



## *We welcome our Interim Pastor*

### *Rev. Roberta J. Kearney*

Rev. Kearney began her ministry with us on Sunday, March 22, 2009. Here is a bit of a biography to help us get better acquainted.

The oldest of five children, Roberta was born in Wisconsin, but moved to Pennsylvania with her family as a young teenager. She graduated from Albright College (in Reading, PA), where she received a BA in Social Work and Urban Affairs.

For ten years Roberta responded to God's call on her life by serving in both the Pennsylvania Legislature, and as a Presbyterian elder. Wrestling most of this time with a call to attend seminary, she was a student at two Presbyterian seminaries, first Columbia in Decatur, GA, graduating from Princeton Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 1993.

Roberta has served as an Associate Pastor at Pine Street Presbyterian Church (Harrisburg, PA.), Christ Presbyterian Church (Madison, WI) and for ten years at First Presbyterian Bethlehem.

She sees ministry as growing disciples for God's mission. She loves walking with people as they explore, grow and struggle with matters of faith, by helping them discover more about themselves and Christ's love for them. Nothing brings her greater joy than serving with a church where people come fully alive in Christ, excited and ready to serve Christ in the world.

In her sixteen years of pastoral ministry, she has pursued specialized training in children and family ministry, human personality and group dynamics, spiritual discernment and development, bereavement care, and church transitions.

In her free time, Roberta enjoys the out of doors, board games, movies, and good food. She frequently spends her days off out of town.