

**The Reverend Heidi A. Peterson**, pastor, was ordained by the Presbytery of Chicago and became pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in 2000. She believes that God's love of wondrous variety is reflected in the diversity of such communities as the Hyde Park neighborhood and Central Church congregation. Pastor Peterson bears primary responsibility for nurturing the spiritual life of the congregation through meaningful worship, pastoral care and administrative leadership.



**Dr. Cynthia Sheppard**, Director of Music, oversees the music ministry at Central which includes choir, handbells, and individual musical offerings from the church and community. As the daughter of a music minister, Cindy has been involved in church music from childhood, and has served churches in Texas and Kansas City. Dr. Sheppard holds degrees in choral music education and church music from William Jewell College, Southwestern Seminary, and the University of Missouri, and has taught at Wayland University, Howard Payne University, and Olathe South High School. In addition to her responsibilities at Central, she is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Kansas City Women's Chorus.



**Sarah Jacobs, BA, SPC, CAGO**, has forty years of experience playing organ and piano in churches of different denominations and a deep knowledge of hymnody. As the daughter of a PC(USA) pastor, she is intimately acquainted with the Presbyterian Church.



**Jan Powell** came to Central in 2000 as church secretary and has since taken on the church's bookkeeping and website design tasks as well. Ms. Powell's expertise as a calligrapher and graphic artist bring a unique and creative dimension to her work.



**Julie Smith**, Outreach Coordinator, came to Central in 2006 with a background in social services and coordinates the outreach ministry. In particular, she provides the conceptual, physical and organizational labor necessary for Central to be able to supply groceries and clothing to 120 neighborhood families each month. She works with volunteers, local food banks and social service agencies and provides referrals to community resources. In addition, she oversees the maintenance of Central's community garden, a source of fresh produce for the pantry clients.

