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Upcoming Events

Laurens Wednesdays
(6:30-
8:00pm)

Unadilla Thursdays
(6:30-
8:30pm)

Walton Tuesdays
(6:30-
8:20pm)

Teen Center Saturdays
(6:30-
9:30pm)

Matching Gift
Fundraiser TBA

Art and Talent
Show at Teen
Center March 18
Practice-
4:30pm,
Show-6:30pm

5K Joker Run/
Walk Fundraiser April 1-
10:30am



January 2017 Newsletter

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

WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Registration: 8:30-10:00 AM & number pick up
Race Start: 10:30 AM

WHERE: Unadilla, NY

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

Costumes encouraged!

Come join the fun & help support our Teen Center!

More Information to follow in the Feb. Newsletter

Registration forms will soon be available by calling 607-432-0594 or email cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org or at <http://centralnewyork.yfc.net>. Online registration will also be available again this year.

Praises!

Kids at the Teen Center in Unadilla are making decisions to follow Christ.

Several teens are attending church regularly.

Prayer Requests

For volunteers for the Teen Center.

The start of an ABC (Activity Based Program) at the Teen Center.

Finances for our Youth for Christ organization-at the present time we are behind in our budget.

For staff and teens that continue to grieve over the loss of one of our YFC teens.

For staff as they guide teens that have made a decision to follow Jesus.

For the teens to understand what their choice means to follow Jesus and that they would grow in their new spiritual walk.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Kristian Berggren
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

Participation or Volunteer Opportunities

Art and Talent Show (March 18): We need more participants who would like to delight us with something special. To be added to the show, please contact Kristian Berggren at (607) 563-8120 or the YFC office at (607) 432-0594. You may win a prize! Art pieces and music will need to be pre-approved. Entries need to be in by March 11.

5K Joker Run/Walk (April 1): We need volunteers to help with pre-race preparation, race operations, and cleanup after the race. Please let us know if you can lend a hand.

Parent Life Update: After prayerful consideration we have decided that CNYFC is unable to continue to provide a Parent Life program. We may evaluate the possibility of starting this program again in the future.

"Pray without ceasing."-1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

Life is Difficult-Please never stop praying for YFC.

Christmas is a joyous season. However, this year our YFC group went through the Christmas season with heavy hearts. A couple of weeks before Christmas one of the boys that attends the teen center was struck and killed by a car. YFC scrambled to have available extra volunteers to listen to teens who were and are still, grieving. We felt that opening the teen center after calling hours and providing cookies and food donated by volunteers, would allow the teens to know that we are there for them. Through this difficult time Mike and Kristian consoled teens, while at the same time dealt with their own grief. Life is difficult, and questions always arise as to why this would happen and we wanted to be there for the teens during the grieving process.

Please keep us in your prayers as the situation is still very difficult. We will continue to minister and to be available to the teens in Unadilla as we help them through this process of dealing with the loss of their friend.

There is a "but" with this tragic loss, several teens made decisions to accept Jesus as Lord of their lives. However, for most they do not really have any idea or understand exactly what this decision means. YFC has the desire to help them come to an understanding about their choice. To help you understand evangelism today, I will share with you what I have learned throughout the years of my involvement with YFC. The majority of kids really do not know anything about Jesus or the Bible. Present day teens have not grown up attending Sunday school or Vacation Bible School, it just doesn't happen anymore. They literally have no spiritual knowledge. When kids make decisions to accept Jesus as Lord of their lives they need information that helps them to understand what comes next. Staff and volunteers need to begin with the very basics and this is the challenge that we have before us going into the new year. We have a desire to meet this challenge and to be most effective for the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for this group of kids who have decided to follow Jesus, their grieving, and for others that are thinking about their eternal lives. YFC staff and volunteers would also appreciate your continued prayers as we move forward to disciple the new believers.

Thank you,

Dorothy Davidson
Executive Director



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