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April/May 2026 Newsletter

When I wrote this letter YFC had just finished our Joker Run/Walk fundraiser. My goals for this year included having \$5000 from business sponsors and 100 participants. With your help and participation, we raised \$4370 from business sponsors and had a total of 55 participants. Thank you for contributing to this important fundraiser for Youth for Christ.

Next up is our Soccer Tournament. As many of you know, this started in honor of a young man in YFC that was struck and killed by a car. After a few years It became known as Soccer Days. Originally I was thinking this would be pick-up games where the teens recruited some friends and played. Through the years we watched as it developed into a Soccer Tournament that includes competitive teams playing and many spectators. At the Teen Center, we only have room for one small field and are limited to four - six teams. This year we received permission to use the Unadilla Community Field. We have the capability now of adding twice as many teams. I'm excited to see where our Soccer Tournament is headed and also having the opportunity to share a message of Christ's saving grace with teens that participate. Each year we have a guest speaker or a few times I have stepped in as the speaker. We may only see these teens once and I want to take this opportunity to make sure they hear the gospel message. This year, I have a retired marine, speaking to the teams, and I'm excited to hear his testimony. This retired marine and I participated in Youth For Christ together when I was a teen. We have had a shared bond for Youth For Christ and its mission throughout the years.

Please be praying that the teens hearts will be opened to hear the message. It's a great time to come and join us on May 23rd at the Teen Center. We are hoping that our Show Team will be able to use horses and carry the American flag while the National Anthem is playing. We also will need some volunteers as referees and crossing guards for one-hour time slots at Main St. in Unadilla to keep the teens safe when going between the two different fields. Together planting seeds for the kingdom, Dorothy Davidson



Joker Run 2026

Events

Yard Sale at Knowlton's-will open around May 15th

Soccer Tournament-May 23rd at Teen Center, 16 Watson St., Unadilla

Contact: office 432-0594 for registration and details.

Adventure Program- Summer 2026 in Laurens -Date TBD

Contact: Dorothy Davidson or the office 432-0594 for registration and details.

Esport Tournament-June-date TBD

Chicken BBQ's-June 7 (Across from Red Apple in Unadilla-10am until gone)

Teen Center-Wednesdays 6-8pm

Friday Night Youth Group-Community Gospel Church-7:00pm, contact Mike 988-3006

Sunday Evenings Service-5:00pm, contact Mike

Joker Run/Walk-April 26, 2026

Thank you to all participants!

Thank you to the volunteers and spectators!

Thank you to the business sponsors!



Business Sponsors-2026 Joker Run/Walk

Country Club Auto Group-Oneonta
Otsego County Deputy Sheriff's PBA
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Otsego Dental Care, PLLC-Oneonta
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