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Upcoming Events

Laurens	Thursdays (6:30-8:00pm)
Unatego	Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm)
Walton	Tuesdays (6:30-8:30pm)
Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30-10:00pm)
Matching Gift Fundraiser	Letters mailed beg. of May
Otego Days Yard Sale	May 16
Living Waters Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast	June 6
Brooks BBQ	June 7
Unadilla Carnival of Sales	July 11
Annual YFC Bike Trip	August 3-8

Praises!

The forum "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" held at Laurens school went well.

The two nights of fundraising at the

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Talent Show - April 18

Moving Forward

As we look to expand the equine program, I'm reminded of a conversation I had through Facebook with a teen who had started riding last fall. Facebook is the popular communication tool for today's teens. I was pleasantly surprised when this teen consistently came to the house to ride each week. During the cold winter months I watched to see if she would stay interested in riding or if the riding interest was only because one of her friends was involved in the equine program.

During our Facebook time I had an opportunity to ask her if she enjoyed riding and also if she was planning to ride again once the weather got warmer. What she wrote back describes the heart of our Youth for Christ equine ministry. This teen indicated that she had always liked horses and wanted to ride but thought that riding would never be possible. The equine program has enabled this teen to have the opportunity to learn to ride a horse and her experience offers staff and volunteers an opportunity to develop a friendship and discuss God's saving grace with her.

With the expansion of the equine program my plans are to make it fee-based so that a fulltime employee could be hired. We need to keep in mind that many teens, such as the one described above, would never have had the opportunity unless the riding was free or very inexpensive. Teens that cannot afford riding lessons should not be eliminated, and therefore, we will need a large sponsorship fund to offset the expense of providing affordable riding opportunities for everyone. Please pray for the right employee to come to Central NY YFC and for our organization to build a sponsorship fund. This fund will enable all interested teens to ride and learn about horses and provide staff and volunteers opportunities to share the power of God's saving grace.

Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director



Teen Center entitled "Moving Forward" were well attended.

We have seen an increase in attendance at the Teen Center.

There were 15 acts for the talent show held at the Teen Center and it was a full house in the audience.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the upcoming fundraiser events listed to the right.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director
Mike Knowlton,
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Kristian Berggren
Ministry Staff
Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

Thank you to the following business sponsors of the 5K Joker Run/Walk:

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Track Side Dining-Sidney
Trophy Guy-Norwich



Events Past and Present

Joker 5K Run/Walk- Our second annual 5K Joker Run took place on April 25th with 60 runners or walkers participating. The day was cool but sunny. We are thankful that we had plenty of volunteers, that the runners/walkers made it through the run safely and that we were able to raise needed funds for the Teen Center. The overall male and female winners were a brother/sister duo-Peter Edmonds, 17:36 and Heidi Edmonds, 20:57. We also had runners with some great costumes! Thank you to everyone who prayed, ran, walked, cheered, stood on a corner, handed out water, helped with registration, helped with publicity for getting the word out about the race, sang the national anthem and helped with timing. We also are appreciative to the businesses that supported the race, the Unadilla Fire Department and the NY State Police. A big thank you also goes to Abby Zulkosky for designing and printing the T-shirts, to Sara O'Brien for the registration flier, to Matt Knowlton for his help to acknowledge all of our businesses and to Mike Cook for music/announcing.

Talent Show-April 18-The Talent Show again packed the Teen Center. There were 15 acts that were judged and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Bike Trip-August 3-8 - Fliers are finished and should be available soon for our 34th Annual Bike Trip. If you participated last year you will be receiving a form in the mail. The early registration deadline is July 16 and the cost for adults and returning bikers is \$160.00. The cost for first time bikers under 18 is \$100.00. After July 16 add \$20.00 per individual. There is also a final deadline of July 28. So get your registrations in along with the fee and notarized release forms for bikers under 18.

Otego Lawn Sale Fundraiser-May 16 at the Unatego Community Church, 290 Main St., Otego, NY. As in the past, we would appreciate donations of items to sell. Please call Mike Knowlton, 988-3006 if you have items to drop off or need items picked up. Items can also be dropped off Friday May 15, 6-7 pm at the church.

Living Waters Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser-June 6 at Living Water Faith Fellowship, 7 Lewis St., Oneonta. Donations will also be accepted for this sale. The pancake breakfast will be from 8-11 am. Contact Mike Knowlton to donate items.

Brooks BBQ Fundraiser-June 7 in the municipal parking lot across from the Red Apple in Unadilla. Chicken halves will be available for purchase to support the Teen Center.

Unadilla Carnival of Sales Fundraiser-July 11 at the Teen Center, 16 Watson St., Unadilla.



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