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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Anxious times offer special opportunities for people of faith to review the real role money plays in every aspect of our lives. Stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We are, therefore, stewards of God's gifts during our lifetime. Discerning and carrying out God's purpose is the primary goal of our lives. The gifts we have been given, time, talent and money are to be used for that purpose. The primary role of the church is to guide individuals in discernment of the mission for their lives and use of their resources in accomplishment.

People in our congregation are extremely generous, while the number of pledges is down, the amount of giving is up. I don't know the answers to budget making in tough times. As a church family we have to be careful and responsible in our projections and in our plans.

My hope and prayer will be that we not focus on what we can't do but dream together, plan together and work together as we attempt to follow our Lord's call into the coming year. I am excited about the enormous possibilities as we "let our light so shine before others that we may see our good works and give glory to God".

It is important to focus on what we have, not on what we don't have. Brothers and sisters, we are called to address the needs of people who have lost or are on the verge of losing jobs and homes. We include all in prayers. People who are able to do so are invited to increase their giving and we must find opportunities to help those in need.

God is faithful and will guide us into the future. All we have has been entrusted to us by God.

God's blessing as you pray and
choose your personal stewardship to God,

Virginia Schoonover
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