

Summer's HERE! What's Happening...

Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30- 10:00pm)
Unadilla Carnival Of Sales Lawn Sale + Pancake Breakfast	July 11 (8-11am- Pancakes + 8am-3pm, Sale)
Afton Raceway	July 17 (5:45pm) Details in Newsletter
Walton Pool Party @ Austin Lincoln Park -Townsend St.	July 21 (2pm)
Soccer Tournament	July 25

Praises!

A good school year and many relationships developed with teens during the year.

For many volunteers during the school year. Continued involvement in the

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Building Up

The **fundraiser at the Living Water Faith Fellowship Church** was a great success. Thank you, Living Water, for showing us great hospitality there. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the day and also to those who donated their time at the **Brooks' BBQ fundraiser** in Unadilla the following day. All our chicken was sold out by 1:50 p.m.!

Our next fundraiser will be on July 11th during the **annual "Unadilla Carnival of Sales."** There will be a lawn sale and another pancake breakfast at the Teen Center, 16 Watson Street in Unadilla. We can always use donations of more lawn sale items and volunteers, so please call for more information if you are interested in donating items or time: M-F 9 am-noon, 607-432-0594.

Campus Life Clubs have ended for the school year. During the year we used a **new curriculum called "Sticky Faith."** It involved eight weeks of trying to intentionally notice God more. That was exciting to walk through with the teens.

We saw a number of **new faces at Walton's club** this school year and concluded the year with an end-of-year pizza party.

Unadilla's club started out quite slowly this year because there were some issues in securing a night for our club to use the school's gym. We were pleased to see numbers picked up after Christmas break. To add some variety for our overly energetic teens, we **had some seasoned Christians come and share their testimonies** during the last four weeks that the club met. Testimonies speak volumes, and all of the teens became highly engaged. We ended our year at Unatego with a picnic at the Teen Center.

Saturday nights at the Teen Center produce a good turnout. It continues to be open 6:30 to 10p.m. every Saturday throughout the summer. We will not be open this year on the 4th of July. Youth for Christ's Summer Programs this year included a **campfire** on June 23rd, another is planned for August 25th at 9 Pine Street in Walton and a **pool party** on **July 21st at the public pool on Townsend Street in Walton.** The **Afton Stock Car Races**



local schools.

A successful weekend of fundraising at Living Water yard sale and the Brook's BBQ!

Prayer Requests

Unadilla "Carnival of Sales" fundraiser.

Volunteers for summer programs.

Start-up of the Equine Program in Jefferson.

Continued prayer for the Equine Programs in Laurens and Edmeston.

The teens that are graduating this year.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Kristian Berggren,
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

started on June 19th and will continue on July 17th and August 21st. We will be meet at the Teen Center at 5:45p.m. and a permission slip is required. For more information on the above-mentioned activities, please call (607)432-0594.

Please continue to pray for our staff, volunteers and the teens as we start our summer activities. Thank you for your prayer support throughout the school year.

Mike Knowlton
Ministry Staff



Funding the Future

The response for the **Matching Gift Fund** has been slow this year and we are hoping that by extending the deadline additional supporters will become involved. The current total received is \$2,315.00 towards the \$7,750.00 of pledged donations to match.

Our Central New York organization has many new adventures ahead of us as the end of the fiscal year approaches on June 30th.

This upcoming year will bring innovative ideas and fresh opportunities, and we are so excited about the impact they will have on our youth. Mike Knowlton is going to be committing more hours to work at the Teen Center in Unadilla and therefore, will have more time to connect with area teens.

Kristian Berggren will also continue with YFC, and he is going to take on the responsibility of keeping our social media communications current. Jody will also continue working in the office and I will stay on as Executive Director.

Mike and I have come up with new ideas for use of the Teen Center that will help us make stronger connections with area youth. We have decided to try a soccer tournament this summer.

Please consider joining us with the **Matching Gift** campaign, which will enable YFC to move forward with connecting with teens, thus providing us with opportunities to share the Word of God with them. **Remember, that every donation helps and will be doubled by this matching program.** The deadline has been extended to the **postmark date of June 29th**. Please indicate on your check "**Matching Gift Fund**".

Applying the Provisions Recently, a new season of the Show Team Program began at my house after a long winter break. Before the program began I prayed that the Lord would lead me and provide ideas about what to discuss during our lesson time with the kids that attend. We had not met in such a long time, and I had not seen many of them during the winter break. One book I own had some readings that I was hoping would be appropriate, but none of the readings seemed to be the right fit for the start of a new season.

While traveling to pick up one of the kids for the Show Team, I found myself at the crest of a hill and right in front of my vehicle was a mama goose, several goslings and a papa goose bringing up the rear of the line. I was afraid that I might hit some of them, but also realized that a great lesson was unfolding right in front of me. The papa goose never moved in front of the last gosling. If my vehicle had struck any of the geese, the papa goose would also have been hit. However, even though he was in a dangerous situation, he still did not pass the last little gosling. He responded to the situation by pushing the babies faster and guiding them away from danger. What a great picture that we can relate to of what our Heavenly Father does for us. Our Heavenly Father never leaves us and always protects us.

So, as we sat on bales of hay in the hallway of the barn I told the girls this story and we discussed our Heavenly Father and His love for us. The girls even shared times when they felt God was with them. In addition to discussing personal experiences, I was also able to weave in the story of Moses and how he was lead during the day by a cloud and protected at night by fire. What an awesome picture God gave to me along with the privilege and opportunity to share with the girls. Once our lesson time was done we proceeded to ride our horses on the beautiful day the Lord had provided for us.

Dorothy Davidson
Executive Director

