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From the Director's Desk.

Grace and peace to you.

We at Montgomery are gearing up for summer camp, of course! This year's theme is Linked by Love, reminding us that we are connected through our love and faithfulness. It has been a joy these past few months to visit many of you in your own churches, to worship and fellowship together, and to share ministry ideas and opportunities. I pray that our campers will learn the incredible connections that we share as a body of believers, and will live into the boldness of Christ to be a light in the world.

The first summer camp session is around the corner, beginning June 16 (Father's Day?). All ages are welcome in this opening session, from You & Me camp for the littles, to Challenge Camp for junior/senior highs. Have you heard? Montgomery Center was recently named one of the nation's top summer camps by Newsweek Magazine! *Presbytery friends, register now!* Use discount code Presby5 for 5% off your registration. This offer is only valid in the month of May... don't delay!

Be sure to meet Kenne Sparks today! He recently joined our team as program director, and immediately jumped in to recruiting staff. With two decades of youth ministry experience, he comes to us from the Presbytery of Central Florida, where he most recently served as Youth & Collegiate Ministries Coordinator. Kenne is a first year seminary student, and when he is not in class or feverishly recruiting counselors, he enjoys spending time with his wife Christina and their children in Orlando. If you have an interest or know the person who would make a great camp pastor, know any quality candidates for male camp counselors, or even know a network of nurses, please reach out to program@montgomerycenter.org.

If you haven't been to camp in a while, consider this your official invitation! Our annual **Family Fun Day** is Saturday, June 1 from 1p-4p. The lake will be open and the archery range hot for this open house. Hike the trails to explore the beauty of Montgomery. Attend one of our scheduled property tours to learn more about camp. Bring a friend and enjoy the day together.

Members of our presbytery's churches are invited to apply to serve the presbytery as a member of Montgomery's Board of Trustees. Trustees meet quarterly with a purpose to increase resources, protect assets, and safeguard the mission. Those with experience in non-profits, fundraising, and a working knowledge of Presbyterian Polity are encouraged to apply. If joining the board doesn't sound like God calling you to serve this ministry but you want to be involved, consider joining a growing team of ambassadors. Contact Jimmy Steele!

Stay in the know! Sign up for Montgomery Center's newsletter to stay connected. Youth leaders, mark your calendars now for the first weekend of March for the **2025 Spring Retreat**. Learn about other upcoming events and opportunities. Have a story to share about your experience at Montgomery? Email rebekah@montgomerycenter.org.

Peace be with you,
Rebekah Rodgers