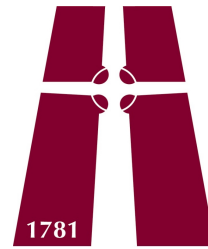


# Presbytery of Redstone

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>Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Katy Yates Brungraber, Pastor  
District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Ebsenburg, District 4

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***Communicate the Word...***

### Upcoming Events...

>>Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United

>>Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

Please go to the website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org) and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

**"A Time of Rest, Refreshment, and Regeneration" - Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, Pastor - Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville**

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3.18, NRSV*

Providentially, my recent vacation and study leave was bookended with connectional church events. I planned my time away around an invitation from my first-ordained-call congregation who were celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, I had the privilege of sharing worship leadership with the five other pastors who had served that congregation over the course of fifty years. Additionally, members who had retired and moved out of town - or who God had called away to other ministries - gathered from near and far. What a great day in the life of the Church! It felt like we got a glimpse of heaven that day, with saints reuniting and singing God's praise.

After a week of vacation where I visited with family, I attended the conference of Eastern Region Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (EAPCE) in Chambersburg, PA. It was invigorating to gather with ruling elders, pastors, Certified Christian Educators, and volunteers from PA, WV, MD, NJ and the DC area who serve in educational ministry for children, youth, and adults. Generosity overflowed as everyone shared best practices, and swapped stories of God at work in our midst.

Now, returning to the pulpit and pastoral care, I recognize, like many of us, that it was blessed to have been away...and blessed to return. As we work together with District III colleagues (who quickly are becoming friends) to make plans for summer gatherings and fall workshops, I am reminded how connectional church events both within our presbytery and in the larger church help all of us "serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love."

**Carry on the  
Work...**

**Change the  
World...**

**Together**

## **New Office Hours for 2017**

**The Presbytery  
Office Hours are:**  
Monday through  
Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
CLOSED on Friday

**The Resource  
Center Hours are:**  
Tuesday through  
Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
CLOSED on Monday  
and Friday

Skip is generally in the  
office Monday through  
Thursday from 9:00  
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bobbie is in the office  
on Monday from 8:00  
a.m. to NOON and  
Tuesday through  
Thursday from 9:00  
a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Around Redstone**

>>Thank you all for the "surprise" recognition of my 15 years with Redstone at the May 16, 2017 Presbytery meeting. I was totally blown away by it all and never had a clue. Thank you to all of you who gave me cards and gifts as well. It is nice to know that I am appreciated and loved. As I have said before, I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring "community." Thanks again. ~Bobbie

>>Join the Presbytery at the installation service of the Rev. Laura Blank to the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church on June 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

>>Special speaker planned - The Reunion Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant, 769 Main Street, will host a presentation on the Muslim Religion from noon - 2 p.m. May 31. Making the presentation will be Nadia Khawaja from the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh. Nadia was raised in South Florida and in the suburbs of Atlanta. She holds a Master of Public Policy degree from Georgetown University and was a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of Homeland Security where she served in various leadership roles at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. She now represents various Muslim organizations in outreach efforts in Pittsburgh. She has resided in the Pittsburgh area for three years and lives with her husband, Omar Khawaja, and two daughters. "It is our hope in sponsoring this event that many harmful misperceptions about Islam might be dispelled, and that persons might come to a greater understanding of and appreciation for this beautiful religion," said John Morrow, organizer of the event. "As Christians, we feel that we need to respect all persons of all faiths and religions, and to do all we can to foster peace and goodwill," he said. The address is open and free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information call John Morrow at 724-547-3042.

### >>Upcoming Events at PTS:

June 8-10 / / Henderson Summer Leadership Conference /  
Miroslav Volf, Leanna Fuller, and David Jones [Leadership, Conflict, and Creativity](#)

June 8 / [Before Embrace](#) / Henderson Lecture on Church and Ministry /  
Miroslav Volf

June 25-28 / [Self-care as a Spiritual Practice: A Holistic Perspective and Approach](#) / A Spiritual Formation Elective / Lynn Holden

>>New Wilmington Mission Conference is being held July 22 through 29, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.



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