

SUMMER EVENTS

Teen Center-Watch Saturdays (6:30-10:00pm) facebook for special events at the center during the summer.

Unadilla Carnival of Sales July 14-Details in newsletter.

VBS-w/ Unatego Comm. Church + CEF at Teen Center July 30-August 3 (details in the newsletter.)

Bike Trip-38th -Jurassic Tour Aug. 6-11

June 2018 Newsletter

What a great day we had celebrating the life of Edward McKinley III with the 2nd Annual Soccer Tournament on May 26th. Eight teams participated this year, an increase over last year. Other than a few small glitches, the day went well. We were blessed with great weather throughout the day and Garth Stam, a retired soccer coach from SUNY Oneonta, was our guest speaker. Garth gave pointers on becoming a better soccer player to challenge the teens as they continue to play through the years. He also told the story of the prodigal son and God's love for each individual. We are appreciative of all the volunteers that helped to make the day memorable.

Mike and I started a riding Activity Based Club (ABC) with Unadilla kids. I also invited the Show Team teens to come and help. What a wonderful sight to see! The girls from the Show Team gave one-on-one riding lessons with each of the Unadilla teens. As I watched the girls from Show Team step up, become leaders and take on the responsibility of teaching others, I was amazed. I could see their leadership skills develop as we progressed through the lessons.

Also, watching the kids that were being taught and having so much fun at the same time was so rewarding. One boy was walking around while holding one of the chickens. We also had a cow that needed to be corralled and put back in the pen. The Unadilla kids helped with the cow and had a great time. Each participant enjoyed being outside with God's creations.

If you need a fun activity that will put a smile on your face, come out to the farm, volunteer and join us anytime.



Our **Matching Gift Fundraiser is being extended to June 29th**. Please consider a donation to this fundraiser. Each dollar donated will be matched up to **\$10,000.00**. **Donations should be postmarked by June 29th and should include "Matching" in the check memo line.** We are thankful for all donations that have already been made. The vessel at the left depicts a vessel being filled and shows the amount we have received thus far. This fundraiser is important to YFC as we approach our fiscal year-end on June 30.

Thank you for your support and prayers throughout this past year.

Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director

Praises!

Good school year.

New volunteer.

Horseback riding Activity Based Club with kids from Unadilla.

Prayer Requests-

For teens in bad situations.

Safety for Bike Trip + Riding Programs.

Stamina for staff + volunteers for the Bike Trip and Summer Adventure Programs.

For the Adventure Programs to be completely filled each week with campers.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Kristian Berggren,
Ministry Staff

Helena Salati,
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager



Adventure Programs-Camping, Hiking, Horseback Riding + Swimming-Salati's (Jefferson)

Girls-July 16-19

Girls-July 23-26

Girls-July 30-Aug.2

Boys-Aug. 6-9

Adventure Programs-Camping, Hiking, Horseback Riding + Swimming-Davidson's (Laurens)

TBD

Unadilla Carnival of Sales-July 14th

Please contact office 432-0594 or Mike Knowlton 988-3006 if you have items to donate. Larger items can be picked up.

Bike Trip

week-long
scavenger hunt!

Be the first Group to find everything.

Each day of the Bike Trip you will receive new clues.

FIRST PLACE: team members each receive a \$10.00 gift certificate for a PARTY at 5 Guys! And, set the date of the party.

SECOND PLACE: team members each receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to the 5 Guys party!

All participants are invited to the party.

We recently wrapped up our weekly YFC clubs for this school year. Looking back over the year, we are thankful that the Walton and Unatego Clubs went well. Club attendance varied from 15 to 30 kids in Walton. They enjoyed playing dodge ball, indoor soccer and various games of tag. The Unatego Club averaged 18 kids in attendance each week. Indoor kick ball and dodge ball were popular. For our lesson times during the last few months, we looked at the attributes of God, God's truths, and we have been asking the kids, "what is the foundation of your life?" It's amazing to watch these young people grow, learn about God, and show increasing interest.

Now we are moving into our summer programs.

The **Bike Trip is scheduled for August 6 – 11.** This trip is a powerful tool that God uses each summer! Please contact the YFC office for more information about this life- changing trip or for a registration form.

The **Unatego Horse Program** has been fun! We have 10 teens that I bring out to Dorothy's property each week. The teens really love this activity. They love being around horses and working hard in the barn. These are such great learning experiences for the kids.

We will have **campfires and dinners once a month in Walton** to stay in touch with all our friends there.

In connection with **Unatego Community Church and CEF** (Child Evangelism Fellowship) we will be having **Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Teen Center, July 30 – August 3, 6pm-8pm.** VBS is for ages 5 – 11. Invite any local kids you know!

The **Teen Center is open every Saturday night from 6:30pm to 10:00pm.** Right now football, gaga ball and campfires are the big hits with the kids, but soon as the weather warms, it will be foam water slides and water balloons. For lessons, Sara Wanaselja is working with the teens on memorizing Bible verses and I will continue our talks on God's truths and the foundation we build our lives on.

Please keep the kids in your prayers! Also, remember the **Matching Gift Fundraiser ends soon!** If you give, it will help keep these activities going for the kids. Thank you, Mike Knowlton