christian love and sympathy to Pete Stotz on the loss of his brother Frank.

This box, with this comment from Robert E. Lee was in the Gleam last year at this time. As I went to remove it and make room for something new, I simply couldn't because it is even MORE PROFOUND now than ever before!

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray-to really pray...

*"Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love....for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice."
~Robert E. Lee*

Birthdays



AUGUST

Removed for internet privacy.



ANNIVERSARIES

August

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HOSPITALITY SIGN-UPS

Please don't forget to take a minute and sign up to take a turn serving during the fellowship hour. The **HOSPITALITY SIGN-UP FOLDER** is in the Welcome Center. Everything you need is provided.



Galatians 6:10- "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." NIV

If your birthday or anniversary has been omitted, PLEASE be sure to call the church office, 624-1457, so our files can be updated.