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January/February 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Teen Center **Wednesday**
Dinner Provided 6-8pm

Youth Group **Fridays**
Community 7-9pm
Gospel

E-Sports **March 1**
Tournament- Start-11am
Teen Center

Talent/Art/Craft **March 15**
Show at Teen Practice-TBD
Center Show-
6:30pm

Joker Run/Walk **April 26-**
Family Fun Day 10:30am
at Teen Center



Youth for Christ® 11th Annual "Joker Run/Walk"

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Race Start: 10:30 AM, Unadilla, NY

(*Start and Finish:* YFC Teen Center, 16 Watson St.)

Registration forms are available by calling 607-432-0594

or email cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org or at <https://www.cnyyfc.org/events>.

Online registration will also be available this year-check YFC website for details.

Participation or Volunteer Opportunities

E-Sports Tournament (March 1st): Includes Mario Kart 8 Deluxe/Switch Rocket League/Xbox one. Cost is \$10/team of two. Top 4 teams receive t-shirts. Three individual awards. Ages 11-18 sign up by February 24th. Registration/liability form can be found at cnyyfc.org/earn-more/events or contact the YFC office-607-432-0594, email cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org. Start time-11 am, at YFC Teen Center, 16 Watson St., Unadilla

Talent/Art/Craft Show (March 15th): We need participants K-12th who would like to delight us with something special. To be added to the show, please contact 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 10th. At the Teen Center, 16 Watson St., Unadilla.

"Joker Run/Walk" Family Fun Day (April 26th): We are planning to have add family friendly activities to take place once the run is completed. We need volunteers to help with pre-race preparation, race operations, volunteers for other activities that we may add and cleanup after the entire event. Please let us know if you can lend a hand.

Praises!

Four teens made a decision to follow Jesus at the Show Team end of the year party.

For a successful year of the Show Team program.

The window restoration/painting project at the Teen Center is complete.

Prayer:

That the E-Sport tournament would be well attended and bring in new teens.

That the Joker Run/Walk Family Fun Day will bring in needed funds for YFC.

For the new teens that are interested in Show Team.

For a teen that participates in Show Team and his family and father who is having health issues.

For strength for Mike and Dorothy as we reach out to local teens.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Elizabeth Davidson
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

Show Team Ministry

The Show Team ministry completed the 2024 year with a party at the Teen Center on February 1st. For the new year the teens were asked to think about personal goals in four categories including: Family, Spiritual, School and Riding. It is a good exercise for teens to reflect on their lives during the past year and to think about the new year.

For the family category, many teens expressed interest in spending more time with their families. They wanted to improve their relationships with all family members including siblings. After reflection, many acknowledged that in many situations they were part of the problem.

Spiritually they wanted to pray and spend more time reading their Bibles. I was encouraged to see so many teens come to this realization.

Please pray that the teens would remember their personal goals and be committed to continually work on those goals.

We had a nice dinner together and discussion time after the dinner about knowledge vs. wisdom. The question was, how do we have so much knowledge at our fingertips daily but that does not necessarily translate to having wisdom? We concluded that a good place to start with gaining wisdom would be a commitment to reading their Bibles regularly, a goal that was mentioned by many of the teens.

At the end of our conversation I gave them a chance to declare if they wanted to be a follower of Jesus. Four teens raised their hands choosing Jesus. Sometimes teens raise their hands more than once during the year and we rejoice at their continued desire to follow Jesus. We had new attendees that were hearing the message of salvation for the first time and some were also choosing to say yes to God's saving grace. Please pray that we are able to follow up with them and get them involved with a Bible believing church. The "Vision" of Youth For Christ is- "As a part of the body of Christ, to see that every young person has the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ and become part of a local church."

Time is so short and it's so important to receive and understand God's saving grace. For me this is on the heels of the passing of two people, one a good friend and another was a neighbor. I continue to try to be always mindful of the importance of sharing the good news now. With teens that attend our programs/ministries I remind myself they might not come back again to our YFC activities or events. This might be the only chance I have to share the good news with them and I need to take and/or make opportunities.

I encourage you to look around and see whom God is putting in your space and share the good news of Jesus with them. Partnering with you, Dorothy

There are many ways that you can partner with YFC in the coming year:

-There is a need for board members. Thank you to current and past board members.

-To keep up with rising costs we need continued and new financial support to support our ministries. Thank you to many who have supported YFC for years.

-We would like to have more volunteers for the Teen Center in Unadilla and the programs at the Davidson's in Laurens. Thank you to the many volunteers we have had throughout the years.

-Pray for our programs/ministries and the teens that attend. (see more specifics in the prayer/praise section of this newsletter).

Thank you for prayerfully considering partnering with YFC in any of the above.