

## **Clergy Corner**

I invite you to join me at the Fresh Expression training on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 to 3:30 at Water's Edge UMC. We will be joining a wave of Methodist churches that is emerging to reach un-churched and de-churched people who live in a culture that is increasingly nonreligious and multi-religious. These new forms of church gather people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and meet them where they are on their journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical without losing their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through faithful discipleship.

The Fresh Expressions movement began in the United Kingdom, where it ignited over 3,000 new fresh communities. Now this movement has been captured and written down to share with others like us. The Fresh Expressions training provides an opportunity for St. Paul to connect with our surrounding community in some new meaningful ways. Please let me know if you would like to join other St. Paul folk on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for this special gathering.

Rev. Scott Shreve