

## **The Reverend Doctor Gretchen Woods:**

The Rev. Dr. Gretchen Woods came to All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana in August of 2011 after completing twelve years of fully-settled ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, Oregon. She was named *Minister Emerita* of that congregation upon her retirement from UUFC. Prior to that she served seven years at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, Virginia and seven years at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bremerton, Washington.

Before answering the call to ministry she was a public school music teacher, a professional singer, a writer of public relations material, a poet, and the mother of two sons and a foster daughter. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, a Master of Religious Studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a Doctor of Ministry from Northwest Theological Union (since absorbed into Seattle University) in Seattle, Washington.

Gretchen helped co-found Confluence, the Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Choir of the Willamette Valley in Salem, Oregon, the fourth *GALA* choir in which she has sung. In her free time, she enjoys reading theology and science fiction, travel, and writing poetry. She and her life-companion, Judy Finholm live in the Castleton area of Indianapolis and foster dogs who need to learn skills to find "furever homes."