

Save the Date! Saturday, July 23
Retreat with Rev. Dr. Steve Tuell at St. Paul's UMC

"Beginnings: What Genesis Says (And Doesn't Say)"

When critics and defenders of faith argue about beginnings, both sides generally assume that Genesis presents a straightforward account of how the world was made. One side defends this account, while the other attacks it. But close reading of Genesis 1--2 reveals a serious flaw in this assumption. Genesis presents not one creation account, but two, which differ markedly from one another. This forces us to ask new questions. If Genesis 1--2 is not a factual description of the origin of the world, then what is it? What are these two stories about? What is the effect of their combination? What are the implications of Genesis 1--2 for the relationship between science and faith? We will engage these questions through a close, careful reading of the biblical text.