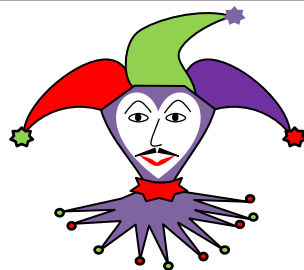


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Upcoming Events-

Laurens	Wednesdays (6:30-8pm)
Unatego	Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm)
Walton	Tuesdays (6:30-8:30pm)
Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30-9:30pm)
Matching Gift Fundraiser	Mailing at the End of April
Edward McKinley Memorial Soccer Tournament	June 3-Location TBD
Bike Trip 37 th	August 7-12 Registrations Available Now
Adventure Programs- Salati's (Jefferson)	Girls-July 17-20 Girls-July 24-27 Girls-Jul. 31-Aug.3 Boys-Aug. 7-10
Davidson's (Laurens)	Boys-June 29-July2 Boys-Aug. 17-20 Girls-Aug. 21-24



March 2017 Newsletter

**Youth for Christ's
 4th Annual 5 K
 "Joker Run"**

It's Not too Late to Join the FUN!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 2017
Registration: 8:30-10:00 AM & number pick up, **Start:10:30 AM**
WHERE: Start location: Unadilla Elementary School
End location: YFC Teen Center, 16 Watson St.
****Shuttle available back to school at end of race.****
WHAT: 5 K Run & Walk
COST: \$25 after 3/17 & day of race. **Checks to: Central NY YFC**
Costumes encouraged! Come join the fun & help support our Teen Center!

For Joker Run Registration forms call 607-432-0594 or email cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org, a form can also be found at <http://centralnewyork.yfc.net> along with online registration information.

Ministry Update-Mike Knowlton, Ministry Staff

New Believers! We have a group of new believers at the Teen Center! The group includes four girls and two boys who have been meeting for several months with Dorothy and other helpers to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Most of these teens have no church background and no foundational knowledge of the Bible. However, they are hungry to learn and understand. Please be in prayer for these young believers that they would grow in Christ and hunger for His Word.

Baptism! Kurtis was baptized March 12 at the "Anchor" church service in Oneonta. It was a grand celebration of Kurt's decision to follow Christ. Three years ago, as a teen on the Bike Trip, Kurt made this decision following the campfire time. He was a truly broken young man, crying and hugging everyone as we welcomed him into the Kingdom. Now as a high school graduate, Kurtis has shown interest in being a YFC leader and helping other young people come to Christ. Pray for Kurt and other young adults to join us as volunteers.

***PLEASE NOTE* The 2016-2017 YFC Catalog is a great way to donate to specific needs. These donations are welcome any time during the year.**

Praises!

We continue to have new volunteers come forward.

Teens are thinking more about a meaningful relationship with Jesus.

We have quite a few Adventure Programs planned for this summer at two locations.

Prayer Requests-

For the 5K run/walk:

Pray we would have safety for the runners/walkers, good weather, enough volunteers and that this would be a successful fundraiser for the Teen Center.

Pray for our financial situation. We are in need of funds to keep our YFC programs going and to pay our staff.

Pray for the planning of a soccer tournament on June 3rd in honor of Edward McKinley, III including: volunteers, a field to hold the event, a speaker and that the tournament would be a healing event for the family, friends and community.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,

Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,

Ministry Staff

Kristian Berggren

Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,

Office Manager



Church Attendance! We have 8 to 12 teens going to the "Anchor" church service every Sunday night. This is a great opportunity for YFC teens to mix with other Christian teens, to learn from the praise and worship and the excellent sermons and also to experience being part of the Body of Christ. Pray for these teens and for more teens to show a hunger to come to church.

Talent and Art show! We had our annual Talent Show on the March 18th. It was a great turnout! We added an 'art show element' this year that went very well. Kids sang. Kids danced. Some played their musical instruments and one young man did acrobatic flips through the air. Also, praise dancing was a new talent added this year. Dorothy gave a short devotion while the judges deliberated. Ribbons and prizes were awarded. It was awesome to see all the great talent these teen have. Thank you to all who participated.

Timely Happenings and Upcoming Fundraisers

Recently, I was blessed by one of our donors who receives our newsletter. This person read in the newsletter about all of the new believers we have recently had at Youth for Christ and our discussion about the follow-up and teaching of these new believers. Contact by this donor was then initiated with us about devotional books that might be useful for new believers. I was so excited and grateful that someone from outside of our local area was so interested in what is happening at Central NY YFC. It is very easy to donate money for programs and then not really pay attention to what is actually happening within an organization. This donor became personally involved by trying to meet a potential need. What was more amazing about the timing was that we had a devotional book that we had used for years for new believers but the book was no longer in print. Both Mike and I had been searching the Internet and seeking advice from a youth pastor when I received this timely email from our interested supporter. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galations 6:10 NIV)

Timely happenings like this strengthen us to continue the task set before us. Thank you all for volunteering, praying, financially supporting and having an interest in reaching out to teens in central NY with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We also really appreciate the notes of encouragement that we receive from time to time.

Our additional exciting news is about a teen who is involved in YFC and recently graduated. This teen chose to be baptized a couple of Sundays ago. During his testimony he mentioned that while participating in one of our annual bike trips he asked Christ to be his Savior. This was more encouragement to staff and volunteers to continue with our programs/events.

Along with the excitement of seeing teens choose to accept Christ and then to be baptized is the reality of our financial needs to keep these programs going so that staff and volunteers can continue their outreach. We continue to be behind financially as we approach our fiscal year-end on June 30th. Please pray that we would have people who would be led to make a monthly or yearly financial commitment to YFC. We also have two important fundraisers coming up. The Matching Gift fundraiser letters will be mailed in April with a deadline (TBD) of receiving donations towards the end of June. Our Joker Run/Walk 5K is taking place on April 1st and you may help by running or walking. These two fundraisers will be important as we finish out this fiscal year.

Thank you all for continuing to be a part of this important mission to tell teens about Christ in a very ungodly environment. Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director

Participation or Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Yard Sales: We will be having a number of Yard Sales coming up in May (OTEGO DAYS-May 20th), June and July and we encourage people to give the office a call (432-0594) or Mike Knowlton (988-3006) if you have items to donate.

Edward McKinley III Soccer Memorial Tournament: June 3-More details to come.