Gretchen is our Music Coordinator and describes her role at First Congregational UCC as a music and fellowship facilitator. She directs the church choir for Sunday and special services and serves as the co-pianist for Taizé services. She is always glad to welcome new members to the choir—no auditions required!

Gretchen claims no hometown. As the daughter of an American Baptist pastor, the family moved several times while she was growing up. She did her undergraduate work at Oberlin and received her Masters of Music from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Gretchen is a retired instructor from Barton County Community College at Ft. Riley. She and her husband Jim have two adult children, a violinist and a historian. Four years spent living and working in Japan gave their family a new world perspective. In addition to music, Gretchen enjoys reading, vegetable gardening, and baking bread.