

**Rev. Karen MacDonald, M.Div.**

After earning her Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Karen was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1987. She served 2 Presbyterian churches in Dayton, OH, where she lived for 18 years. She now is a minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination and has served on the pastoral staff of a UCC church in Tucson. As a pastor, she helped congregants to address their spiritual and emotional health and to be involved in the health of their community. She is a member of a UCC church, an affiliate member of a Presbyterian church, and an honorary member of a synagogue.

Since October 2006, Rev. MacDonald has been on the staff of Interfaith Community Services (ICS) in Tucson, AZ. After a number of years overseeing ICS's support of faith communities in building health ministries, she now serves as the Lead Trainer for the Wholistic End of Life Program, helping spearhead ICS's work throughout the community to help people consider and complete their end-of-life care planning.

In addition, Rev. MacDonald is a trained spiritual director, accompanying folks on their spiritual journey and helping open us up to our spiritual center of being and living.

Karen has been a member of Health Ministries Association since 2007. She has been the Director for Spiritual Leadership and now serves as the President of the Board. She also participates locally in the Faith Community Health and Wellness Network and the Arizona End of Life Care Partnership.

Karen loves living in the desert Southwest with her wife Sue and their 3 cats.