

Montgomery Center

Winter 2024 Presbytery Report

2023 was an exceptional year of growth! If you haven't already, check out our year in review at <https://www.montgomerycenter.org/2023-year-in-review>. New on our website: [Planning Tools](#) are designed to assist guests as they plan their retreats, weddings, school trips, and more, located at <https://www.montgomerycenter.org/planning-tools>.

We look forward to all the planned Montgomery and partnership events this year: *Spring Challenge Retreat*: Deeply Loved, led by Rev. Adam Anderson of South Jax, March 1-3; *Pastor's Sabbatical - FREE!* April 1-4; *Spaghetti Dinner*: February 10; *Fish Fry Friday's*, February 16 to March 22; *Summer Camp, Day Camp, You & Me Camp* registration is **LIVE!** *FISH 2.1*, September 27-28.

Thank you to all who participated in Back Together Again! It was a chilly January day to fellowship together and learn how to better serve the local church. Members of over 21 of our 53 churches were represented at this elder training event. We also served over 130 at the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering - the largest gathering of its kind at Montgomery Center. It is such a joy to serve this presbytery together!

Our program department has been busy preparing for this summer's camp season. This year's theme is Linked by Love, and will reaffirm that love comes from God, as we recognize God's love in family and friends, quiet moments, and words of truth. We invite pastors, christian educators, and youth ministry workers to discern their call to be a camp pastor for a week. Each week of summer camp also requires a healthcare professional to assist with the physical needs of campers. All qualified individuals should inquire at program@montgomerycenter.org.

New this year: Science Camp! Campers will learn about the science in God's creation with special guests and experiments throughout the week. Wilderness Camp is back this summer to learn basic wilderness skills and tent camping. As camp equipped many of us for work in ministry, we will continue the tradition of spiritual formation and leadership development at this year's Leader's in Training Camp (LITs). Registration for these camps, plus Day Camp and You & Me Camp, is on our website at <https://www.montgomerycenter.org/summer-camps-2024>.

God is doing good things. As He instructed Hezekiah to get his house in order, so we also have a responsibility to do the work to sustain this vital ministry. Our board of trustees has devoted extensive time to the 2024 budget, goals, and strategies. Thank a board member if you see one! We still have several openings on the board of trustees. More information about board structure, duties and responsibilities can be found at <https://www.montgomerycenter.net/board-of-trustees>. Would you join us in continuing the work?

Staff and board members are excited to visit churches and share all that God is doing at Montgomery. To request a minute-for-mission at your church or to invite counselors to lead a youth group meeting, call the office at 352-473-4516 or email rebekah@montgomerycenter.org.

In Christ's Service,
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