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Dear Members and Friends of GUMC,

The people of GUMC have always been generous, especially in time of need. It seems that whenever a financial concern arises, whether it be an emergency need or a long-term opportunity, your generosity always comes through.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, it has been necessary to cancel worship services for at least the next two weeks. This has not been an easy decision, but we feel it is important to follow national guidelines and the direction of our Bishop, and even more important to safeguard the health and well-being of our members and of our community.

Even though we're forced to take a break from worship, our expenses are not going to take a break. We still need to pay the light bill, the gas bill, the water bill, salaries, and all of the other expenses that are part of an active church.

We don't know how all of this will play out. We hope that the disruption will be brief, but we realize it may last a good bit longer than two weeks.

I'm writing to encourage you to continue or even increase your faithful giving to GUMC, especially during this time of uncertainty when we are not currently holding services. Offerings may be mailed to the church, or dropped off at the church office. Electronic giving is a good option, and information about it is included with this letter.

We need your help to get through this trying time. I have always valued the amazing generosity of the people of GUMC, and now your extraordinary generosity is needed once again. Please prayerfully consider how God would like you to respond. If we all pull together, we can trust our Lord to take us through. He's provided for us in the past, and I believe he will provide for us once again.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Bob Berkey, Chair
Finance Committee

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt. 6:19-21 NIV)