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Montgomery Center

October 2023 Presbytery Report

Summer Camp 2023 showed much growth, hosting 140 campers through our own camp programs, 16 underserved youth through BOOST, 41 campers from Savannah Presbytery, and 25 day campers, for a total of 222 campers. We also welcomed four guest groups throughout the summer. Our camp counselors this year showed an incredible depth of faith and leadership abilities. We look forward to welcoming many of them back for Summer Camp 2024.

Everything in the off-season supports the primary ministry of summer camp. With summer winding down, our staff launched into administrative work and fall planning. The new Montgomery website has been published - take a look at www.montgomerycenter.org. Staff members have designed a beautiful wedding package to help couples plan their weddings, and guest group guidelines and booking contracts are updated for clarity and new information.

We continue to strengthen ties within the presbytery and beyond. The inaugural FISH 2.0 retreat, held September 22-23, hosted five presbyteries! The weekend featured keynotes and workshops for both individual spiritual growth as well as fresh ideas for congregational ministry.

We look forward to all of the planned Montgomery and partnership events: the *Presbytery Youth Retreat: On the Way*, October 6-8; *Fall Fest*, October 28; *Thankful Pies* (order forms available now!); *Christmas Under the Oaks: 3rd Annual Gala Fundraiser*, December 2; *Winter Camp*, January 3-5, 2024; and *Back Together Again: a presbytery enrichment retreat* on January 20, 2024. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the Spring Youth Retreat March 1-3; and the Pastor's Easter Sabbatical, April 1-4. See the website for more information.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the many individuals and churches who raised funds for the camp tractor. When we no longer had access to the loaned tractor, you all jumped into action to finance the new Montgomery-owned tractor! This is a vital piece of equipment on 167 acres, clearing wood debris, maintaining the road, the beaches, and helping others with flood buckets.

Our volunteer maintenance crew has been busy repairing roofs, replacing drywall, improving curb appeal, and completing work orders both big and small. We are grateful for those groups who have incorporated service projects into their stays to move the canoe structure, trim trees, and paint. We have several more groups on the books ready to do the work that is required to keep our camp and conference center at its best. Call today to schedule your next mission trip!

As discussed at the recent FISH 2.0 retreat, we are saying goodbye to our long cold winter of doubt and uncertainty, and leaping into our spring with energy and enthusiasm for all the possibilities that God has in store for this vital ministry. Staff and board members are excited to visit churches and share all that God is doing at Montgomery. Call the office to request a minute for mission at your church. We also have several openings on the board of trustees to fill vacancies and form the class of 2026. More information about board structure, duties and responsibilities can be found at <https://www.montgomerycenter.net/board-of-trustees>.

Thanks be to God,
Rebekah Rodgers, Executive Director