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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)

Otego Days May 16  
Yard Sale

Matching Gift TBA  
Fundraiser

### Teen Center Events

Talent Show April 18  
(6:45pm)

5K Joker Run/  
Walk Fundraiser April 25  
(10:30am)

### Rejoice!

# SPRING

is finally here  
after our hard winter!

"Flowers appear on the earth; the  
season of singing has come, the  
cooing of doves is heard in our land."

-Song of Solomon 2:12



## March 2015 Newsletter

### Youth for Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5 K "Joker Run"

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 2015  
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

**WHO:** ALL Ages!

**Cost:** \$20 per person with pre-registration by April 10.  
\$25 after April 10 & 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](mailto:cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org) or a form can be found at  
<http://centralnewyork.yfc.net>

## Praises!

Our fundraising events at the Teen Center on March 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> were successful.

Kids from the Valley Stream Mobile Home Park have continued to be involved.

We are so thankful for all of our faithful volunteers.

## Prayer Requests

Pray for our upcoming talent show, a fun event for the whole family at the Teen Center.

Prayers for the 5K run/walk:

- Nice weather
- Lots of participants
- Safety for the runners/walkers and enough volunteers
- More community involvement
- Successful fundraising and promotion for the Teen Center

Pray for continued support for our programs and for the Teen Center from the local communities and churches.

**Please continue to be in prayer for the teens that participate in our YFC activities and programs.**

**Pray for our staff and volunteers as they reach out to the teens.**

### Central NY YFC Staff:

**Dorothy Davidson,**  
Executive Director

**Mike Knowlton,**  
Ministry Staff

**Kristian Berggren**  
Ministry Staff

**Jody Wisse,**  
Office Manager

## Help Us Grow

**Talent Show** (April 18): We need more participants who would like to delight us with something special. To be added to the show, please contact Mike Knowlton at (607) 988-2716 or the YFC office at (607) 432-0594. You may win a prize! Music used will need to be pre-approved.

**5K Joker Run/Walk** (April 25): 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.

**Otego Days Yard Sale** (May 16): Spring cleaning? We are in need of donations of items to sell and grocery bags. Come to the Otego Baptist Church and see what we have for sale on May 16th. More info to come soon.

### Spring is here?????

According to the calendar spring is here, yet, it still does not look or feel like it. With the arrival of spring and hopefully warmer weather, we look forward to our 2nd Annual Youth for Christ 5K Joker Run on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a great time last year and were thankful for the 85 runners and walkers who braved the nasty weather that day. This year we would like to have 150-200 runners/walkers participate and support the Unadilla Teen Center. Even if you are unable to run or walk, please come, join the fun and support the participants as a spectator or as a volunteer. We are hopeful that this will become our largest fundraiser for the Teen Center. We are also appreciative of monetary donations that will help offset the cost involved in organizing and staging an event like this. Mike Knowlton will be in charge of providing food after the race for our participants as we celebrate at the Teen Center and award the winners prizes in various male and female age categories.

At the end of March we will host a forum at the Laurens' School entitled "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People". We have several speakers who are willing to share their stories of how God has provided them with strength. An area counselor will present information on the stages of a crisis and a local pastor will wrap up the forum. The forum was coordinated with the Laurens School in the hope that the community will attend and find the evening to be encouraging. Recently we have noticed that there are a number of families in the Laurens area that are dealing with difficult situations. I am praying that many people will attend the forum, that the stories told will touch people's hearts and that the presentation of the stages of a crisis will be beneficial and informative.

A couple of weeks ago we were involved with two evening fundraisers that took place at the Teen Center. The first evening focused on the equine programs and the second evening focused on the Teen Center and Campus Life programs. Our famous pie auction each night brought in over \$700. Plenty of delicious food was provided by "Christie Connor's Cookies and Catering". During each evening I presented business plans, one for the equine program and one for the Teen Center. I would also love to share them with anyone who was unable to attend one of these evenings. Please feel free to contact the office at 432-0594 to set up a time.

We hope to see everyone at the 5K. We have included registration information in this newsletter for those of you that would like to participate.

Dorothy Davidson  
Executive Director



**\*Please Note\*** The 2014-2015 YFC Catalog is a great way to donate to specific needs. **These donations are welcome any time during the year.** If you would like to receive a catalog, please contact the YFC office (contact info on front page), or you can find it online on the website or Central New York Youth for Christ's Facebook page.