**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.

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 work to support congregations in building their own whole-person health programs, she now serves as the Lead Trainer for ICS’s Wholistic End of Life program. This program helps people throughout the community consider and complete their end-of-life care planning.

Rev. MacDonald is also a trained spiritual director, accompanying people on their spiritual journey and helping open us to our spiritual center of being and living.

Karen has been a member of the Health Ministries Association since 2007 and serves on the board as director for spiritual leadership. She also participates locally in the Faith Community Health and Wellness Network and the End of Life Care Partnership.

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