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## Meeting Times

Laurens	Thursdays (6:30- 8:00pm)
Unatego	Thursdays (6:30- 8:30pm)
Walton	Tuesdays (6:00- 8:30pm)
Teen Center	Saturdays (6:30- 10:00pm)

## Save the Dates

Equine Program Evening Fundraiser	March 13 (6:00pm)
Teen Center/ Campus Life Evening Fundraiser	March 14 (6:00pm)
Talent Show	April 11
Annual 5K Joker Run/Walk	April 25

## February 2015 Newsletter

### Living Out the Love of Christ

Hello All! My name is Saira de Freitas and for the past two years I have had the opportunity to volunteer with Central New York Youth for Christ. I have been a part of the music ministry, but my main concentration has been planning and teaching lessons to our teens. Every week, when I prepare a lesson, I pray that God would open the hearts of the teens to His message. But truly, I have realized the best way to share the Gospel is not by preaching or teaching, but rather, by showing them the love of Jesus Christ.



Before I became a part of YFC, I was riding my bicycle through my neighborhood in Otego, NY and one day, during the summer of 2012, I saw a softball team playing on a field near the local school. I stopped and asked them if I could play. Not only did they say I could, but they invited me to their church and welcomed me every time I attended. They are members of Unatego Community Church here in Otego, and many of them are devout supporters and leaders in our local YFC ministry. They encouraged me and included me in events and gatherings for the church and for YFC. This included Teen Nights Out, the Bike Trip, and Tuesday and Thursday night clubs as a participant, and eventually as a leader.

For the first time I heard that Jesus wanted a relationship with me, and I saw His love in every one of the people who played a very big role in my decision to follow Jesus at the end of 2012. Since then, it is my mission to return to others the love that Jesus has for all of us. It is the least I can do in gratitude for what I have received.  
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Event Tickets for YFC Evening Fundraiser Events:  
Equine Program (March 13<sup>th</sup>) & Teen Center/Campus Life Clubs (March 14<sup>th</sup>)

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## Praises!

Teens accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior at church before the Superbowl party.

Plans for all upcoming events are moving forward.

More teens are attending the Teen Center.

The Walton Campus Life club's attendance is also doing well.

## Prayer Requests

From one of the Campus Life clubs, one of the teens asked for prayer for with a brain tumor that has been discovered.

Please also be in prayer for a teen whose father recently passed away.

Pray for the evening fundraisers on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> about the different programs happening at YFC —the attendance and support we can receive from others.

Please pray for new teens attending clubs and programs would accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and continue with us through YFC and church.

Continue to pray for us to find an employee to work with the equine program.

### Central NY YFC Staff:

**Dorothy Davidson,**  
Executive Director

**Mike Knowlton,**  
Ministry Staff

**Kristian Berggren,**  
Ministry Staff

**Jody Wisse,**  
Office Manager

(Continued from front) I challenge and encourage us all to keep that mission in mind and meditate on how beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News... And I thank Unatego Community Church and CNY YFC for bringing the Good News to me.

Saira  
YFC Volunteer

*"Just as I have loved you,  
you also are to love one another"*  
—Jesus

## Opportunities for Impact

This year YFC decided to have a combined Super Bowl party with a Main Street Baptist Church group and we invited a handful of kids/teens from the Unadilla and Laurens areas. The Main Street Baptist Church service was scheduled an hour early so people could attend both the service and the Super Bowl party. One of the boys that I invited was very interested in communion. I attempted to explain communion a little during the service and mentioned we could talk more afterwards. Once the service was over we sat and discussed what Jesus had done for us on the cross. I was pleased to hear that he had some knowledge of what we were discussing and I would like to believe that the information he had resulted from his attendance this past year at our Campus Life Club. What a blessing this was and will continue to be to me, I can't stop smiling when I think back on that Sunday night service. Please pray with me that this boy will have a hunger to learn more and that his commitment will grow to love God more.

During the next few months we have many exciting events planned. First, on February 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted an indoor garage sale and pancake breakfast. The sale ran from 8am-2pm and the breakfast was served from 8am-1pm. This fundraiser took place at the Teen Center and had a very good turnout. Thank you for the all the volunteers who showed up to help out! On **March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm we will hold two additional fundraising events at the Teen Center. Each evening hors d'oeuvres and light desserts will be provided along with a presentation explaining our programs. **We are emphasizing the Equine Program on Friday night and the Teen Center and Campus Life Programs on Saturday night.** I hope many of you will make a commitment to attend one of these fundraisers and hear what is currently happening at YFC and our plans for the future. This will also provide people an opportunity to see the Teen Center. **For more information or to purchase tickets at \$15.00 per person please contact the YFC office at the telephone number or email address listed on this newsletter. You can also fill out the order form on this newsletter and mail it to the YFC office with payment.**

The **2nd Annual 5k Joker Run/Walk** will be held on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Start getting in shape now and come join us for this fun family event. There are several aspects of the Joker 5k Run/Walk that make this race a little different from your average 5k Run/Walk. The race/walk will include prizes in each age category, in addition to a Joker contest, best costume contest and door prizes. Registration forms are available now and can be found on our website or a form can be sent upon request to an email or regular mail address.

We look forward to your support and attendance at one or all of our upcoming fundraisers.

Dorothy Davidson  
Executive Director



Event fundraiser tickets are **\$15.00** per person and must be ordered by **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable to "Youth for Christ". Mail to PO Box 362, Oneonta, NY 13820. For more information or directions, contact Jody at (607)432-0594 or email [cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org](mailto:cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org)

We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for March 13<sup>th</sup> and/or \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for March 14<sup>th</sup>

\*Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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