

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY
\$50 + \$50 = \$100
Your Gift + Matching = Twice the Impact

Dear Friend,

SPRING: bunnies, lambs, daffodils, and tulips. The sun is higher in the sky and we love the warmth on our faces. The earth is showing signs of new life. It gives us hope and a feeling of rejuvenation. It is a feeling that motivates us to declutter and reorganize. "Out with the old and in with the new!"

YFC is having similar thoughts: out with the OLD and in with the NEW.

Old: The old church steeple has been removed (see pictures below).

New: We now own the Teen Center in Unadilla, free and clear. Praise God!

Change can be difficult and some people with personal connections to the church were sad to see the steeple removed. For instance, Mike Knowlton's family connection goes back to his dad who built the creative rendition of a crown that topped the steeple for many years (see copy of a painting below). Chris Knowlton and Matt Jackson climbed in the steeple on 11/11/11 and engraved their names and the date on the wall. Chris was able to cut out that section before the steeple was removed. Removal of the steeple will, however, allow for easier maintenance and it will be less costly eventually to replace the roof.

Old: The possibility of the stage and baptismal being removed from the Teen Center.

New: A new outreach ministry that will attract unchurched teens is being hatched.

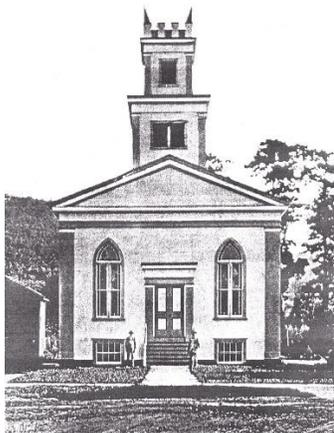
At the Teen Center we are applying for grant money that will enable us to flatten the stage and remove the baptismal tank. This will allow for more space for the teens to participate in sports and other games, and to be more active during the winter months. Once we have the additional space we would also like to create an area for a café. This would be a new ministry for YFC, where I envision a comfortable spot with cozy seating, puzzles, books, a beverage or a nice cup of coffee and opportunities to talk, listen and get to know the teens better. This new space would enable volunteers and ministry leaders to communicate with teens using the YFC "3Story®" model of listening to teens' stories and telling them our stories, including how God's story is an important part of our personal lives. We then pray that they would have a desire to include God in their life stories.

Through the old and the new, YFC has always had the same purpose: to introduce teens to our gracious Lord and Savior. We desire to be continually planting new seeds of the gospel.

I pray that you will continue to come alongside YFC as you have in the past or become a new partner with us. We are looking for new growth that will arise from creating unique outreach opportunities.

This is the time of year for the **Annual Matching Gift Campaign**, which allows us to continue the ministries of Central NY Youth for Christ. Our matching gift goal this year is **\$15,000.00**. This is an opportunity to double your "new gift" or double any amount given over and above your regular commitment. The board and leadership will **match those gifts up to \$15,000.00**. Donations must be **postmarked by June 26**. Please indicate in the **memo line** that the gift is for the "Matching Gift Campaign".

Yours in Christ, Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director



Quotes from the church records- "The new church edifice recently erected by the Baptist Church and Society at the village of Unadilla, Otsego Co., was dedicated to the service of God on the 5th day of February 1849." 1891 July 29- "Our house of worship has been enlarged and improved, and although the work is not yet completed, the auditorium is finished and dedication services were held today at 2p.m., ..." and "Today occurred the first roll call in the history of the church. Membership now numbers 103."

Central NY YFC
PO Box 362
Oneonta, NY 13820

Return Service Requested

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Oneonta, NY
Permit No. 291

May 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Soccer Tournament-Saturday, May 29th, 2021

Teen Center, 16 Watson St., Unadilla

Registration-7-7:45 am, Starts-8 am

Cost: \$20 per person, players will receive a T-shirt.

6 Vs 6 Co-ed, Grades 7-12

1st + 2nd Place Teams receive individual medals.

Limited to 4 teams, check before filling a roster to see if another team is needed.

Contact: Dorothy Davidson, Mike Knowlton or the office 432-0594

Adventure Programs

July 13-16 -Girls

July 29-August 1-Boys

August 10-13-Girls

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

Hemlock Hollow Trail Run

October 23rd-Davidsons' in Laurens

More information to follow.

Knowlton Yard Sale is Now Open!



For your convenience, we
now accept online donations
securely through PayPal -



http://cnyyfc.org/contact_us/