



Erin Knepper
Interim Director
Indiana Community Choir
IUP Community Music School



Erin Knepper is beginning her 25th year as a music educator in the Punxsutawney Area School District. She has taught elementary general music and band, middle school general music and band, and since 2013, has spear-headed all aspects of the Jr/Sr high school choral program. This includes the 7th and 8th grade chorus, Mixed, Treble, and Bass Choruses, the Select Ensemble and Show choir, and directing the yearly spring musical. She has also taught Modern Band, and a Music Theater Workshop. In addition to her public-school duties, she is a music minister at St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana, PA where she serves as a cantor, accompanist, and director of the Festival Choir.

A 1996 graduate of Kiski Area High School, Ms. Knepper was very involved in their choral program as both a singer and accompanist, and was also heavily influenced by her participation in the Pittsburgh Junior Mendelssohn Choir under the direction of Dr. Robert Page. She earned her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education with a Voice concentration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000, and a Master of Arts degree, also in Music Education, from IUP in 2006. She is currently beginning work towards a Master of Arts degree in Choral Conducting at IUP under the tutelage of Dr. Craig Denison.

Ms. Knepper is a resident of Indiana, PA, with her husband Ryan, four children, Maura, Sam, Freddie, and Ian, and after many years of singing in the Indiana Community Choir, is looking forward to conducting the group this Fall.