Some additional stewardship resources

Not Your Parents’ Offering Plate by Clif Christopher.  This pastor is a stewardship guru.  He makes several helpful points: 1) Americans continue to increase their charitable giving, but the church gets proportionately less; 2) use narrative budgets, and avoid line item approaches; and 3)  Why do people give: they believe in the mission – they want to be a part of something that changes lives; they hold the leadership in high regard; and they see fiscal responsibility in the organization.  My take is that if our mission isn’t life-changing, we shouldn’t expect much of donors.

The Kaleidoscope presented a webinar with Karl Travis, another stewardship guru.  Here’s the link: <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/webinar/>.

The Santa Barbara Presbytery has some helpful information at <http://www.sbpres.com/giving-back/stewardship/?view=mobile>.