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Events:

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

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

Talent/Art/Craft **March 28**
Show at Teen Practice-TBD
Center Show-TBD

Joker Run/Walk **April 18-**
Fundraiser at 10:30am
Teen Center



February 2026 Newsletter

NOTE: We are sorry for any inconvenience for YFC supporters who had planned on attending our Feb. 28th Banquet. We are hopeful that we can have a banquet next February.

Upcoming Events

Dressage Show-Feb. 16th
Nerf Event-Teen Center- March 4th
Fusion Event-Boy's + Girl's Club-Oneonta-April 24th
Soccer Tournament-May 23rd
Work Day-Davidson Farm-May 25th
Horse Show-June 19th
Showmanship Clinic-June 29th
Adventure Program-Aug. 7-10th



Youth for Christ's 12th Annual 5K "Joker Run/Walk"

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Race Start: 10:30 AM, Unadilla, NY
(**Start and Finish:** YFC Teen Center, 16 Watson St.)

More Information to follow in the March Newsletter

Registration forms are available by calling 607-432-0594 or email cnyyfc@cnyyfc.org or at <http://www.cnyyfc.org/events>.
Online registration will also be available-info will be in the March newsletter.

Participation or Volunteer Opportunities

Talent/Art/Craft/Cooking Show (March 28th): We are hoping to **add cooking** to this event this year. **Your prepared items for the cooking portion will be presented to the Judges before the Talent Show.** Time to present will be

Praises!

Show Team end of the year party was successful.

Eight teens raised their hand to follow Jesus for the first time or for recommitment.

There were seven teams of two for the last e-sport tournament.

Prayer:

For the upcoming events listed, to run smoothly and be well attended.

For increased attendance at the Teen Center.

Central NY YFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Elizabeth Davidson,
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager

determined by number of entries. Each entry will be allotted 5 minutes to present their item to the judges. Judging will include: appearance, taste and description of the item. The ability to warm up the entry will be available at the Teen Center.

To be added to the Talent/Art/Craft/Cooking 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. Art and Craft pieces need to be set-up 15-20 minutes before the Talent Show start(TBD). Practice time (TBD) will be available for the Talent portion before the show and will be determined by number of entries. Entry sign-up needs to be by March 25th.

5K Joker Run/Walk (April 18th): 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.

Show Team Event

My favorite event of the year is the End of Year / Beginning of Year party. This is an event for Show Team members and new teens interested in joining our team.

We play some games, make the teens a nice meal and eat together family style. During the time together we write personal new goals for the year, look over and discuss last year's goals and the new goals. What goals were we able to accomplish and what did we not accomplish? What can we do differently this year? I enjoy reading the goals of the teens at home later and hope that I can encourage them as they try to reach their goals.

We have four different areas for setting goals. Family, school, spiritual, and horseback riding. Each teen shares one personal goal they will be working on during the year. This is one small way I try to get the teens to open up and start having discussions within the group.

We make this get-together a "dress-up" occasion. This makes the party special and gives it a different feeling. No barn boots!

This year we used Sara O'Brien's book- "Everyday Jesus: Ordinary Encounters with Extraordinary Jesus" for our devotional time. I asked Sara to share with the group why she wrote the book, to read one of the stories to us, and other insights. Sara talked about Jesus meeting the woman at the well who was rejected, feeling worthless and unloved. Sara asked the teens if they have ever felt that way? She then finished by explaining to them how much Jesus loves them and how worthy they are.

When Sara was finished speaking I was able to present the gospel for teens to follow Christ with all their heart, mind and soul. I did a "alter call "moment for them, giving them the chance to raise their hand if there's was a decision they wanted to make. Eight teens raised their hand indicating they wanted to live their life for Christ. A few of them were not first time decision makers however, several of them I believe were. I'm so delighted to see teens make a first time decision to follow Christ and also to see teens desire to continue dedicating their life to living for Jesus Christ.

As I write this letter, I am at the Youth For Christ National Conference in Orlando. It's an amazing time to worship in a room full of people that are also spreading the gospel to the young people of America. As we lift our voices together singing, I think how we are all like-minded and want to spread the gospel. The speakers are very inspiring and challenged us to continue the work that God has put before us. Thank you for the opportunity to go to refresh my soul.

With a Renewed Spirit, Dorothy